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A Message from Directors Kirby and Albert

We are proud to announce the Illinois Department of Human Services' Division of Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) and the Division of Mental Health (DMH) have been awarded a \$2 million emergency COVID-19 grant from the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Beginning in early July, this grant will be used to support the needs of Illinois residents across our state who are working to manage serious mental illness and substance use disorders during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically, the SAMHSA Emergency COVID-19 funds will be used to support:

- Two IDHS/DMH community mental health centers (CMHCs) to expand mental health assessment and treatment services for children, adolescents, and their families in rural communities.
 - Grantees:
 - Centerstone (Franklin, Jackson, Madison, Perry, and Williamson Counties)
 - Lifelinks (Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie and Shelby Counties)
- Three IDHS/SUPR-licensed organizations to provide screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment (SBIRT) services for patients with alcohol use disorders (AUD) at multiple hospitals across Illinois.
 - Grantees:
 - Family Guidance Centers (Chicago: St. Bernard, Methodist, and Thorek Hospitals)
 - Gateway Foundation (North & Northwest Suburbs: Condell and Good Shepherd Hospitals; Waukegan: Vista East Hospital)
 - McDermott Center (Chicago: Presence St. Mary & Elizabeth and Stroger Hospitals; Elmhurst: Edward and Elmhurst Hospitals)
- Advocates for Human Potential will facilitate telehealth sessions through which mental health (MH) and substance use disorder (SUD) workers can receive support from their colleagues during the pandemic. These sessions will begin in July, but if practitioners need support now, they can text TALK to 55-2020 and receive support from the Call4Calm text line. This service is free and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



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- Chestnut Health Systems, Lighthouse Institute will also receive grant funding to support data collection and performance assessment.

This emergency COVID-19 grant plays an important role as we work to secure as much federal relief as possible to help reduce financial pressure on the state. All of our providers will continue to receive funding through IDHS. Your customers are our customers and together we must continue to support them and keep them safe.

We want to thank all of our providers who are on the frontlines of the battle against COVID-19. Your work every day inspires us, and we are grateful for everything you do to continue to support Illinois' communities. We are all in this fight together.

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