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### Ropes Course to be built at Youth Services *Funded through private donor and YES program funds*

On May 23, 28 and 29 from 10 am – 4:30 pm a lower ropes course is being built at the Division of Youth Services.

This new project will be used for recreational and family therapy by group homes and organizations associated with Youth Services.

“This is a great opportunity for large muscle exercise for the youth on the property and we’re very excited about it,” said Division Director Pat Berckman.

Kelly Riding, the recreational therapist for Youth Services said this course will bring up real issues that aren’t addressed or dealt with in traditional therapy.

“It will be a good way to encourage teamwork, trust and communication between the kids and their parents,” said Riding.

CLAS ROPES, a business from Provo which specializes in ropes courses, gave the county a significant discount on all the needed materials for this project. Jean John, president of Shelter Kids, a non-profit organization who assist youth, organized the rest of the purchase through a donation by a family in the area. The YES (Youth Employability Services) program also provided some funds.

The YES Leadership Program, part of Youth Services, will also help build the course for their service project.

Anyone interested in helping build the course is welcome to join. Construction will begin at Youth Services located at 177 w. Price Ave. 3610 s.