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Children's Home Society Will Close Meridian Counseling Center

Boise, IDAHO – July 9, 2010. Children's Home Society (CHS) announces the upcoming closing of its second Warm Springs Counseling Center (WSCC) in Meridian, effective September 1, 2010. While unfortunate, the closing is necessary due to economic impact, including reduced fundraising income, statewide budget constraints within the Idaho Medicaid Program, and a rapid growth in uncompensated charity care. Last year alone, the cost of services for Medicaid families exceeded reimbursements by approximately \$700,000 and this number is expected to increase in 2010. "Many other businesses are struggling during these tough times, and we are not immune from the impacts a depressed economy creates," said Teresa Alexander, CEO.

All clinicians and staff will be relocated to the downtown WSCC within the Children's Home Society on Warm Springs Avenue. Every effort possible will be made to ensure client care is uninterrupted and their needs are met. Alexander notes that, "Having all of our behavioral health services and specialists in one location will allow us to use our resources more wisely and maximize efficiencies. Our organization will offer extended night and weekend hours to meet our clients' needs, and do so without eliminating any staff. We feel positive about this."

The Autism Diagnostic Clinic and Neuropsychology Services will remain open and operating as usual in their current location, Suite 207, 3023 E. Copper Point Drive in Meridian.

About the Children's Home Society

The Children's Home Society of Idaho was established in 1908 to oversee the state's orphanage. Today, CHS operates the Warm Springs Counseling Center and Warm Springs Training Institute. Through these entities, CHS provides outpatient behavioral health services and training for mental health professionals. The mission of CHS is to provide behavioral health programs and related services to children and the families who care for them, regardless of ability to pay.

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