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Seasons Center Receives Funding to Provide Mobile Crisis Services

Spencer, IA – Seasons Center received funding from Northwest Iowa Care Connections to provide mobile crisis services in six counties in northwest Iowa beginning January 1, 2018. The mobile crisis services will cover Clay, Dickinson, O'Brien, Osceola, Lyon and Palo Alto counties.

Mobile crisis services involve a crisis response staff who provide on-site, in-person intervention for individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance abuse crisis, provided in the individual's home or at locations in the community. Mobile crisis is delivered by trained professionals and sometimes in conjunction with law enforcement.

"The purpose of the proposed project is to provide a call center, on-site screening, consultation, treatment engagement, brief treatment, and referral for residents of Northwest Iowa Care Connections who are in need of crisis services regardless of funding," said Christina Eggink-Postma, Vice President of Program Coordination and Compliance at Seasons. "Funding from NWIACC will provide us with the opportunity to deliver mobile crisis in several counties we provide services."

The mobile crisis response team will be responsible for fielding calls twenty-four hours a day, year round, delivering mobile crisis services to the individual's location, and coordinating follow-up care. Seasons will begin recruiting and training staff and providing education on the mobile crisis prior to implementing services beginning January 1.

“We are excited and grateful to be chosen as a recipient of these grant funds,” says Kim Scorza, President/CEO, for Seasons. “This funding will allow us to better meet the needs of our clients and patients in a community based setting. We greatly appreciate Kim Wilson, Chief Executive Officer at Northwest Iowa Care Connections, for her leadership and the board for making the money available to those in crisis.”

For more information on services provided by Seasons, Autumn's Center, and Camp Autumn, please visit our website at: www.seasonscenter.org or call 1.800.242.5101.

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Founded in 1959, Seasons Center for Behavioral Health continues to be a leading, comprehensive behavioral health center in the northwest region of Iowa. Offering a broad range of behavioral health Services, Seasons recognizes that investing in behavioral health is investing in a community's economic, education, health and human services systems. Seasons strives to empower individuals so they might become active, contributing members of their communities. For more information on Seasons' services, please visit www.seasonscenter.org or call 1-800-242-5101.

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