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Renovations Completed at Rays of Hope Children's Therapeutic Day Treatment Facility

Tamuning, March 7, 2011- At 2 p.m. today, the Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse (DMHSA) will be turning over the keys to Guam's newly renovated **Rays of Hope Therapeutic Day Treatment Facility**, located in Tamuning, to the Latte Treatment Center (a residential group home).

The renovations for the Rays of Hope day treatment facility are complete and the building is fully compliant with all safety checks including ADA, Fire and Public Works Occupancy, and court mandates.

The Tamuning facility closed last June 2010 because of safety concerns and necessary repairs. Despite the closure, program services for children with emotional and behavioral disabilities continued through the Latte Day Treatment Program at a temporary facility in Chalan Pago. **Rays of Hope** is a community-based, therapeutic day treatment service consisting of educational instructions, therapeutic intervention and behavioral management. This facility was secured through GHURA via HUD's Community Development Block Grant and was purchased in 2002. Rays of Hope started its operation in May 2004 providing partial Day Treatment services to children and adolescents enrolled in Project I Famagu'on-ta. Services for youth emphasis therapeutic behavioral management and social skills development to improve self esteem and school performance. Rays of Hope was outsourced to Latte Treatment Center in July 2005 but continues to be under the oversight of the Child-Adolescent Division of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, as part of the Child Mental Health Initiative Cooperative Agreement.

The facility has the capacity to hold 18 youth and is located at 168 Tun Jose Camacho Street in Tamuning.

For more information about the Rays of Hope therapeutic day treatment facility, please contact Director Wilfred Aflague at 647-5448.

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