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### Dakota Place Emergency Detention Unit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Missoula County and Western Montana Mental Health Center are pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the Dakota Place Emergency Detention Unit on Tuesday May 2, 2017 at 2 p.m. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Dakota Place is a short-term voluntary crisis stabilization facility. The facility has offered voluntary crisis services for more than 15 years. Community partners recognized gaps in Missoula mental health services specifically for adult individuals to stabilize in a secure environment, and collaborated to develop a community centered solution. Currently, many individuals in need of psychiatric emergency detention are sent to Polson, Hamilton, or the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs. The Dakota Place Secure Emergency Detention Unit will serve all adult residents of Missoula County and neighboring counties. The unit will allow individuals to remain in their community, within their established care systems, and increase linkage to ongoing supportive services. Major funding for the project was provided by Missoula County and Western Montana Mental Health Center, and through a grant with the Department of Public Health and Human Services' Addiction and Mental Disorders Division.

The Dakota Place model has proven highly successful with similar programs in Ravalli, Silver Bow, Lewis and Clark, Lake, and Gallatin counties. Dakota Place is located at 1273 Dakota St in Missoula.

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