

Nexus Facility Set To Open - Don Schroeder Hired As Program Administrator

April 6, 2007 (Butte, Montana) Don Schroeder, MA, LPC was recently hired as the Program Administrator of the Nexus Corrections Program in Lewistown Montana. He will be re-locating to the Lewistown area later this month from Statesboro, Georgia, where he previously worked as the Clinical Director at the Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative. Don received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana, and his Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology from the University of Illinois at Springfield. He is currently pursuing a second Master of Arts in Health Services Administration. He has published several papers and presented at numerous conferences.

His new duties will encompass coordination of the local screening committee to ensure that clients are suitable for this type of treatment, managing the staff at the facility, educating the community and the state about the Nexus Corrections Program, and many others all while ensuring that the clients receive the best treatment possible.

Don is looking forward to the challenge of opening the new program, training the new staff, and ensuring that quality treatment is delivered to the clients, all while adjusting to life in Montana.

The Nexus Corrections Program is an eighty (80) bed residential methamphetamine treatment facility slated to take its first offenders on June 1, 2007. The program will serve adult male offenders and is based on the therapeutic community model of treatment and will include a comprehensive array of correctional programming and services. This type of treatment focuses on multi-dimensional/holistic change in the areas of abstinence, social responsibility, right living, and moral development. Traits that are emphasized in the therapeutic community model are honesty, personal responsibility and accountability, economic self-reliance, community involvement, and good citizenship.

"We are looking forward to having Don Schroeder and his new staff join our team. We feel that the Nexus Facility is a very valuable program for the State of Montana and it demonstrates the farsightedness of Governor Brian Schweitzer and the 2005 Montana Legislature. If it wasn't for the introduction of House Bill 326 by Senator Jim Peterson and the support from both sides of the legislative aisle, we wouldn't be one step closer to addressing the devastating and costly affects associated with methamphetamine addiction," said CEO Mike Thatcher. Thatcher stated, "It has been a terrific partnership working with Mike Ferriter and his staff at the Montana Department of Corrections in bringing this valuable project to fruition." He then went on to emphasize, "It couldn't have been done without all of the community support that CCCS, Inc. received in Lewistown. The people in Lewistown have been wonderful. It has been a pleasure to work with so many talented people in the siting and development of the Nexus Program. Specifically, the Port Authority, Airport Authority, Snowy Mountain Development, City and County officials and most importantly the people of Lewistown."

CEO Mike Thatcher, CCCS' Board of Directors, and the new staff of Nexus Corrections Programs will host an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday May 30, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. Guests of honor will include Governor Brian Schweitzer, Mike Ferriter, Department of Corrections Staff, Senator Jim Peterson, and other community leaders who were instrumental in this projects success. We would like to welcome the citizens of Montana to the grand opening and ribbon cutting. There will be tours of the new facility as well as refreshments served throughout the day.