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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON THE COUNTY’S FIRST CHILDREN’S CRISIS CENTER

February 12, 2024 – Santa Cruz, CA – The County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure and the Health Services Agency’s Behavioral Health Division is proud to announce the commence of construction work on the Children’s Crisis Center, set to kickoff this month.

The construction of the first dedicated Children’s Crisis Center in Santa Cruz County is an expansion of the Health Services Agency’s Behavioral Health Services Division’s Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health services. The center will allow for an expansion of services, which will include year-round, 24/7 support for youth to address a critical gap in mental healthcare available in our community.

The Children’s Crisis Center will occupy a two-story building at the intersection of Soquel Avenue and Chanticleer Avenue. The first floor will house a state-of-the-art Children’s Crisis Stabilization Unit with eight chairs, providing immediate support for youth facing mental health crisis. On the second floor, the Children’s Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program will offer a home-like setting with intensive care, treatment services and a maximum stay of 14 days.

The construction work includes a complete interior remodel, creating an environment conducive to healing and recovery. The center will feature conference rooms, family spaces and other amenities designed to meet the unique needs of young individuals in crisis. The Children’s Crisis Center will help bring life-saving resources to youth and families in our community.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE

The County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure serves all unincorporated areas in the county. The department's mission is to improve customer service, streamline projects, and to align public infrastructure and private development to further County goals in attainable housing, reliable transportation and sustainable environment. For more information, visit <https://dpw.co.santa-cruz.ca.us> or follow the department on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [Nextdoor](#).

ABOUT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

The Behavioral Health Division of the Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency provides a wide range of prevention and treatment options for Santa Cruz County adults, children, and their families.

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