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ALBERTINA KERR WELCOMES NEW DEVELOPMENTAL-BEHAVIORAL PEDIATRICIAN, DR. GISELA PORRAS

Portland, Oregon (September 4, 2014) – Gisela Porras, M.D., will join the staff at Children’s Developmental Health Services (CDHS) at Albertina Kerr as a Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrician (DBP) on October 1, 2014. Dr. Porras, who is bilingual in English and Spanish, will become one around a dozen pediatric care doctors in Oregon who are Board certified in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics.

In her new role, Dr. Porras will provide treatment for children and their families with a wide range of developmental and behavioral challenges, which may include learning disorders, attention and behavior disorders, regulatory disorders, developmental disabilities (including autism spectrum disorder), and delayed development in speech, language and motor skills. She will participate on interdisciplinary case consultation teams with other clinical providers, both within and outside of the organization, to collaborate on comprehensive care for these children as well as providing support and education for family members and colleagues. As an employee of the Children's Developmental Health Services program, Dr. Porras will be a valuable member of the clinical team at CDHS and join a team of key health partners in our community to help design and implement a new collaborative care model that seeks to provide better health care to more children experiencing developmental and behavioral challenges at a lower cost. This endeavor is only now possible with the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

Dr. Porras most recently served as Attending Physician in the Division of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics at Hasbro Children’s/Rhode Island Hospital, as Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and as a physician in the Department of Pediatrics at Women & Infants Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island. A native of Venezuela, she attended Universidad Javeriana in Colombia and Universidad de los Andes in Venezuela prior to earning her medical degree at Escuela de Medicina J.M. Vargas at the Universidad Central de Venezuela and an advanced degree at Georgia State University in Atlanta. She was a pediatric intern and resident at the University of Florida Health Sciences Center Wolfson Children’s/Shands Hospital followed by a fellowship in DBP at the Hasbro Children’s Hospital at Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University in Rhode Island. Dr. Porras brings more than 10 years of experience to Albertina Kerr, including treatment of a wide range of pediatric disorders and has received many awards for her achievements.

About Albertina Kerr Since 1907, Albertina Kerr has been strengthening Oregon families and communities. Today, Kerr provides a wide range of services to children, adults and families with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges. Professional expertise includes child psychiatry, pediatric, adult and psychiatric nursing, clinical social work, professional counseling, skill training, behavior management, foster care recruiting and training, employment development and residential support for adults with developmental disabilities.