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### **WOLFE CENTER NAMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

(Napa, CA) Wolfe Center announces the hiring of Gavin O’Neill as Executive Director. O’Neill, a Napa native, joins Wolfe Center with diverse experiences in the management and development of substance abuse programs and adolescent services. As Executive Director, O’Neill will oversee the delivery of substance abuse prevention and treatment services to Napa County teens, and will guide the expansion of Wolfe Center’s youth development programs. Prior to joining Wolfe Center, O’Neill held multiple management positions with San Francisco’s Walden House, Inc., a long-standing national leader in substance abuse treatment. Gavin served the organization as Chief of Staff, Managing Director of Adolescent Services, Corporate Communications Manager and Development Director. O’Neill holds a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing from University of Oregon, and received his Bachelor’s Degree Cum Laude from San Francisco State University. “Gavin has a wealth of experience in managing substance abuse programs and an obvious passion for providing opportunities to the youth in our community. He is an incredible value to our program and we welcome the leadership and knowledge that he will bring to Wolfe Center,” said Elisabeth Frater, Wolfe Center’s Board President.

“Growing up in Napa, it was always apparent that we were in need of a program such as Wolfe Center. Now that Napa has this extremely important resource, I am thrilled about the opportunity to bring my experience to this innovative program,” says O’Neill.

Kevin LeMasters, Wolfe Center’s Vice President of the Board states “Wolfe Center is very pleased that over one quarter of our staff are Napa natives, and products of the local school system. It is wonderful that these strong leaders are coming back to Napa as adults and giving back to the community in which they were raised.”

Wolfe Center was founded in 2004 and is the *only* Napa County program dedicated exclusively to providing substance abuse prevention and treatment programs to teens and their families. Wolfe Center provides substance abuse prevention and treatment services in Napa County middle and high schools from American Canyon to Calistoga, as well as intensive outpatient treatment programs at the main facility in downtown Napa. For information and support, or to access a free-of-charge substance abuse assessment, please call 707-255-1855 or visit [www.wolfecenter.org](http://www.wolfecenter.org).

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