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WOLFE CENTER EXPANDS SCHOOL SERVICES TO PROVIDE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT IN NAPA COUNTY SCHOOLS

(Napa, CA) Wolfe Center announces the expansion of substance abuse services in Napa County schools. Since 2004, Wolfe Center has been providing substance abuse prevention services in most Napa County Middle and High Schools. In October 2007, Wolfe Center was certified by the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs to provide substance abuse treatment services at 16 satellite clinic sites throughout Napa County. These sites include most of the Napa County Middle and High Schools, from American Canyon to Calistoga, as well as some of the County's family centers. Beginning in January 2008, Wolfe Center has expanded school-based services to include assessments, screenings, brief intervention therapy and lower-level substance abuse treatment. Professional, culturally competent counselors work with students during the school day in the school setting and provide appropriate levels of prevention or treatment for each student referred. A personal counselor is assigned to each teen client and their family for work on an individual basis. The assessments and treatment are currently taking place at Valley Oak High School, Chamberlain and Liberty High Schools, Vintage High School, Napa High School, Calistoga High School, and will soon be expanding to other schools within the County. Prevention services continue to take place in other County schools, including St. Helena High School and others. "By increasing services to include assessments, early intervention, brief intervention and lower-level treatment, we can care for more youth and proactively lessen the need for the more intensive treatment at Wolfe Center's facility for many youth," states Claudia Solorio, Wolfe Center's Clinical Director. "Substance abuse interferes with important physical and psychological growth that occurs during adolescence and puts these teens at significant risk of serious health problems, developmental and neurological damage and other serious consequences. It is the goal of Wolfe Center to address these issues as early as possible; catching substance abuse issues earlier improves treatment outcomes and allows teens to reclaim their lives." In addition to providing services to the teens, Wolfe Center also provides parent and family education.

Wolfe Center is the first-ever Napa County program devoted exclusively to treating teens who are using alcohol or other drugs. For parents seeking help and assessment for their teens, or for more information about Wolfe Center, call (707) 255-1855.

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