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Seasons Center Receives \$100,000 Grant to Expand Prevention and Early Intervention Services

Spencer, IA – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health has been awarded a \$100,000 nine-month grant from the Iowa Department of Human Services. The purpose of the grant is to bring community agencies together to build and improve the effectiveness of prevention and early intervention programs and services to improve child and family well-being. Seasons was one of three agencies awarded this funding. The agency will work closely with partners: Avera, Boys Town, Clay County Public Health, Juvenile Court, Prairie Lake AEA, Siouxland Human Investment Partnership, and Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. in providing a collaborative voice on how prevention and early intervention services can be enhanced and expanded for children and their families.

“We are extremely excited about the opportunity to bring together our partner agencies and numerous other entities to explore ways to build and strengthen prevention and early intervention programs and services in our area,” said Kim Scorza, President/CEO of Seasons Center.

In 2016, Seasons Center was called to care for 2,258 children. Seasons is committed to providing high quality behavioral health services for children in northwest and western Iowa. On October 31, 2016, Seasons opened Autumn's Center, the first of its kind regional children's center, and on June 5, 2017, the agency opened Camp Autumn, a therapeutic camp for children.

“This project will build upon the work accomplished as a result of a children's mental health crisis planning grant implemented this past year,” adds Scorza. “We look forward to working with the Department and a wide spectrum of individuals including school officials, healthcare personnel, law enforcement, and countless others over the next several months on this project.”

The service area includes the following counties: Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, and Woodbury.

Seasons Center would like to thank our partners for agreeing to collaborate on this grant project and initiative for children and their families.

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Autumn's Center, the first of its kind regional children's center, houses rooms and offices designated to care for children's behavioral health, including areas for psychiatric services, outpatient therapy, psychological testing, behavioral health intervention services, substance abuse counseling, parent education, and care coordination services. The center offers a child friendly and healing environment throughout the building.

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.

Avera is a regional partnership of health professionals who share support services to provide excellent care at 300 locations in 100 communities in eastern South Dakota and surrounding states. Our ministry, our people and our superior values distinguish Avera. We carry on the health care legacy of the Benedictine and Presentation Sisters, delivering care in an environment guided by our values of compassion hospitality and stewardship. Avera employs more than 13,500. Inpatient, outpatient and clinic visits totaled nearly 2.5 million in the last year, a number equal to more than twice the population of the Avera service area. For more information please visit www.avera.org.