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## **Seasons Center Receives Accreditation through American Association of Suicidology**

**Spencer, IA** – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health has been approved by the American Association of Suicidology (AAS) as an approved Crisis Intervention Program. After a site visit and extensive review, it has been determined that Seasons meets all criteria set by AAS.

“Accreditation through the American Association of Suicidology is evidence of Seasons’ ongoing commitment to providing services that meet nationally recognized standards,” said Christina Eggink-Postma, VP of Program Coordination and Compliance. “We are thankful for the opportunity to work with AAS to further improve our lifesaving crisis services for our communities, including our 24 hour crisis line, crisis evaluations, and mobile crisis services.”

Seasons was surveyed in the areas of Administration & Organization Structure, Cultural Competence, Technology, Training Crisis Workers, Service Delivery, Ethical Standards, and Community Integration.

“We are pleased to have received this distinct certification,” said Kim Scorza, President/CEO of Seasons Center. “This means we have met or exceeded how we care for adults, children, and families when they are in mental health or substance abuse crisis. It was a lengthy and challenging process, but we couldn’t be happier with the development of these critical services to people in need in northwest Iowa.”

For more information on this event or services provided by Seasons Center, please visit our website at: [www.seasonscenter.org](http://www.seasonscenter.org) or call 1.800.242.5101.

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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