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**ZIEGLER ADVISES CENTER FOR LANGUAGE AND AUTISM SUPPORT SERVICES
IN THE ACQUISITION BY ACES**

NASHVILLE, TN – FEBRUARY 8, 2021 – Ziegler, a specialty investment bank, is pleased to announce it served as the exclusive financial advisor to [Center for Language and Autism Support Services \(CLASS\)](#) in its acquisition by [ACES 2020, LLC \(ACES\)](#). The acquisition will enable ACES to continue scaling its evidence-based clinical model across the U.S. and expand access to the combined ACES’ leading applied behavioral analysis (ABA) services to more individuals affected with autism spectrum disorder in Oklahoma.

Matt Williams founded CLASS in 2016 on the belief that evidence-based and scientific care should also be compassionate and child-centered. CLASS operates two clinics and provides in-home services in Tulsa, Norman, Bartlesville, and Oklahoma City. Through school contracts and consultation, CLASS also supports many schools in the state.

Matt Williams, Founder of CLASS, said, “I am thrilled for CLASS to join the ACES team and to take a huge leap forward in serving the needs of our clients, families, and teams. ACES was the perfect clinical and cultural partner for CLASS, and I'm looking forward to our collective future as we expand and serve more people.”

Until the acquisition of CLASS, ACES has grown 100% organically since its founding in 1996. ACES has continued to experience significant momentum in its business over the past year since announcing a strategic investment from General Atlantic, a leading global growth equity firm. The ACES has also launched telehealth services and expanded the number of market areas served across its current footprint. The acquisition of CLASS represents another milestone in ACES’ strategic growth into a nationwide provider known for the highest-quality outcomes.



“We greatly enjoyed working with CLASS through the transaction with ACES and are excited for them to be a foundational platform for ACES, supporting the joint goal of expanding access to quality care across the nation.” said [Chris Rogers, Managing Director](#) in Ziegler’s Healthcare Corporate Finance practice and lead banker on this transaction.

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