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NARBHA Announces:

Holbrook & Winslow Stabilization Centers

Transitioning to New Provider

Northern Arizona Regional Behavioral Health Authority (NARBHA) has contracted with **Community Bridges Arizona** to assume the operation of the Winslow and Holbrook Substance Abuse Stabilization Centers. *Loma Puh Ta' Vi*, or "A Beautiful Pathway" as the facilities are known, were opened in June 2008 by **Na'Nizhoozhi Center, INC. (NCI)**, a nationally recognized provider out of Gallup, New Mexico. **NCI** was chosen by **NARBHA** to run the two facilities based on years of experience in working with persons with substance abuse issues.

Community Bridges Arizona, **NARBHA**, and **NCI** began partnering to transition operation of the *Loma Puh Ta' Vi* centers in February 2009 after long consideration by **NARBHA** to transition to an in-state provider. The transition process is expected to be completed by the end of March 2009. The centers will remain open for services through-out the transition.

Addiction-to-Recovery programs with a comprehensive continuum of care have been the "best practice" models for which **Community Bridges Arizona** is best known. **Community Bridges Arizona** has a history since 1982 of operating substance abuse programs and detoxification facilities throughout Arizona, including 17 sites throughout Maricopa County. **Community Bridges Arizona** currently operates two rural Stabilization Recovery Units (SRU) in Payson and Globe, where services include:

- Triage and stabilization services to individuals who are experiencing substance abuse-related problems
- Brief residential and stabilization (up to 6 days) for individuals impacted by drugs and alcohol
- Development of a recovery plan for ongoing recovery
- Involvement of the individual's family and friends
- Referral to other behavioral health agencies, 12-step programs, and the faith-based community.

Community Bridges Arizona will continue to operate the Winslow and Holbrook Substance Abuse Stabilization Centers (*Loma Puh Ta' Vi*) as Level 4 Substance Abuse Stabilization Service Centers. NARBHA is also working with this provider to expand their service continuum to include outpatient substance abuse services and Level I Medical Detoxification services for all people from Winslow, Holbrook, the Navajo Nation, the Hopi Community and the surrounding areas. Particular emphasis is being placed on maintaining the original design of the program to offer culturally relevant programming, including traditional healing practices.

NARBHA has expressed their sincere gratitude to **NCI** for their hard work and commitment to the original vision of imparting a halt to the "revolving door" of substance abuse in Winslow and Holbrook. **NCI's** dedication to include the development of culturally appropriate programs and healing grounds for substance abuse treatment has been invaluable to *Loma Puh Ta' Vi*. **NARBHA** will continue to enhance these recovery methods with the partnership of the cities of **Winslow** and **Holbrook**, **Community Bridges Arizona**, the **Navajo Nation**, and the **Hopi Tribe**. **Community Counseling Centers (CCC)**, located in Winslow, Holbrook, and Show Low, also continues to offer a full array of adult and child behavioral health services. Navajo and Hopi tribal members can access behavioral health service referrals through the **Navajo Nation** and **Hopi Tribe**.

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