



**Divine Providence Academy Chooses Inclusion for Upcoming School Year**  
*School partners with CLC Network to ensure children with special needs are included in mainstream education programs*

**GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. (September 2015)** – Divine Providence Academy, with campuses in Ravenna and Conklin, Michigan has partnered with CLC Network to more fully understand individuals with disabilities and to build support systems that enable their inclusion in all aspects of school life. CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to promoting the development of people with a variety of abilities and disabilities to live as active, integrated members of their communities.

“At Divine Providence Academy, we believe every child deserves a ‘specialized’ education,” said principal Kendra DeYoung. “CLC Network will help us individualize our instruction for each student. There is no one size fits all education and curriculum that we utilize, but instead, we work with our students to find their own, personalized learning level. We are eager to expand our toolset with CLC Network’s expertise, while maintaining the integrity of our educational standards.”

The partnership will allow Divine Providence Academy to more effectively welcome children with special needs into their educational community. A teacher consultant will be assigned to the school to assist with creating individualized student plans, curriculum assistance, transition plans, behavioral intervention plans, and general academic and social inclusion within the school. The school will also have access to best-practice online professional development sessions on Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Behavior Management, Differentiated Instruction, Neurodevelopment, Bullying Prevention, Anxiety and Depression in the Classroom, and Restorative Justice, as well as school psychologists to help understand and create strategies for struggling learners.

"We believe that inclusion for students at all levels of ability changes the school community for the better," said Elizabeth Lucas Dombrowski, CLC Network executive director. "We are thrilled to work with Kendra DeYoung and the entire Divine Providence Academy staff to implement best practices that help all students reach their potential."

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**About CLC Network:**

CLC Network is a national non-profit committed to promoting the development of people with a variety of abilities and disabilities to live as active, integrated members of their communities. The organization partners with families and organizations to more fully understand individuals with disabilities and to build support systems that enable

their inclusion in all aspects of life. For more information on CLC Network or a list of available resources, visit [www.clcnetwork.org](http://www.clcnetwork.org).