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Advanced Brain Technologies and Idaho State University Announce a Research Affiliation for Investigations into the use of The Listening Program

Ogden, Utah & Pocatello, Idaho- May 12, 2008, Advanced Brain Technologies (ABT) and Idaho State University (ISU) announce a research affiliation to investigate the use of The Listening Program® (TLP) in autism spectrum disorders in children and in the reduction of depressive symptoms and improvement of social engagement in college students.

The Occupational Therapy program within the Department of Physical and Occupational therapy at ISU has recently received a $4,300.00 product grant providing psychoacoustically modified music and bone conduction audio equipment from Advanced Brain Technologies which is based in Ogden, Utah.

The equipment will initially be used for research conducted by both, Dr. Bryan Gee, OTD, MS, OTR/L and Dr. Kelly Thompson, EdD, OTR/L, focusing on how psychoacoustically modified music can improve the outcomes of occupational therapy intervention (participation and performance in valued and meaningful activities). Both Dr. Gee and Dr. Thompson have received training and certification and have clinical expertise in implementing TLP with clients within the practice specialties. Dr. Gee will be exploring the impact of the music on autistic children who are hypersensitive to environmental sounds. Dr. Thompson will be exploring the use of TLP in reducing depressive symptoms and increasing social engagement in college students.

“We are encouraged by the research efforts of Dr. Gee and Dr. Thompson and are pleased we may gain greater insight into how The Listening Program® works through these studies” says G. Alexander Doman, President & CEO of ABT.

Dr. Gee’s research interests in TLP stems from a quality improvement study he completed two years ago while he was practicing at Primary Children’s Medical Center, in Salt Lake City, Utah, exploring interventions and strategies used to reduce auditory hypersensitivities in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Sensory Processing Disorders. Additional external funding is also being sought from community partners in order to acquire sound equipment (headphones and compact disc players). It is hoped that the ABT product grant will facilitate additional multidisciplinary research in other health care and educational departments within Idaho State University.

“The Occupational Therapy program at ISU appreciates the awarded product grant and looks forward to continued research collaboration with ABT in the future.” Says Bryan Gee.

The Listening Program® is a Music-Based Auditory Stimulation™ method that is an affordable, effective approach for enabling individuals with a broad range of challenges and abilities to achieve even more. The psychoacoustically modified high definition music, Spatial Surround® sound and patent-pending production processes of TLP are designed to "exercise" the different functions of the auditory system. TLP combines advancements in neuroscience, psychoacoustic and music research with developed in brain plasticity. The Listening Program has helped countless people worldwide with auditory processing challenges. To learn more about The Listening Program visit www.thelisteningprogram.com.

Advanced Brain Technologies (ABT) is a neurotechnology company that develops and distributes interactive software and music-based programs for the improvement of memory, attention, listening, academic skills, sensory processing, brain health, peak performance and more. ABT was founded in 1998 and is located in Ogden, Utah. ABT is a member of the Neurotechnology Industry Organization and is an Approved Provider of Continuing Education for the American Occupational Therapy Association.

Idaho State University (ISU) is a state run institution located in Pocatello, Idaho. ISU provides undergraduate and graduate educational services with enrollment approaching 13,000 students. The Department of Physical and Occupational Therapy offers graduate level programs for students wanting to enter the profession of physical or occupational therapy. The Physical Therapy Program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Physical Therapy Education. The Occupational Therapy Program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

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