

The ASU Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy at Westward Ho

- The Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy (CABHP) is a research and training unit within the College of Public Service and Community Solutions at Arizona State University
- The Center serves as a resource for government agencies and organizations that seek to improve policies, practices, and implementation of programs that support people affected by behavioral health disorders
- CABHP's mission is to build organizational effectiveness in systems that provide human services, and help find solutions to the challenges brought on by limited access to behavioral healthcare
- The Center will be leasing 15,126 square feet of space on the first floor of Westward Ho
- The initiative is the first of its kind in the county providing residents and clients with health and social services while conducting in-service education and professional development opportunities in the field by bringing the Center for Applied Behavioral Health Policy into the building, the faculty, staff and students in the Center will work with residents to establish a sense of community, provide access to rich opportunities for interaction and build strong relationships among residents and the surrounding community
- Social work, recreational therapy, nursing and nutrition students will learn under the guidance of university faculty while also providing critically needed services and support to the 300 residents that call the Westward Ho home
- The initiative builds on the historical interaction between ASU and Westward Ho residents, where students and faculty have provided blood pressure checks; nutritional, health, and wellness promotions; disease prevention activities; classes and information on health topics
- Additional new services will include counseling and referral services; education and cultural enrichment experiences as well as community assistance of all types