



## Press Release

### ReDiscover, Pro Deo Join Forces for Teens

**ReDiscover and Pro Deo Youth Center have formalized their affiliation, effective July 1, to provide a stronger continuum of care for youth mental wellness in Jackson County, Missouri.** Through this affiliation, ReDiscover and Pro Deo Youth Center has a plan to provide a stronger continuum of care for youth mental wellness in Jackson County, Missouri.

“ReDiscover has informally partnered with Pro Deo Youth Center over the last five years and this affiliation is an opportunity to strengthen our work together to meet the growing mental health needs of youth and families in our community,” said Jennifer Craig, President and CEO of ReDiscover. “At a time when the US Surgeon General has declared a youth mental health crisis, we want to be intentional about doing innovative work to support youth and families in our community.”

ReDiscover, a Certified Community Behavioral Health Organization (CCBHO), provides more outpatient behavioral health services than any other nonprofit organization in Jackson County, Missouri. In operation for 55 years, ReDiscover provides an array of treatment, community support and crisis services to more than 15,000 adults, children and families whose lives have been impacted by mental health and addiction disorders.

Pro Deo Youth Center, for the past 14 years has delivered a variety of prevention services and early interventions during after-school and summer educational programs and activities. Through a solid plan of action delivered with fidelity by Pro Deo staff, teens are equipped with skills to help them fulfill an individualized care plan for improvement of their own health/wellness program, college/career preparation, and social/emotional support to not only survive the teen years but thrive in their community.

“Affiliating with ReDiscover is exciting for our organization, our employees and the youth we serve,” said Elaine Metcalf, Executive Director of Pro Deo Youth Center “Pro Deo and ReDiscover share a vision for supporting youth in our community. We have compatible cultures, complementary services and a shared passion for helping others. Together we will be able to learn from one another and enhance how we care for our community and how we support the mental wellbeing of our youth.”

Pro Deo Youth Center maintains its separate 501(c)3 nonprofit status with ReDiscover serving as the parent organization. Craig continues to serve as President & CEO of ReDiscover with Metcalf continuing to serve as Executive Director of Pro Deo.

For more information about Pro Deo Youth Center and ReDiscover visit [www.ReDiscovermh.org](http://www.ReDiscovermh.org) and [www.prodeoyouthcenter.org](http://www.prodeoyouthcenter.org)