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## **ATC begins year-long program at White Horse Academy**

GREENVILLE, SC --The Applied Theatre Center (ATC) is pleased to announce the start of a year-long program of theatre at The White Horse Academy, a 16-bed residential treatment program for adolescent males ages 13-17 who are struggling with problems related to substance abuse.

Led by Executive Director Dr. Dale Savidge, the ATC, will send two theatre artists to the Academy each week to lead two hours of interactive, non-scripted theatre with the residents. During the course of the program the participants will gain experience in group dynamics and working together effectively; exploring issues that they share in common; learning to hear at an emotional level; concentration and relaxation; role playing past, present and future experiences; controlling the emotions and the body; telling true stories and honoring the stories of others.

Each of the four ATC programs is 12 weeks long, designed to coincide with the treatment program at the Academy.

The goals of this theatre program mirror those of the Academy which is to engage these young men in their own recovery and bringing about positive changes in their lives.

The White Horse Academy is an arm of the Phoenix Center, the legislated authority on substance abuse for the Greenville, SC area. It is Greenville County's largest provider of addiction treatment, rehabilitation and prevention services.

The Applied Theatre Center, based in Greenville, SC, is a bridge between organizations offering programs which meet the needs of individuals and communities and theatre artists trained in a variety of applied theatre techniques. Applied theatre uses theatrical methodology and employs it to help individuals understand and rehearse solutions to their problems.

For more information about the Applied Theatre Center (ATC) visit:  
[www.appliedtheatrecenter.org](http://www.appliedtheatrecenter.org)

For more information about the White Horse Academy visit:  
[www.phoenixcenter.org/adolescent-residential.php](http://www.phoenixcenter.org/adolescent-residential.php)

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