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## **NEW MESABI ACADEMY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC NEARS COMPLETION, CLINIC MANAGER NAMED**

**BUHL, MN (April 15, 2016)** - KidsPeace Mesabi Academy announced that construction on its new mental health clinic is nearly complete and it has named a new manager for the facility, ahead of its expected summer opening.

“After a lot of hard work by our staff and our construction partners, we’re looking forward to seeing this project completed and to getting the new clinic up and running for our clients,” said Paul Jacobson, executive director of Mesabi Academy.

Jacobson added that the project consists of renovation of vacant space at the facility, adding five new treatment rooms and two group rooms to better serve the client population at Mesabi Academy. “We will continue to use the five group rooms we have now, but the additional space will significantly improve our ability to meet the therapeutic treatment needs of the kids in our care,” he said.

The cost of the construction is estimated at more than \$170,000. Durbahn Construction served as the general contractor; other firms working on the project included Viking Sprinkler, Ryan’s Independent Electric, Iron Range Plumbing and Heating, ESC Systems and HR Green Inc.

Jacobson also announced that **Lisa Silvestri-Adamich, MSW, LICSW** has been named clinical manager of the expanded clinic operation at Mesabi. Silverstri-Adamich holds a bachelor’s degree in applied psychology from St. Cloud State University and a master’s degree in social work from Augsburg University; she is currently working on a doctorate in psychology. She has been a clinical supervisor at a number of organizations providing mental health services to children in the Iron Range region, most recently at Accurate Home Care in Virginia, MN, and has a private practice consulting with providers of mental and behavioral health services in the area.

Mesabi Academy is licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections, and offers a full continuum of services and an interdisciplinary approach to treatment of mental and behavioral health issues. Services include individualized clinical treatment plans, group therapy, substance abuse treatment and therapeutic recreation programs - all designed to give the young people a health foundation upon which to build their lives after their discharge. In the last year, 86 percent of those clients discharged from Mesabi did not acquire additional adjudication in the year following their discharge.

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