

Through a collaborative effort, the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) were recently awarded the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Emergency Grant to Address Mental and Substance Use Disorders during COVID-19 (*COVID-19 Emergency Grant*). The COVID-19 Emergency Grant awards \$2,000,000 to provide behavioral health services for individuals impacted by COVID-19 over the course of sixteen months.

The purpose of this grant is to provide crisis intervention services, mental health and substance use disorder treatment, and other related recovery supports for adults impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Utilizing an established telehealth or telecommunications delivery system, services will be provided for the following recipients:

- Individuals with serious mental illness
- Individuals with substance use disorders
- Individuals with co-occurring serious mental illness and substance use disorders
- Individuals with mental disorders that are less severe than serious mental illness (emphasis on healthcare professionals)

In Iowa, this program will consist of emergency crisis management screening services (contracted to Foundation 2), a 24-hour “Warm Line” which offers Peer Support and Recovery Coaching (contracted to the Abbe Center), and substance use and mental health disorder treatment and recovery support services (delivered via telehealth) across the state of Iowa through the following contractors:

- Area Substance Abuse Council
- Center for Alcohol and Drug Services
- Community and Family Resources
- Crossroads Behavioral Health Services
- Infinity Health
- Jackson Recovery Centers, Inc.
- Myrtue Medical Center
- Pathways Behavioral Services, Inc.
- Prelude Behavioral Health Services
- Season’s Center
- Siouxland Mental Health Center
- Southern Iowa Economic Development Association
- Southern Iowa Mental Health Center
- UCS Healthcare
- Vera French Community Mental Health Center
- Youth and Shelter Services
- Zion Integrated Behavioral Health Services

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