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Children's Mental Health Initiative to Rollout in Our Local Community

(Evansville, IN – October 28, 2013) A new program called the Children's Mental Health Initiative will be implemented to help youth and their families with intensive mental health challenges in ways that were never available before.

Some families have had difficulty accessing these services due to insurance restrictions or an inability to pay. With the Children's Mental Health Initiative, children will be able to receive intensive community-based services. This program is designed to combine formal supports as well as natural supports they have in the community to address mental health issues and prevent out of home placement.

The family and its team will discover ways to use the child's strengths and skills to be successful as well as to plan for potential emergencies in the future. This unique partnership between the Department of Child Services, the Division of Mental Health and Addiction, Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., and our local System of Care - FACES strives to touch the lives of children and families in Gibson, Posey, Vanderburgh or Warrick Counties who need help the most.

Those eligible for the program must be between six and eighteen years old with a significant emotional and/or functional impairment that impacts his/her ability to safely function at home or in the community. The child cannot be eligible for Medicaid, have an open DCS case, or have an open probation case or eligible for services through the Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services. There are separate programs and funding streams in place to address the needs of these families.

To learn more about the Children's Mental Health Initiative, including how to make referrals to the Access Site, please join us at our Community Forum on Wednesday, October 30th, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Welborn Conference Center located at 412 Mulberry Street in downtown Evansville.

The success of this program and the future of our children is contingent upon the support of the community.

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