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**CODAC CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING OF INTEGRATED TREATMENT CENTER,
FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND CENTER FOR THE LGBTQI COMMUNITY**

Tucson, Arizona (March 2, 2015) – CODAC Behavioral Health Services celebrates the opening of its newest integrated health and wellness center located at 3130 E. Broadway Blvd, at the corner of Broadway and Country Club. The Grand Opening celebration is on Thursday, March 5, 2015 from 4:00-6:00pm. The event includes a brief formal program, refreshments, entertainment and tours; it is free and open to the public.

This newly renovated location is home to *four programs* that meet the unique health needs of:

- Individuals age 6 and up who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and intersex (LGBTQI) community. Straight and cis gender allies area also welcome. This is the first center of its kind in Arizona.
- Adults ages 55+.
- Young adults ages 18-25.
- Adults with developmental disabilities.

Each of these programs currently offer individualized mental health care, including psychiatry, case management, therapy, peer support, community groups and wellness coaching. The facility is also outfitted with exam rooms for primary care services, which will be available to members within the next few months.

The Living Out Loud LGBTQI Health & Wellness Center also offers gender confirmation support services, sexuality education and HIV medical care.

“These populations are all very different and have different needs when it comes to their *whole* health care,” says Dennis Regnier, CODAC President & CEO. We are proud to be able to offer the core elements of excellent mental health and primary care, with staffing and program components that are specialized to the populations being served.”

Speakers include: Representative Victoria Steele; Dennis Regnier, CODAC; Neal Cash, Community Partnership of Sothern Arizona; Joseph Howell, Tucson GLBT Chamber of Commerce; Miki Odawa, Southern Arizona Gender Alliance.

Those interested in seeking care can call 520-327-4505 or visit www.CODAC.org.

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Founded in 1970, CODAC Behavioral Health Services is one of Arizona's oldest and most respected specialty providers of family development and integrated health care services.

Through 15 service locations and more than 400 staff, CODAC services over 12,000 individuals and families annually. For more information, visit www.CODAC.org.