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[State] Receives Grants to Support Expanded Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Services

Federal grant money awarded to two more clinics in Maryland, enabling them to adopt the innovative Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model

[Baltimore, MD (July 8, 2021)] – The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) awarded grants to two additional mental health and substance use treatment clinics in Maryland this week, allowing them to implement the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model for care delivery.

With this new funding, the awarded clinics now can serve as a "one-stop shop" for mental health, substance use treatment and other health care services in their communities. The CCBHC model ensures access to 24/7/365 crisis care, care coordination with hospitals, law enforcement and schools and access to high-quality services, including medication-assisted treatment (MAT) to help stop the overdose crisis, among other capabilities.

"The awards today bring CCBHCs to the five largest counties in Maryland," said Shannon Hall, Executive Director of the Community Behavioral Health Association of Maryland, which represents mental health and addiction treatment providers. "This opportunity couldn't come at a better time. Coming out of the pandemic, Maryland residents need access to the crisis care and array of services that the CCBHC clinics can offer."

List of Maryland clinics receiving new CCBHC grants:

- Arundel Lodge, Anne Arundel County (new)
- Montgomery County Government, Montgomery County (new)
- Cornerstone Montgomery, Montgomery County
- Sheppard Pratt, Baltimore County and Baltimore City
- Volunteers of America, Prince George's County

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To learn more about how the innovative CCBHC model increases access to mental health and substance use treatment, and how the National Council for Mental Wellbeing is leading the charge to ensure sustained funding for CCBHCs, visit the National Council's <u>CCBHC Success Center</u>.