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Seasons Center Awarded Funding to Recruit Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist

Seasons Center for Behavioral Health has received a grant in the amount of \$35,149 from the Iowa Department of Public Health to recruit and retain a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist. Similar to other behavioral health agencies in Iowa, Seasons Center is located in a mental health provider shortage area (HPSA) and is faced with challenges in recruiting, hiring, and retaining mental health care providers.

“Seasons is thrilled to receive the funding from Iowa Department of Public Health and is anxious to move forward with bringing a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist to our area,” says Kim Scorza, Executive Director. “The renovation for Autumn’s Center will be underway within a few weeks and the funding comes at a critical time as we prepare to recruit and hire additional providers to work with children and their families.”

“Our agency is grateful to receive this grant money to support in the recruitment of such a critical role in our comprehensive care for children,” said Natalie Sandbulte, Director of Clinical Services.

Seasons is a non-profit organization and has been providing a broad range of psychiatric and behavioral health services to people and communities in Northwest Iowa since 1959. Seasons strives to provide exceptional care to children, families, and adults through skilled, dedicated, and passionate employees who use evidence-based treatment practices and innovative treatment techniques.

Autumn’s Center, the first of its kind regional children’s center, will house 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 will offer a child friendly and healing environment throughout the building.

For more information on Seasons' services, please visit our website at: www.seasonscenter.org and Facebook page 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 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.