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## **GEO Care Announces The Joint Commission Re- Accreditation of South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center**

**Boca Raton, FL – April 24, 2009 -- GEO Care, Inc.** The South Florida Evaluation and Treatment Center in partnership with the Florida Department of Children and Families is proud to announce a three-year Accreditation by The Joint Commission. The Center is a 238 bed maximum security mental health treatment facility which strikes a balance between clinical, security, and direct care staff to create a therapeutic milieu which will support competency restoration and psychiatric stabilization.

The mission of the facility is to provide quality and timely risk assessment and treatment focused on issues pertinent to patients' criminal status. The new facility is designed to fully integrate treatment and security in an environment that assures the safety of residents, staff and the general public. The facility offers comprehensive assessment and treatment with the goal of identifying and reducing potential risk upon release to the community and thereby reducing lengths of stay.

GEO Care provides an array of services at the facility, which are guided by the empirically based principles of the recovery model. This model offers choice and offers a broad program, which is tailored to meet the individual needs of the respective residents based on assessments conducted by multi-disciplinary treatment teams. Support of family, friends, or other individuals selected by the resident, are encouraged.

GEO Care's goal at the SFETC is to provide professional mental health care to prepare residents who are found incompetent to proceed for trial and in addition, to treat those individuals declared not guilty by reason of insanity, in a manner where the outcome reduces symptoms while diminishing their risk to society through aggressive mental health treatment.

The Joint Commission is a not for profit and independent organization that certifies more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. Joint Commission accreditation and certification is recognized nationwide as a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to meeting certain performance standards. The mission of The Joint Commission is to continuously improve the safety and quality of care provided to the public through the provision of health care accreditation and related services that support performance improvement in health care organizations to be one story

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