

## Youths with substance addictions will soon get help

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KEREMEOS - The Okanagan is getting a new facility for treating youths suffering from substance addictions, the provincial government announced Thursday.

A 42-bed facility will be built in Keremeos and will become B.C.'s first long-term residential treatment centre for addicted youth, Premier Gordon Campbell said in a press release.

To be called **The Crossing at Keremeos**, the facility will be located on a 58-acre area parcel of land 10 km outside of Keremeos, and 55 km southwest of Penticton. It will service patients aged 14 to 24. The site was formerly used by Outward Bound.

Construction of the facility is scheduled to begin this summer and be completed by summer 2009. The province is contributing \$2 million to the project, with the rest of the \$6 million being raised through fund-raising efforts of the Vancouver-based Central City Foundation, the release said.