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## **Seasons Receives Child Well-Being Collaborative Grant**

**Spencer, Iowa** – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health has received a \$100,000 grant from the Iowa Department of Human Services focused on prevention and early intervention. This 9-month grant will benefit a 19 county area in northwest Iowa.

“We are grateful for the ongoing support from DHS in this important work in identifying the resources, supports, and services needed by families, as well as the opportunity to provide training, establish new partnerships, and grow existing relationships in our communities,” said Christina Eggink-Postma, Vice President of Program Coordination and Compliance.

The purpose of this grant is to continue to enhance and expand the coordination and collaboration of prevention and early intervention services among child and family services. This project will work to ensure services are evidence-based, trauma-informed, and culturally competent, to improve child and family well-being outcomes.

“We have been working hard to partner with schools and families in an effort to identify at-risk children early on, and this grant will allow us to continue those efforts, specifically implementing screening tools, specialty clinics, and evidence-based therapy treatments,” said Dr. Natalie Sandbulte, Vice President of Clinical Services.

Seasons will be conducting a comprehensive community needs assessment, providing additional regional training summits, listen and learn sessions, respite care, and implementing a uniform family assessment. In addition, Seasons will utilize the WISE UP Adoption Support program to provide tools and resources to adoptive families.

“We are very pleased to have been selected for this grant,” said Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons Center. “We will be able to continue the work we have been

doing over the last few years and build upon this so that specialty programming can be developed to meet the needs of our community and region."

This grant includes collaborative partners from our community. Our partners include: Boys Town, Clay County Public Health, Cherokee School District, Juvenile Court Services-Third Judicial District, Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Siouxland Human Investment Partnership, and Plains Area Mental Health Center.

For more information on this project and Seasons' services, please visit our website at: [www.seasonscenter.org](http://www.seasonscenter.org) and Facebook page [www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioralHealth](https://www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioralHealth)

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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](http://www.seasonscenter.org) or call 1-800-242-5101.

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