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Seasons Receives Three-Year Regional Partnership Grant

Spencer, Iowa – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health has received a Regional Partnership Grant (RPG) focused on supporting families who are suffering from the impact of abuse, trauma, and substance use. This three-year grant will provide \$600,000 per year in federal funding to benefit an 11-county area.

“We are so excited for this opportunity to work with our partners to expand and enhance services for communities here in Northwest Iowa,” said Christina Eggink-Postma, VP of Program Growth & Development. “This RPG will assist us in providing evidence-based and innovative services to the children and families that need it most. We are grateful to the Children’s Bureau for again entrusting us with this funding!”

The purpose of this grant is to create a family-focused model of care to meet the complex needs of families who are suffering from a number of challenges, including abuse, trauma, and substance use. The focus is to bring healing and permanency by providing families and caregivers with skill-building, family therapy, intensive family case management, and other support services to prevent out-of-home placements, as well as improve the well-being of children who are currently in foster care or have been adopted.

“We are so very pleased to be the recipients of this funding,” said Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons. “One area where we are seeing a growing number of families struggling is with children who are in foster care or who have been adopted. These children are being placed in adoptive homes both through our public Department of Human Services system, as well as, privately through domestic and international placements. This grant will enable us to develop a comprehensive model

of care for those in the adoption triad (adoptees, adoptive families and birth families) that need intensive therapeutic services. We are excited to begin this work in earnest."

The RPG grant runs from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2021 and will provide services in the following eleven counties: Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Sioux, and Woodbury.

"This new funding will provide us with the opportunity to build upon and expand the services we are providing to children and their families at Autumn's Center and Camp Autumn," said Dr. Natalie Sandbulte, Senior Vice President of Clinical Services at Seasons. "Grant programs and services will enhance and support the trauma therapy services that Seasons is currently providing and add intensive case management services.

For more information on this project and Seasons' services, please visit our website at: www.seasonscenter.org and Facebook page www.facebook.com/SeasonsCenterForBehavioral.Health

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