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## **KidsPeace Awarded Contract for New Crisis Residential Treatment Program in North Carolina**

**SCHNECKSVILLE, PA (April 11, 2017)** - KidsPeace has been awarded a contract to administer a new program to provide crisis residential and assessment treatment services in North Carolina for children and adolescents.

The contract with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare involves a pilot program, funded by the state, which addresses issues raised by a state task force on mental health and substance abuse issues. Alliance is the managed care organization for public behavioral healthcare services for Durham, Wake, Cumberland and Johnston counties in North Carolina.

Alliance says its pilot program will create a community-based, non-hospital residential setting to provide specialized and cost-effective alternatives, including short-term intensive evaluation, treatment, and behavioral health management to stabilize children and youth who are in crisis. It will also provide what Alliance calls "behavioral health urgent care" - comparing the concept to increasingly popular urgent-care facilities for physical health concerns.

The residential programming and behavioral health urgent care services will be housed in the same facility. Alliance and KidsPeace currently are working to identify potential sites for the project.

William Isemann, president and CEO of KidsPeace, said the organization was pleased to have been chosen to partner with Alliance on the project. "We know that there's a need for more support for children and families who are struggling with the challenges of mental and behavioral health issues. KidsPeace is looking forward to working with Alliance Behavioral Healthcare on this innovative pilot project, to bring our expertise and caring to bear on these significant challenges in North Carolina."

The pilot project will be the first residential treatment program for KidsPeace in North Carolina; the organization currently offers foster care services in the Fayetteville and Raleigh areas.

For more information about the pilot program, visit [www.alliancebhc.org/general-news-announcements/alliance-tapped-head-new-pilot-programs/](http://www.alliancebhc.org/general-news-announcements/alliance-tapped-head-new-pilot-programs/).

*For 135 years, KidsPeace has been building on its expertise to give hope, help and healing to children, families and communities throughout the United States. Through its comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; unique psychiatric hospital and foster care and community-based programs, KidsPeace is dedicated to helping people connect, transform and overcome their challenges to ensure a stable future, transition to adulthood and gain independence. Since its doors opened in 1882, more than 200,000 children have participated in one of the multitude of programs KidsPeace offers.*

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