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NEWS BRIEFS

CENTERPOINT HEALTH LAUNCHES

Centerpoint Health, a Talbert House affiliate, launched January 1 with Dr. Alan Mabry as executive director.

Centerpoint is a consolidation of three agencies: Center for Children and Families, Core Behavioral Health Centers and NORCEN Behavioral Health Systems.

The agency operates five neighborhood-based offices at College Hill, Oakley, Roselawn, Walnut Hills and Western Hills.

Five mental health programs, formerly operated by Talbert House, are now under the control of Centerpoint: 281-CARE, Child-reach, Community Outreach Prevention & Education (COPE), Substance Abuse Mental Illness (SA/MI) Case Management, and Victim Service Center.

For more information, please call 513-221-4673. For referrals, call 221-HELP (513-221-4357).



• TREATMENT •

Regional programs are effective

Community Correctional Center (CCC) and Turtle Creek Center (TCC), located in Warren County, both received high marks on the annual report card released by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC).

CCC is a community-based correctional facility providing a prison diversion opportunity. It has residential treatment and rehabilitation programming for adult male felony offenders sentenced in Butler, Clermont and Warren counties.

CCC is overseen by the Facility Governing Board, chaired by Judge John R. Moser (retired) with vice chair, Dan Hannon, and members Daniel J. Breyer, Anthony Brigano, Dan Eichel, Michael Geygan, Bruce Jewett, Scott McVey and Deborah Spradlin.

TCC is a halfway house providing services primarily to offenders returning to Southwest Ohio from prison. Services focus on alcohol

and drug treatment, cognitive behavioral therapy and reintegration into the community, allowing clients to gain employment and access community resources.

Congratulations to both facilities for being finalists for the 2007 Cliff Skeen Award given by the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONAL CENTER

	CCC AVG	STATE AVG
Utilization	111.8%	95%
Cost Per Offender	\$8,414	\$10,442
Successful Termination	92.6%	80.6%
ODRC Audit Score	100%	97.5%

TURTLE CREEK CENTER

	TCC AVG	STATE AVG
Utilization	100%	99%
Cost Per Offender	\$6,309	\$5,361
Successful Termination	65%	55%
ODRC Audit Score	96%	91%

Source: Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation and Correction 2007

Agency receives 3-year accreditation

The Commission on Accreditation for Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) recently re-accredited several Talbert House programs. The latest accreditation is the second consecutive three-year CARF accreditation for the agency.

According to CARF, an agency receiving a three-year accreditation outcome has put itself through a rigorous peer

review process and has demonstrated to a team of surveyors during an on-site visit that programs and services are of the highest quality, measurable and accountable.

Talbert House received four exemplary citations from CARF:

- EXCEL (Executive Curriculum for Emerging Leaders) training program: "This is an outstanding example of future planning for the development of capable and trained leaders."
- Primary Care: "By providing primary care services to persons served, emergency room



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Drug Lab is renovated, expands service

The Talbert House Drug Lab went under an extensive renovation in October as its equipment and online reporting system were upgraded.

The agency started its drug testing lab in 1988. Today, the lab runs more than 100,000 tests annually.

“Investing in our drug lab was important as technology continues to change,” said Medical Director Dr. Michael Oberdoerster, who oversees the lab. “Those who use our services wanted a more comprehensive online reporting system, and the new equipment enhancements also allow us to be more efficient.”

The drug lab’s new system, a secured Web-based interface, allows users to log in from any computer to access results as soon as testing is complete. Online reporting allows users to generate custom reports.

Because of the renovations, Talbert House has expanded the capacity to offer alcohol and drug screenings to additional businesses and organizations.

The lab offers cost-effective and high quality drug screening and can test for multiple types of drugs, including alcohol,

EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Talbert House was a national beta-site for TruTouch Technologies, a company that develops noninvasive alcohol testing products.

Talbert House tested the TruTouch 1100, a portable machine that measures an individual’s blood alcohol content through his or her arm.

During the six-week trial, more than 120 clients at Pathways and Spring Grove used the machine for an average of 350 tests each week.

barbiturates, cocaine, marijuana and opiates.

The drug lab has been accredited by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) since September 2002.

For more information about this service, contact Robert Holliday at (513) 872-8876.

Generosity evident during the holidays

CLIENTS

Clients showed holiday spirit during December. For the second year, clients from Men’s ADAPT volunteered to sell trees to benefit the nonprofit Stop AIDS Cincinnati. Turtle Creek Center clients organized a holiday party for client families that included lunch, games and a visit from Santa.



Above: Clients enjoy the SAVMI holiday party. Men’s ADAPT clients sell holiday trees for Stop AIDS.

Right: Staff members choose holiday gifts for clients.

VOLUNTEERS

Individuals, organizations and businesses gave generously to the clients during the holidays. Because of their thoughtfulness, 10 programs were able to shop for clients and their families.

Thank you to the following: the Alley family, Terry Bayes & Bayes and Sons Custom Remodelers, Church of the Brethren, Linda Hesketh, Debbie & Kevin Hopper, Literacy Network of Greater Cincinnati, Barbara Norton, Julie Shifman and many staff and board members.

Also, the United Way of Greater Cincinnati worked with the Milford Target Store to help a client family from Men’s ADAPT receive a decorated Christmas tree.



Using Teaching Family Model everyday

Teaching Family Model (TFM), a behavioral-management best practice, has been implemented at the agency's four adolescent residential programs.

TFM works well with young adults who may have multiple issues, because, researchers say, it focuses on developing the teens' problem-solving skills.

Because the clients can earn or lose rewards, "they are learning more from their mistakes," says Tameka James, an activity & security monitor at North Star. "It gives clients rewards to work toward."

Incentives are important for these teens as they learn to weigh consequences, James says. Rewards may be group outings or home passes.

Staff members are key to TFM's suc-

cess, especially activity & security monitors (ASMs).

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Tameka James
ASM, North Star

ASMs are with clients around the clock and serve as role models and teachers for prosocial behavior since they have the most interaction with clients.

All staff must complete training and pass a test to become qualified to use TFM.

Preliminary data show TFM is making a positive impact on clients. Since September 2006, The Bridge and North Star clients are showing reduced problem severity and increased level of functioning at a rate better than projected. Clients also are showing reduced antisocial attitudes across the four programs.

TFM is supported in part by The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati.

Treatment expands at 1617 Reading Road

Hamilton County expanded Talbert House's contract at the agency's minimal security jail facility at 1617 Reading Road to 22 beds with the goal of diverting nonviolent offenders from the county's Justice Center.

Also, Rewards Jail Intervention, a residential, jail-based, chemical dependency program for adult women located at the Reading Road facility, has

added another level of programming to accommodate the many women who are incarcerated for 21 days or less.

An estimated 500 women will be served by this short-term intervention program where clients receive an assessment with intensive case management services, education, and reentry planning.

CARF: Agency receives four exemplary citations

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visits for routine care were significantly decreased...These innovative ideas are great examples of the response by the organization to the articulated needs of the persons served."

- Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) system: "This tool is an outstanding example of how data collection and continuous quality improvement can impact the performance of an organization."

- Corporate Compliance: "The leadership is commended for providing an environment where the mission is the driving force behind the strategic plan and delivery of service."

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

- IS14 Section Road, formerly of McGregor Ave., hosts an open house to celebrate their new location. Pictured is Toshia Spikes, Hans van Rheenen and Stephanie Miller



- Michele Fanning, a prevention & education provider at the Victim Service Center, was awarded the 2007 Hope In Heels Award in the Advocate division.



- CBS Personnel donated school supplies to Talbert House in October as part of the United Way of Greater Cincinnati's Community Care Week.

- In August, Talbert House introduced international bestselling author Karin Slaughter at Joseph-Beth Booksellers as part of the store's Give Back program.

ACCREDITED PROGRAMS

- 281-CARE
- Adult Substance Abuse Outpatient Services
- Alternatives (residential & outpatient)
- The Bridge
- Brown County Recovery Services
- Childreach
- COPE
- Mental Health Prevention
- North Star
- Passages (residential & outpatient)
- Project PASS
- Recovery Halfway House
- SA/MI Case Management
- Substance Abuse Prevention



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- Daniel & Susan Pfau Foundation
- Fidelity Investments
- Midwest Manufacturing Solutions
- United Way of Greater Cincinnati

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- Cephalon, Inc.
- Reckitt Benckiser

For Project PASS

- Page Ann Hayden Foundation for Children With Special Needs

For SAMHSA's IDDT program

- The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati



Ellen van der Horst of Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber and Kathy Merchant of Greater Cincinnati Foundation teach at a session of EXCEL, a nonprofit leadership program started by Talbert House. EXCEL has received business and foundation support.

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