



Media Alert

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Panel to Discuss Substance Abuse Treatment Gap in Arkansas

Who: A panel made up of Jennifer Gallaher, DHS Division of Behavioral Health Services Director; Paul Kelly, senior policy analyst for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families; Rep. Kathy Webb and Casey Bright, executive director of a substance abuse program in Hot Springs called Quapaw House, Inc.

What: The panel will discuss the strides Arkansas has made in increasing access to treatment for people with addictions as well as obstacles that remain for the state in this field. In addition, a team of people working on this issue will release its final report called, "Addiction treatment and long-term recovery in Arkansas: Just say yes!" A second report called, "Courting Success: Developing a Consistent Drug Model in Arkansas," also will be released. It outlines recommendations on ways Arkansas's drug courts can better align with national standards.

When: Noon, Friday, April 6

Where: The Clinton School of Public Service in Little Rock

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