

## **PROGRAM EXPANSION AT TENNYSON CENTER FOR CHILDREN**

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The past year has seen major changes taking place within Colorado's therapeutic child care and treatment system. In keeping with its commitment to meet the ever-changing needs of the community as well as to provide the most thorough treatment available to children and families, Denver's Tennyson Center for Children at Colorado Christian Home has announced an expansion of its program base. On December 1, 2006, the renowned treatment center for abused, neglected and at-risk youth will inaugurate its newest division, the Stepping Stones program, which will benefit one of the most underserved segments of the child care community.

Stepping Stones is a 24-hour residential shelter for adolescent boys (11-18) who need a safe haven due to family conflict, legal problems, runaway, and other issues. As a licensed Therapeutic Residential Child Care Facility (TRCCF), the program will offer case management, assessment, mental health treatment, health care, spiritual growth, educational services, life skills, and recreation in a safe living environment. Services are individualized to meet the needs of each child and family to help them plan for the future. Stepping Stones also offers respite care to support caretakers and prevent further crises. This exciting new program, which accepts referrals around the clock, will be housed in DeVita Hall on the Tennyson Center campus in northwest Denver.

Tennyson Center for Children is the Rocky Mountain region's largest treatment center and K-8 school for abused, neglected and at-risk children. The 102-year old agency is known for excellence in serving children and families, leading them on a path to satisfying and fulfilling lives which they might otherwise not have.

For more information about Tennyson Center's new Stepping Stones program, call Kimberly at 720-855-3341.