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After School and Saturday Programs Available for Children with Brain Injuries

Farmington, Mich., January 25, 2008 — Being a kid isn't easy. Constant social pressures bombard today's youth. At a tender age when most children and teens want to blend in with the crowd, feeling different from one's peers can be frightening. For a young person who incurs a traumatic brain injury, that feeling is often a reality that makes growing up even more challenging.

Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers' pediatric program provides some of the most comprehensive services in Michigan for children and teens with a brain injury including After School and Saturday programs that run during the school year to help brain-injured youths maximize their social gains. The organization's Farmington-based pediatric program is headed by Dr. Mariann Young, a clinical psychologist with more than 30 years of experience in individual and group psychotherapy, family therapy, staff training and supervision. Dr. Young specializes in brain injury rehabilitation and works with children, teens, and young adults at all levels of treatment.

"One of the more frequent comments made by parents of children and teens with brain injuries is, 'My child doesn't know how to socialize anymore,'" said Dr. Young. "Rainbow's After School and Saturday programs address socialization through therapeutic activities in a rehabilitation environment that is open, inviting and fun. Our team of pediatric specialists works individually or in groups with the students to address social skills, cognitive deficits, attention to task, planning and problem-solving skills."

During the week, Dr. Young and her team provide a structured environment with age-specific therapies for elementary, middle and high school children that range from recreational activities such as swimming and fitness training to athletic competitions to communication and study skills groups. The goal of each class is to help participants develop life skills that build their self-esteem and confidence and increase their independence.

On Saturdays, children and teens participate in therapeutic groups in the morning and take part in a field trip in the afternoon. The outings are a mix of educational, recreational and leisure activities that help children and teens learn to access the community and provide the opportunity for them to interact with their peers in the program.



To learn more about Rainbow's After School and Saturday programs or to register your child to participate, log on to www.rainbowrehab.com and download a brochure or call 800.968.6644.

About Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers Inc.

Rainbow Rehabilitation Centers Inc. headquartered in Ypsilanti, Michigan has been a provider of rehabilitation services for children, teens and adults with brain injuries since 1983. With more than 30 residential locations, two treatment centers, a NeuroRehab Campus and a vocational center, our organization offers services that span nearly every aspect of brain injury recovery and rehabilitation. Our residential settings include adult homes, child and adolescent homes, town houses and semi-independent living apartments. Day treatment and outpatient services are also available.

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