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OPTIMAE LIFE SERVICES EXPANDS INTO STORY COUNTY

JUNE 25, 2015 (DES MOINES, IA) – Optimae LifeServices, Inc. announced today its expansion into Story County where it will offer mental health services that were previously provided by the county.

Story County's Community Life Program transitioned in May to Optimae LifeServices, after the Story County Board of Supervisors selected the company in February to take over its mental health services. Story County was one of the last counties in Iowa to provide services to those with mental illness, after the state transitioned to a regionally-based system in 2012.

Optimae LifeServices retained a majority of employees who worked for the Community Life Program.

"This expansion allows residents in Story County to continue to access quality mental health services," said William Dodds, President of Optimae LifeServices. "And it provides them with an increased array of programs to better meet their needs."

Optimae LifeServices acquired three residential treatment facilities under the agreement, which it will keep operational. It is also offering community-based services for individuals with disabilities and mental illness and its Nurse in the House program will now offer home health services in Story County.

Additionally, the company opened the InZone, a drop-in day program that provides the community with free lunch and activities. It also restarted a jail diversion program aimed at reducing incarceration among those with mental illness that had previously been discontinued due to funding issues.

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About Optimae LifeServices

Optimae LifeServices, Inc. provides healthcare and human services for individuals with disabilities and mental illness in 28 Southeastern and Central Iowa counties. For nearly three decades, we have equipped our customers with supports and services that encourage choice, empowerment and community integration. Our programs include community-based, behavioral health, home health and residential care services. We advocate for the rights and needs of approximately 4,000 Iowans each year, providing the quality of care we would want for our own family.