

Dependency program moving to Ohio

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A Northern Kentucky substance-abuse program is moving to Clermont County, where it plans to expand its services.

In several weeks, Hebron, Ky.-based Kids Helping Kids - the only intensive, long-term treatment program in the tri-state for chemically dependent adolescents - will move into a building in Mt. Repose with almost twice the space, Executive Director Peggy Walker said.

Kids Helping Kids has operated from a rented 12,000-square-foot building in Hebron since 1981. Its lease expired this year.

The non-profit agency will move into the Mt. Repose building in a couple of weeks, Ms. Walker said. It scouted locations throughout Greater Cincinnati before learning of the vacant building at 6074 Branch Hill-Guinea Pike, she said. On July 22, the agency bought the building in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati after submitting a high bid of \$301,000 for the property.

The building formerly housed Straight Inc., a drug rehabilitation center for youths.

Kids Helping Kids is planning to offer short-term assessment and after-school treatment in addition to its intensive, long-term treatment, she said.

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