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Snoqualmie Valley Hospital & Friends of Youth Join Forces to Serve Local Community
Joint Venture Creates More Options for Mental Health Treatment & Primary Care

North Bend, WA --Snoqualmie Valley Hospital (SVH) and Friends of Youth are pleased to announce that the two organizations are joining forces to provide behavioral health and primary care services at the same locations – at Friends of Youth’s North Bend office and at the SVH Clinic on Snoqualmie Ridge. The agreement between the two organizations meets their shared goals of providing mental health and behavioral health services for youth, improving access to health services, integrating care, and providing the best services at the lowest cost possible.

The joint venture offers more options for treatment for residents of the Snoqualmie Valley. Friends of Youth Behavioral Health Specialists will be able to see patients at SVH’s Snoqualmie Ridge Medical Clinic, located on SE Kinsey Street in Snoqualmie. In turn, SVH Primary Care Providers will be able to see patients at Friends of Youth’s North Bend offices, located on Ballarat Avenue North in North Bend.

“This new relationship with Friends of Youth is expected to improve outcomes by integrating and coordinating the care by primary care providers and behavioral health specialists,” said SVH Chief Medical Officer, Kim Witkop, MD. “Having both disciplines in one location greatly facilitates patient access and convenience, as well as provider communication.”

“We have been serving the Snoqualmie Valley Community since 1988,” said Friends of Youth CEO and President, Terry Pottmeyer. “We are excited to be able to expand our work through our partnership with SVH, providing patient-centered services where young people and their families have easy and direct access to both behavioral and physical health care.”

The integrated behavioral health and primary care services are now available by contacting either organization:

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Friends of Youth
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About Snoqualmie Valley Hospital

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital and Clinics provide expert, advanced healthcare for residents of North Bend, Snoqualmie, Fall City, Preston, Carnation, and Snoqualmie Pass by delivering excellent local healthcare.

About Friends of Youth

Established in 1951 Friends of Youth partners with youth and families to provide the relationships, resources, and skills they need to attain personal growth and success. With 67 years of experience, 26 program sites and services in 18 cities, we provide safe places and emotional support for youth facing challenging circumstances. Our vision is for all youth to have every opportunity to succeed, and our services are designed to fulfill that vision. For more information, visit www.friendsofyouth.org.