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**TLC TEACHES FAMILIES, EDUCATORS THE IMPORTANCE OF
EARLY DETECTION**

Series of events planned to mark May 2006 Better Hearing and Speech Month

Rockville, Md. – To highlight the importance of detecting hearing, speech or language disorders at their earliest stage, TLC-The Treatment and Learning Centers today announced a series of community education events in connection with Better Hearing and Speech Month, celebrated in May.

Throughout the month, TLC—a private non-profit agency that helps children and adults with a wide range of disabilities—offers community education events designed to raise awareness and promote treatment of speech, language or hearing disorders. Communication disorders include hearing loss, tinnitus (ringing in the ears), difficulty with swallowing or balance, stuttering, delayed language, or voice problems. When detected early and treated properly, many people with communication disorders can drastically minimize their effects; however, untreated conditions often limit an individual's academic achievement, social adjustment, and career advancement.

Since May 1927, Better Hearing and Speech Month has been celebrated to raise awareness of communication disorders that affect an estimated one in six Americans.

TLC's May events include:

WHAT: Speech-Language Screenings
WHEN: May 2006 (all month); by appointment
AUDIENCE: Children aged 3 to 12
COST: Free
RSVP: 301.424.5200 ext. 144

WHAT: Hearing Screenings
WHEN: Tuesday, May 9, 2006; by appointment
AUDIENCE: Children ages 4 and older
COST: Free
RSVP: 301.424.5200 ext. 159

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WHAT: “When to Refer a Child for a Speech-Language Evaluation”
SPEAKER: Emily Kinsler, CCC-SLP.D.
WHEN: Tuesday, May 9, 2006 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
AUDIENCE: Professionals
COST: \$25 (Professional Workshop Series)

WHAT: “Activities to Encourage Language in Your Child”
SPEAKER: Emily Kinsler, CCC-SLP.D.
WHEN: Thursday, May 11, 2006 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
AUDIENCE: Parents
COST: Free

Due to limited appointments and seating, reservations are required for these events. For more information, please call 301.424.5200 ext. 147. All events take place at TLC’s new location at 2301 Research Blvd., Suite 110, Rockville, Maryland.

About TLC

TLC-Treatment and Learning Centers located in Rockville, Md., enables children and adults to develop their full potential, communicate effectively with others, and achieve educational and vocational success. TLC provides services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. With more than 55 years of service to the community, TLC is committed to integrity and excellence in our care and will strive to assist all, regardless of their ability to pay. For more information call 301.424.5200 or visit www.ttlc.org.

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