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Gaudenzia Named New County Care Coordination Vendor in Anne Arundel County
Largest nonprofit substance use treatment provider helping county residents coordinate social service needs

Glen Burnie, MD (July 5, 2023) – Gaudenzia, Inc., the largest nonprofit provider of treatment for people with substance use disorders in Maryland is now working with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health (AACDOH) to help residents access resources within the community to meet their needs throughout their recovery journey. It has been announced that Gaudenzia was selected by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health (AACDOH) as its vendor for State Care Coordination (SCC) and Maryland RecoveryNet (MDRN) services.

Under this program, a Gaudenzia team will visit various locations across the county to meet with individuals receiving SUD treatment to assist with needed resources. This could include connecting them with food banks, providing clothes for work, transportation assistance and many other services. Gaudenzia expects to enroll as many as 450 individuals receiving SUD treatment in Anne Arundel County into SCC and connect them to vital resources in fiscal year 2024.

Gaudenzia’s involvement is a recognition of the importance of working together as a community to address challenges that impact the people Gaudenzia serves. This has resulted in an expansion of care management, harm reduction, and affordable housing services across Gaudenzia’s footprint, which includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Washington D.C.

“Our mission is to treat the whole person and this includes ensuring that people have all of the resources they need,” said Kristy Blalock, Gaudenzia’s Executive Director for Chesapeake Region. “Increasingly, that must mean going beyond the brick and mortar of our traditional treatment centers and meeting people where they are to connect them to the abundance of health and human services that are available in Anne Arundel County.”

MDRN works collaboratively with SCC and Maryland Certification of Recovery Residences (MCOOR) to provide time-limited funding to certified recovery residences for individuals who have been diagnosed with substance use disorder (SUD) or co-occurring mental health disorders who are in early recovery

Gaudenzia has an extensive history of successfully implementing and operating programs and services with the Maryland Department of Health (MD DOH) and other county and local agencies, including in Crownsville, MD.



Gaudenzia's Crownsville treatment center has been an anchor institution within Crownsville Hospital Memorial Park since 2016 and currently offers six levels of care, ranging from 24/7 crisis stabilization and withdrawal management services to residential and outpatient treatment centers. More than 1,300 people are treated by this facility annually.

During its time in Anne Arundel County, Gaudenzia has developed deep relationships with various community partners with whom it routinely works to design and implement new projects and initiatives to meet community needs. The Gaudenzia Anne Arundel County Care Coordination team will consist of a care coordinator supervisor and four care coordinators.

"Through this vital work and our experience navigating the full continuum of care for individuals, Gaudenzia is primed to serve as the county's care coordination services provider to promote treatment retention and links to medical, behavioral health and social services for our most vulnerable county residents," Blalock said.

Information about Gaudenzia's treatment services can be found by visiting Gaudenzia.org.

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ABOUT GAUDENZIA, INC.

Gaudenzia, Inc. is one of the largest nonprofit substance use and co-occurring disorders treatment centers in the United States, with 51 facilities operating in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D.C. The agency serves about 14,000 individuals annually and operates 120 programs providing a full continuum of care. Since 1968, Gaudenzia has provided specialized services and programs for all demographics, including pregnant and parenting women, adolescents, people with substance use and co-occurring disorders, and more. Those seeking help can call Gaudenzia's 24/7 Treatment and Referral HelpLine at 833-976-HELP (4357). For more information, visit www.Gaudenzia.org.