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Wyoming Department of Health Seeks "Non-Traditional" Substance Abuse Counseling Providers to Participate in New Program

CHEYENNE - Officials from the Wyoming Department of Health today invited all Natrona County substance abuse treatment providers and non-traditional service providers such as church groups, medical services providers, and childcare providers to become partners in the Wyoming Access to Recovery Project.

The project is a pilot program for Natrona County families in need of substance abuse recovery support. The goal of Access to Recovery is to provide substance abuse services to youth and their families involved in the juvenile and circuit court system in Natrona County.

The program will focus on providing traditional outpatient substance abuse services as well as providing a wide range of other services which may include transportation, childcare, employment coaching, educational tutoring, spiritual counseling, recreational and occupational therapy, and other in-home services.

Access to Recovery Project director, Michael Bronson said, "We're looking forward to expanding the current number of recovery support service providers as well as the types of services available to Natrona County's youth. Clients and their families will be able to utilize a system of vouchers to freely chose who they want to receive services from. We are beginning to effectively create a system of care by including non-traditional service providers such as the faith community, private medical practitioners and others."

Wyoming was one of 14 states awarded funding by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for projects such as this.

For more information in becoming involved in the Access to Recovery Project, please contact Michael Bronson, Wyoming Department of Health, (307) 777-3360.

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