



NEWS RELEASE

For more information, contact Kim Scorza
CEO/President, Seasons
Phone: 1-800-242-5101 | E-mail: kscorza@seasonscenter.org

16 October 2017

For Immediate Release

Seasons Center Awarded a Regional Partnership Grant from the Children's Bureau, ACF

Spencer, IA – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health has been notified they are the recipient of a Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) from the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Children's Bureau (CB). With this grant award, Seasons will receive \$600,000 per year for five years, beginning September 30, 2017. Seasons was one of fifteen agencies awarded funding for the Regional Partnership Grants to Increase the Well-Being of and to Improve the Permanency Outcomes for Children Affected by Substance Abuse (HHS-2017-ACF-ACYF-CU-1229).

"We are excited and grateful to be chosen as a recipient of these grant funds," says Kim Scorza, President/CEO for Seasons Center. "The purpose of this funding is to provide trauma-informed and evidence-based services to children and their families who are at risk or involved in the child welfare system."

Seasons was a previous recipient of a Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) in 2012. With that funding, Seasons was able to begin providing psychological testing services and expand the use of evidence-based and trauma-informed services to improve child well-being, permanency, and safety outcomes for children who have experienced child abuse and neglect as a result of parent/caretaker substance use. This grant ended on September 29, 2017.

"This new funding will provide us with the opportunity to build upon and expand the work accomplished in the original RPG project," says Dr. Natalie Sandbulte, Vice-President of Clinical Services at Seasons. "Grant programs and services will enhance and support the trauma therapy services that Seasons is currently providing in these new counties."

The new counties to be served with this grant are Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Crawford, Ida, Monona, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac and Woodbury. This grant will also serve counties covered in the previous RPG funding, including: Clay, Buena Vista, O'Brien, Osceola, Lyon, Dickinson, Emmet, Palo Alto, and Sioux. Seasons will be working in partnership with the Iowa Department of Human Services-Western Service Area and Juvenile Court Services-Third Judicial District on this project.

Additional information about this grant and other services provided by Seasons can be found on the agencies website (www.seasonscenter.org) and Facebook page.

- 30 -

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.aver.org.