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Indiana Council News – Indiana Celebrates Becoming a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Demonstration State

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Indianapolis, IN — June 4, 2024 — The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers (ICCMHC) is thrilled to announce that Indiana has been selected as a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) demonstration state. This designation marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to enhance mental health and substance use disorder services across the state. The CCBHC Medicaid Demonstration Program provides states with sustainable funding that will help expand access to mental health and substance use services, supporting President Biden's Unity Agenda and the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to tackle the country's mental health and addiction crises. The expansion of the program directly supports the President's national strategy to transform our behavioral health system and builds on the Administration's previous work to build a better crisis continuum of care, including through the transition to the [988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline](#), add a new mobile crisis benefit to Medicaid and new crisis codes to the Medicare program.

It's with great thanks to the Indiana Community Mental Health System, National Council of Mental Well-Being, Indiana's Division of Mental Health and Addictions, our local and federal legislators for your help with accomplishing demonstration in Indiana. It could have not been done without a collaborative effort.

The CCBHC model, established under the federal Excellence in Mental Health Act, aims to provide comprehensive, integrated, and evidence-based care to individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. As a demonstration state, Indiana will receive increased federal funding to support the expansion and improvement of mental health services, ensuring that all residents have access to high-quality care.

“We are incredibly proud to be part of the CCBHC demonstration,” said Zoe Frantz, CEO of the Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers. “This designation will allow us to provide a broader range of services, from crisis intervention to outpatient mental health and substance use treatment, and ensure that our community members receive the support they need when they need it.”

The selection of Indiana as a demonstration state is the result of a rigorous application process, showcasing the state’s commitment to enhancing its behavioral health system. This achievement is expected to profoundly impact the delivery of mental health services, particularly in underserved and rural areas, by addressing key barriers such as accessibility, affordability, and comprehensive care coordination.

The implementation of the CCBHC model will involve a collaborative effort among state agencies, community mental health centers, and various stakeholders. Key components of the model include:

- **24/7 Access to Crisis Services:** Ensuring that individuals in crisis have immediate access to care.
- **Comprehensive Outpatient Mental Health and Substance Use Services:** Providing a full continuum of services to meet the diverse needs of the community.
- **Care Coordination:** Integrating primary care and behavioral health services to offer holistic, patient-centered care.
- **Quality and Accountability:** Adopting evidence-based practices and continuously monitoring outcomes to ensure the highest standards of care.

As a CCBHC demonstration state, Indiana will also focus on expanding the workforce of mental health professionals, implementing innovative treatment approaches, and leveraging technology to improve service delivery.

The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers and the State of Indiana are committed to making mental health and substance use treatment more accessible and effective. This designation as a CCBHC demonstration state is a testament to Indiana’s dedication to improving the lives of its residents through enhanced behavioral health services.

About Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers (ICCMHC)

The Indiana Council of Community Mental Health Centers (ICCMHC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting mental health and substance use treatment services across Indiana. Through advocacy, education, and support, the ICCMHC works to ensure that all Hoosiers have access to comprehensive, high-quality behavioral health care.

About the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) Program

The Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) program, established under the federal Excellence in Mental Health Act, aims to transform behavioral health care by providing comprehensive, coordinated, and evidence-based services. CCBHCs are designed to improve access to care, enhance quality, and foster better health outcomes for individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.