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David Lawrence Center Named Family Friendly Business for the Fourteenth Consecutive Year

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 that the Center has once again earned the Family Friendly Workplace certification from the Naples Alliance for Children (NAFC). David Lawrence Center has received this honor for the last 14 years.

The NAFC Family Friendly Business Initiative recognizes local employers according to established criteria, including workplace policies and programs that assist employees in raising their children. These policies and benefits in the workplace help employees balance their work and family lives so they can do their best in both areas. At the same, they help employers compete for high quality employees in a highly competitive job market.

NAFC Board President Myra Shapiro said, “David Lawrence Center earned the designation because their policies and benefits have consistently over the last 14 years helped their employees balance the needs of their families with the demands of their jobs.”

Bonnie Fredeen, David Lawrence Center Chief Operating Officer, states, “We are honored to once again be named a Family Friendly Workplace. With nearly 300 employees, we understand the impact having a Family Friendly Workplace can have on attracting and retaining the best employees, increasing productivity and morale as well as reducing turnover, absenteeism, tardiness and stress-related health costs. Our family policies and benefits are designed to create a work environment that meets the expanding and challenging role of the working parent.”

This year, 29 Collier County businesses, including David Lawrence Center, were also honored at the 18th-annual NAFC Celebration dinner held on Monday, April 20 at the Artis-Naples Daniels Pavilion.

About Naples Alliance for Children

Naples Alliance for Children is a private, nonprofit 501(C)3 volunteer organization that advocates for the rights, needs, care, safety and education of infants, children, youth, and families. The NAFC mission is to take a leadership role in advocating for the improvement of the quality of life for Collier County, Florida's children, youth and their families.

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 seven locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 50,000 people each year. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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