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Horizon Behavioral Health Receives 2.2 Million Dollar Grant to Serve Homeless Youth and Young Adults

Lynchburg, VA - Horizon Behavioral Health has received a three-year \$2.2 million grant from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to combat a growing problem facing people between the ages of 18 and 24 years old - homelessness and lack of consistent mental healthcare. These young adults present a series of unique challenges because they are too old for child services but often not ready or eligible for adult services. "This is tremendous news for Central Virginia, Horizon looks forward to working with community partners to achieve our goals. This grant will also make a meaningful difference in the lives of our transition aged youth and young adults," says Damien Cabezas, CEO of Horizon Behavioral Health.

The grant, called the Coordinated Approaches to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI), will allow Horizon to provide outreach, assessment, and treatment to these young adults. CABHI is designed to reduce homelessness, incarceration, emergency department visits, and re-arrest, while increasing positive social and behavioral outcomes, including employment and stable housing.

For more information on the CABHI Grant please contact Jennifer Smith Ramey at Jennifer.Smith.Ramey@horizonbh.org or visit: <https://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/cabhi-program>

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Horizon Behavioral Health has been the primary public behavioral healthcare provider in the Region 2000 area for more than 48 years. In the last year, Horizon provided services to approximately 16,000 adults and children, addressing problems with mental health, substance use and intellectual disabilities. Horizon is accredited by CARF International. This represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to a behavioral health organization.