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Findings from the 2009 Community Mental Health and Addiction Needs Assessment To Be Announced

(Evansville, IN - September 21, 2009) On Wednesday, September 23, 2009 the media is invited to a breakfast to hear the findings from the 2009 Mental Health and Addiction Needs Assessment that was completed in August 2009. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the presentation beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. The event will be held in the Welborn Room on Southwestern Healthcare's downtown campus at 410 Mulberry Street.

Through a grant awarded from the Welborn Foundation, Southwestern Healthcare, Inc. contracted with Diehl Evaluation and Consulting Services, Inc. (Diehl Consulting) to conduct an independent Community Mental Health and Addiction Needs Assessment. Diehl Consulting recently conducted the 2008 United Way Comprehensive Community Assessment and has extensive experience in conducting large-scale research projects.

The purpose of the study was to assess overall needs and strengths associated with mental health and addiction services in Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh, and Warrick Counties. The needs assessment has determined the degree to which priority needs are being met by organizations in the region, as indicated by existing gaps in services provided. As an important distinction, the study is not evaluating the efficiency of individual service providers.

To ensure that the needs assessment was representative of Southwestern Indiana, organizations throughout the four-county area were asked to participate. The goal was to develop a needs assessment report that comprehensively describes the prevalence of mental health issues, provides an inventory and capacity of service providers, and assesses the mental health needs of individuals in the community.

Please join us as we reveal these findings to the media and community members who have an impact on mental health and addiction services in our communities.

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About Southwestern Healthcare, Inc.

Southwestern Healthcare, Inc. provides support for its affiliated organizations: Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., Hillcrest Washington Youth Home, Inc., Mulberry Center, Inc. and Southwestern Foundation, Inc. John K. Browning serves as President/CEO of Southwestern Healthcare, Inc.