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Pathways Names Two Executive Directors

Private nonprofit social service agency expanding leadership to address need for services across Texas

Leakey, TX - May 17, 2007 – Pathways Youth and Family Services Inc., one of the largest private residential and adoption providers in Texas has appointed two Executive Directors to oversee its various programs.

Travis Pearson, MABC, LPC, LCPA has been named the Executive Director of the Child Placing Agency. With 25 years of experience in the field, Mr. Pearson is permanently relocating to San Antonio where he will oversee offices in Abilene, Austin, Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Hurst, Laredo, Midland, McAllen, Northeast San Antonio and Northwest San Antonio. He has served 6 years as the Director of Operations.

Joel Grimmatt, LCCA has been named the Executive Director of the 3H Wilderness Program. Mr. Grimmatt has served the last 5 years as the Operations Director and brings 20 years of residential services experience to the program. 3H is one of the very few wilderness residential programs serving teen boys in Texas. The program operates on a 115-acre ranch in the Hill Country.

According to Dan Johnson, the current President and previous Executive Director, "We do great work for children and families in Texas because of the incredible individuals on our team. The assignment of two Executive Directors will set new standards of quality in an ever-changing service delivery system. As the task before us continues to grow, Pathways will always invest in people and programs that help children and families thrive."

About Pathways

Pathways Youth and Family Services is a private non-profit social service agency founded in 1992. The organization currently serves 600 children, 300 foster families and facilitated the adoption of 150 children in 2006. Pathways was named Agency of the Year by the Texas Foster Family Association in 2006.

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