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WILDFIRE VICTIMS TO RECEIVE FREE SUPPORT

Edwin Fair CMHC Provides Mental Health Support to Payne County Families Affected by Wildfire Disasters

STILLWATER, OK (August 7, 2012) – [Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center](#), a community mental health center headquartered in Ponca City with locations in seven counties throughout north central Oklahoma, **offers free crisis and emergency mental health services to families affected by disaster such as the wildfires** in Payne and Pawnee counties and the surrounding area.

Edwin Fair CMHC recognizes the devastation surrounding tragic events such as wildfires, especially when an individual or family suffers loss of their home and personal belongings. They understand these are not the only types of loss that occurs during disaster, individuals also experience mental trauma and Edwin Fair CMHC is available to help.

Mental health services are available for those in crisis on a 24-hour, seven days a week basis. During business hours of 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday, those who have been touched by the wildfires should contact the Stillwater office at **405.372.1250**. Outside office hours, they call the after-hours crisis line at **800.566.1343** or the after-hours TDD crisis line at **800.522.9054**.

Gary Wilburn, Spokesperson and Director of Children’s Services, said “We mourn alongside the people in the community who are suffering and we are here to help them through this extremely difficult time.” Wilburn is available for media interviews.

ABOUT EDWIN FAIR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

Edwin Fair Community Mental Health Center has been providing services to activate mental health recovery in children, adolescents and adults since 1958. Their goal is to provide caring, affordable, and confidential services and their mission is to provide services that foster mental wellness. They offer a comprehensive list of services including individual rehabilitation, case management, outpatient treatment, a crisis hotline and emergency services in seven counties throughout north central Oklahoma. Edwin Fair never denies services due to a person’s inability to pay. Staff members are highly trained in their respective fields and work hard to help individuals achieve mental wellness. For more information, visit their website at www.edwinfair.com.

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