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Crowder Receives Missouri Health Grant

Neosho, MO – Crowder College has been awarded a grant by the Missouri Foundation for Health in the amount of \$489,450. The grant will assist the college in providing intervention services to children in Newton and McDonald counties who might otherwise not receive the support they need. The target population is children with autism, developmental disabilities and behavior challenges.

Crowder staff will work with area school districts to fill the gaps of current services available by focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of each child. Individual programs will be designed to foster success while training parents, teachers and caregivers in evidenced based methodologies.

Jamie Emery, Director of the Crowder College Behavior Support Center will take the lead on this program. She has been with the college since 2010. Emery currently works with educators and students preparing them for the needs of children with autism or developmental and behavioral challenges. Her passion for the program has grown to involve area school districts, arean agencies and the community in providing services.

The college purchased a facility located north of the intersection at Hwy 59 and Cemetery Road, formerly the Kingdom Hall building. The building will be remodeled inside to allow classroom and observation room areas for this program. College maintenance staff and building trades program students will be performing the work.

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For more information about the grant please contact my office or Kathy Collier, Grants Director, at 417-455-5773.

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