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ASSOCIATED YOUTH SERVICES ANNOUNCES EXPANSION OF FOSTERCARE PROGRAM STATEWIDE WITH TWO OPEN HOUSE EVENTS IN GARDEN CITY.

Kansas City, Kans. (Nov. 7, 2008) – Associated Youth Services will host two open houses at its new Garden City office (formerly Kansas MENTOR) to acquaint current and prospective foster care parents and child welfare professionals with a new level of foster care for juvenile offenders.

The events will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Nov. 11, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 12 at the AYS Garden City office, 1503 Fulton Terrace, Garden City, Kans. Prospective foster parents and others who wish to learn more are encouraged to attend.

Juvenile Justice Foster Care (JJFC) is intensive foster care for youth involved in the juvenile justice system. This level of care includes greater caseworker management and additional resource parent training.

“Because of our previous experience in western Kansas, we have relationships with the network of providers and the community at large,” said AYS chief executive officer Dennis Vanderpool. “Our plan is to grow this service for the benefit of youth and their families.”

Through JJFC, youth aged 10 to 23 can access a comprehensive approach to dealing with their severe emotional and behavioral disorders.

AYS will oversee the implementation of an individualized treatment plan for each youth and act as a conduit for community resources: school, recreation, therapy and other special services. In this treatment model, AYS will strive to re-integrate youth into their former communities with their family of origin, when possible. AYS has 36+ years of experience serving thousands of the area’s hardest-to-reach youth annually. AYS’ Western region includes 41 counties and the cities of Atwood, Colby, Dodge City, Garden City, Goodland, Great Bend, Hayes, Liberal, Pratt, Russell, and Ulysses. Ultimately, AYS plans to expand JJFC throughout the state of Kansas, to offer more juvenile offenders this enhanced level of care.

AYS exists to advance the social, educational and emotional health and success of youth and families. A combination of public/private partnerships and effective collaborations enables AYS to provide a broad range of community-based services to more than 5,000 adolescents each year through: an alternative school for middle and high school students, an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment program for teens, foster care and foster care training programs, an emergency temporary shelter and a community health program.

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