



## News Release

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### **David Lawrence Center Awarded League Club Grant for Single Mothers in Need**

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$10,000 grant from the Community Trust Fund of The League Club, Inc. for the Motivational Support Specialists (MSS) program.

The David Lawrence Center’s MSS program coordinates with the child welfare system to engage and support substance involved child welfare families in appropriate treatment and recovery. The overall goal is to improve both substance abuse treatment and child welfare outcomes. More specifically, the goals are to protect and ensure the safety of the involved children; remediate the consequences of substance abuse on families involved in or at risk of being involved in protective supervision; and create a plan for family reunification and recovery support.

The women served by the MSS program are typically single mothers who, often due to circumstances beyond their control, find themselves becoming psychologically/legally unfit to care for their children. Worn down by the lack of finances, social support systems, and coping skills, the psychological strains begin to unravel their ability to care for themselves and consequently effectively parent. To cope, they begin to self-medicate leading to substance abuse and/or other destructive behavior. The need for immediate, intervening psychological services upon the first detection of possible unfitness is paramount.

The grant will serve as treatment scholarships for 20 single mothers in need of immediate remedial psychological services. These treatment scholarships will effectively protect and ensure the safety of their children; present and remediate the consequences of substance abuse on their families, reduce the risk of being involved in protective supervision; and plan for permanency of intact families by placing them solidly on a path of recovery.

Scott Burgess, David Lawrence Center CEO, states, “We are very grateful for The League Club’s continued, unwavering support of our mission and for their dedication to ensuring family wellness. These programs are of great benefit to children and families in real-time and serve to break the cycle of these challenges for future generations as well.”

***About The League Club***

The League Club, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization of women in Southwest Florida strengthening communities through fellowship, education, volunteerism and philanthropy.

***About David Lawrence Center***

David Lawrence Center is the Southwest Florida-based, not-for-profit leading provider of behavioral health solutions dedicated to inspiring and creating life-changing wellness for every individual. The Center provides innovative, comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, residential and community based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 40,000 people each year. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org).

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