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CODAC ADOPTS SMOKE & TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS POLICY

Tucson, Arizona (July 3, 2014) – In continuing a commitment to providing a safe, healthy and healing environment, CODAC Behavioral Health Services has joined the growing list of healthcare providers to adopt an entirely smoke and tobacco free campus policy.

This new initiative means that members, staff and other visitors of CODAC are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco products including cigars, cigarettes, chewing tobacco, and e-cigarettes anywhere on CODAC property, including in personal vehicles.

“As an organization that promotes health, wellness and recovery, we must act on our knowledge that smoking is a serious health risk with many adverse health effects,” says Dennis Regnier, CODAC President and CEO.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tobacco use harms nearly every organ in the body and the dangers of second hand smoke exposure increase the risk of cardiovascular problems. Smoking remains to be the single largest cause of preventable disease and death in the United States, according to the U.S. Surgeon General.

This new initiative applies to all CODAC administrative and treatment properties including residential treatment programs with the exception of select transitional, independent, and semi-independent housing programs.

CODAC understands that this transition may be difficult, and is equipped to provide resources and promote wellness programs to support tobacco cessation for interested clients and staff.

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Founded in 1970, CODAC Behavioral Health Services is one of Arizona’s oldest and most respected providers of family development and integrated health care services. Through 11 service locations and more than 425 staff, CODAC services more than 12,000 individuals and families annually. For more information, visit www.CODAC.org.