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Family Counseling Agency and OUR TOWN Plan Merger

The boards of directors of Family Counseling Agency and OUR TOWN Family Center are pleased to announce they are involved in final merger negotiations to create a new agency. The date of the merger and the new agency's name have yet to be determined.

"One of the major benefits of merging these two agencies is the impressive capabilities that now come together in a single organization," said Bob Spiewak, Family Counseling Agency Board President. "We see the merger enabling us to offer improved service to our clients by better integrating existing services, offering a more complete continuum of services and leveraging the respective strengths of each organization to enhance our service delivery capabilities."

The two existing agencies, which have served the Tucson community for a combined total of more than 75 years, share common visions and offer complementary services. By joining forces, they believe they will be able to lower administrative costs and gain a greater ability to compete for resources in an increasingly challenging funding environment.

"This merger is a great opportunity for the growth of the agencies and our client base," said OUR TOWN Board President Laila Sarah. "It means we can provide comprehensive services to Pima County residents at every stage of life, from babies to seniors."

Family Counseling Agency, at 209 S. Tucson Blvd., has provided services to children, adults and families in Pima County since 1953. Its programs include Services for Older and Disabled Adults, Teens in Transition, the Divorce Recovery Program, and a variety of family counseling and education services.

OUR TOWN Family Center, at 3830 E. Bellevue St., was incorporated in 1979 to provide prevention and intervention services to youth and families of Pima County. Its programs include the Skrappy's youth-run performing arts center, the neighbor-to-neighbor Community Mediation Program, in-home counseling services, three residential programs, and services for homeless young people.

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