



## News Release

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### **David Lawrence Center Earns National Recognition for Excellence in Risk Management Practices; Receives 2014 Negley Award**

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 was honored by Negley Associates, Inc. with the Chairman’s Award (2nd Place nationwide). The purpose of the annual Negley Awards is to facilitate sharing and recognition of creative, high quality behavioral health care practices. The 2014 Annual Negley Awards theme was “Management of Cyber Risk.” The national awards program provided the Center a \$5,000 cash grant for its outstanding achievements in cyber risk management strategies.

The three finalists presented their submissions at the Mental Health Corporations of America’s Annual Conference in Clearwater where the winners were later announced. The Center’s submission was presented by Faron Richards, Information Technology Director, and Sharie Boscaglia, Quality Improvement Director. Their presentation focused on the development of a risk analysis process that was implemented to assess and identify cyber risk and security of electronically transmitted, protected health information on a daily, monthly and yearly basis. Through this process, staff consistently and comprehensively review, identify, grade and determine action plans associated with every facet of the business. This includes internal and external networks, Intranet and Internet, WIFI, mobile hardware, email, policies and procedures, training, social media, software, employee and vendor access, and business impact.

Scott Burgess David Lawrence Center CEO, said, “We thank Negley Associates, Inc. for honoring us with this prestigious award. This national recognition underscores our dedication to data and healthcare information protection. This award would not be possible without the daily vigilance and commitment to excellence of our highly skilled staff.”

This is the fourth time the Center has been chosen as a Negley Award recipient since the program's inception. In 2010, the David Lawrence Center won the Chairman's Award for their theme of "Minimizing Medication Errors" and again in 2012 for "Keeping People Safe." In 1991, the Center was the sole award winner of the first ever Negley Award for Risk Management.

***About the Negley Awards***

The Negley Awards were established in 1990 by Negley Associates, Inc., underwriting managers for the Mental Health Risk Retention Group, to further best practices and the overall risk management efforts in the behavioral healthcare field. The Negley Awards are a series of cash grants presented annually and recognize outstanding achievements in risk management by provider organizations. The awards also offer the opportunity for the winners to share their risk management strategies with the whole of the mental health community. Since the awards program's inception, more than one-quarter of a million dollars have been awarded to outstanding behavioral healthcare organizations that reduce risk to clients, staff and community.

***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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