



**Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch  
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**YBGR Announces New Medical Team**

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BILLINGS — Five psychiatric providers from Montana Psychiatry are joining the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch's medical team as independent contractors, effective January 6.



**Dr. Erin Amato**

Erin Amato, MD, a child psychiatrist, will serve as the Ranch's medical director. She has double board certification in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology.

Deborah Malters, MD, and Belinda Hartley, MD, will also be practicing at the Ranch. The three psychiatrists are replacing Dr. Stephen Mandler, who left YBGR as the medical director on January 5.

"I'm looking forward to leading such a dynamic psychiatric team at YBGR," said Amato, a Billings native. "Early diagnosis and treatment of psychiatric disorders is essential in promoting healthy development. That's what we'll strive to do for the youth of YBGR."

The Ranch is also welcoming Kelli Begley, a family psychiatric nurse practitioner, as well as Pat Francisco, a psychiatric physician's assistant. Both Begley and Francisco are members of the Montana Psychiatry group.

"We are excited to bring on board such highly qualified, caring medical staff," said Kevin Miller, the interim CEO of YBGR. "Families send their children to YBGR from all across the United States. We will continue to provide nothing but the best psychiatric treatment for them."

About 70 children between the ages of 10 and 18 currently live on the 410-acre working ranch west of Billings. The youth live on campus year-round to receive mental health treatment.

Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, a nonprofit organization, is trusted locally and nationally as a leader in the field of mental health care for children and their families. YBGR has impacted more than 10,000 youth and their families since 1957 through Residential Services in Billings, Community Based Services throughout Montana, and the Yellowstone Academy in Billings. Learn more at [www.ybgr.org](http://www.ybgr.org).

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