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### **NCCHC Honors the Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex With 2018 Facility of the Year Award**

Las Vegas – The Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex in Florence, AZ, has been honored as the R. Scott Chavez Facility of the Year by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care.

NCCHC's annual Facility of the Year award is presented to one facility selected from among nearly 500 jails, prisons and juvenile facilities accredited by NCCHC. It is named after NCCHC's longtime vice president, R. Scott Chavez, who was a champion of accreditation.

Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex is a large jail that takes a proactive approach to meet the differing requirements of the community as well as its federal clients: Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Marshals Service.

The product of a 2017 merger between two adjacent facilities, the complex now houses some 5,000 individuals in a multilevel-security setting. Provision of quality health care is an important facet of the system, and this is evident in the extensive orientation and training requirements for health services staff. Training includes a 56-hour off-site orientation, 40 hours of on-site education, 40 days with a preceptor and a 90-day orientation follow-up. Nurses also participate in an ongoing online training program.

Receiving screenings are reviewed daily to triage those who need follow-up for medical, dental or mental health care. Upon intake, inmates are given handbooks that explain how to access care, describe the health programs available and present education on common chronic diseases and wellness.

Additionally, the health services department produces a monthly staff newsletter that provides educational material and news about team members. Staff also participate in community enrichment activities, such as fundraising for at-risk women.

"We are delighted to honor the Central Arizona Florence Correctional Complex for its commitment to providing quality health care in a multifaceted correctional setting," said James Pavletich, MHA, CAE, CCHP, NCCHC's chief executive officer.

The award was presented at the National Conference on Correctional Health Care in Las Vegas. Present to accept the award were Kristyn Jaramillo, Complex health service administrator; Kris Kline, Complex warden; Jose Martinez, health service administrator; Tanya Navarro, clinical supervisor; and Patti Sells, regional director of health services.

For more information about NCCHC's 2018 awards, visit <http://www.ncchc.org/award-winners>.

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*Note: Photographs are available on request.*

About the National Commission on Correctional Health Care

NCCHC is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization working to improve the quality of care in our nation's jails, prisons, and juvenile detention and confinement facilities. NCCHC establishes standards for health services in correctional facilities, operates a voluntary accreditation program for institutions that meet these standards, produces and disseminates resource publications, offers a quality review program, conducts educational trainings and conferences, and offers a certification program for correctional health professionals. NCCHC is supported by the major national organizations representing the fields of health, mental health, law and corrections. Each of these organizations has named a liaison to the NCCHC board of directors.

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