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Sojourner Recovery Services receives Lifeline accreditation

HAMILTON, OH, March 9, 2020 – Sojourner Recovery Services is pleased to announce it has received Lifeline accreditation through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The accreditation means local residents who contact the national Suicide Prevention Hotline will be better connected to local professionals who can help connect them to local services more quickly.

"This is really exciting," said Colleen Chamberlain, executive director of the Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties, which funds the hotline service provided by Sojourner. "More of our community who use the national suicide hotline will learn much faster what's available to them locally. That can mean fewer lost lives and faster treatment."

Jillane Holland of Sojourner Recovery Services says the accreditation means calls will start immediately.

"When a person calls the national lifeline number, 800-273-8255, their call is routed to the nearest Lifeline network crisis center. They can then talk with a skilled and trained worker who will listen and provide support, then link the caller to local help."

Sojourner's Crisis Hotline is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and handles nearly 300 crisis calls each month.

About Sojourner Recovery Services

Sojourner Recovery Services is a comprehensive alcohol and drug addiction treatment and mental health service provider. Founded in 1984, Sojourner's team of licensed professional work each day to

improve the lives of the people they serve to save lives, foster hope and strengthen families. Sojourner is funded in part by the Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties.

About MHRBWCC

Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties (MHRBWCC) is the local board of mental health and addiction services for residents of Warren and Clinton Counties. MHRBWCC plans, funds, monitors, and evaluates services and programs provided by various agencies that care for residents living with mental health and addiction issues. For more information, visit <u>mhrbwcc.org</u>.

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