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**Office of Public Information
Crowder College**

Crowder College Partnerships Provide Behavior Support Service and Training

Neosho, MO – Crowder College will host an open house at its new Behavior Support Center, Tuesday, September 16, at 4pm. The facility is located at 180 Cemetery Road, Neosho.

Crowder has partnered with Neosho, East Newton and McDonald County School Districts to provide intervention services to their students. Through these partnerships, other school districts have turned to Crowder as well. 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, 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.

Through this process another partnership has formed with Central Methodist University, Fayette, MO. Upon completion of their associate degree at Crowder, student have the opportunity to complete their bachelors degree in Applied Behavior Analysis with CMU.

Crowder College has worked with many 4-year universities to set up partnerships such as this one providing a pipeline of students to the universities while offering the advantage of staying in the area.

This project was made possible as Crowder was awarded a grant earlier this year by the Missouri Foundation for Health in the amount of \$489,450. The grant provided the necessary funding to assist with staffing, furnishing and equipping the facility in order to offer services. The target population is children with autism, developmental disabilities and behavior challenges.

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Representatives from Central Methodist, Missouri Foundation for Health and area school districts will be in attendance.



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We invite you to attend the event to see the progress the program has made in serving students and their families in the area.

The college purchased a facility located north of the intersection at Hwy 59 and Cemetery Road, formerly the Kingdom Hall building. For more information about the grant please contact my office or Kathy Collier, Grants Director, at 417-455-5773.