

Press Release

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Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare Announces the Grand Opening of a new program in coordination with Syracuse University- University College.

Syracuse, N.Y., January 13, 2009— The **K.E.E.S (Keys to Employment and Economic Stability)** Program is a welcomed addition to SBH's residential services division.

Thursday January 22nd 2009 is the Grand Opening celebration on location at 770 James Street, Syracuse, N.Y., 13203. There will be an informational presentation followed by a reception and tours of the learning lab and of program housing.

This program is a direct result of the innovative program development process that engages our clients to help us develop new programs.

"K.E.E.S. combines case management, housing, educational assessment and online education curriculum with long term vocational goals to put people on a career path." – SBH President and CEO, Jeremy Klemanski

Since 1920, SBH served the citizens of Central New York and has since become the most inclusive provider of addiction treatment and rehabilitation services. The K.E.E.S Program is an innovative residential program that focuses on work skills and education.

Participants in the program will be enrolled in a job skills assessment system in coordination with Syracuse University- University College who will issue them the Essential New York Certificate of Workplace Competency.

The WorkKeys Center at Syracuse University is excited to collaborate with SBH in launching this innovative program which provides human service providers with a much more efficient and effective link to the workplace. The power of this collaboration is two fold: SBH will provide employers with applicants who are motivated to succeed, who will show up for work, who will be drug and alcohol free, and who will have a social support system so important for ensuring success for an individual in transition. These assets will be complemented by the WorkKeys skill assessment system which is recognized by hundreds of employers across the country as an excellent predictor of success in the workplace. One segment of the local economy where individuals with these assets and skills will be in great demand is the "green sector" which provides entry level jobs that have opportunities for advancement. " - Thomas Hadlick Executive Director- WorkKeys -Syracuse University-University College

Further information on Syracuse Behavioral Healthcare, is available at www.sbh.org. For immediate assistance in finding services for addiction treatment and/or emotional/psychological help, please call the HELP LINE at 315-471-0568.

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