

## MEN'S REHAB FACILITY IN HOMER OPENS AS SET FREE ALASKA EXPANDS

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Set Free Alaska, a clinical organization for men and women focusing on rehabilitation from substance abuse addiction, opened a new men's sixteen-bed facility in Homer, Alaska, on August 17. The private home-setting overlooks the beautiful Kachemak Bay area where clients who have chosen recovery, to be set free from addiction, can expect to be valued and receive individualized care. The mind, body, and spirit approach combined with evidence-based practices has been a successful option for men, women, and children in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley since 2010. The organization branched out to the Homer community in 2020, offering Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient Clinic to support the area.

The Alaskan agency offers residential treatment for women at the Valley Oaks location, Outpatient services in Wasilla, Children's Behavioral Health for Children and Adolescents, Peer Support, a Workforce Development Program, and most recently, have set up quarantine options related to the COVID-19 crisis.

The agency also sends staff into schools in partnership with the Matanuska-Susitna School District and soon will enter local prisons through a contract with the State of Alaska. At the Valley Oaks Residential Treatment Center, women can bring their children to live with them as they rehabilitate and learn life-skills as a sober individual.

Philip Licht, Executive Director for Set Free Alaska, said, "We're open and ready to help. We have clients joining us at Compass every day. It has been an incredible experience to see the Homer project come together. We're excited about what the Compass facility will offer for men in and Outside of Alaska who choose recovery."

"Our approach is a holistic one, where the client is treated with respect and dignity from day one. We are a Christian organization, and that resonates in every decision and action we make. The results of excellence from our program speak louder than words. We see lives changed daily." added Licht.

The Compass Program allows men to work in the house, cook meals, and conduct household chores just as individuals face in real life. It will also be the first in the state to accept men with children as part of the program.

The next phase of growth for Set Free Alaska is grant-writing and preparation for a large unit sober-housing project.

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Set Free Alaska Compass Facility in Homer Alaska

