



**CHILDREN'S WRAP-AROUND COLLIER PROGRAM**  
**Request for Funding**  
**State Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

September 11, 2023

To: Members of the Collier County Legislative Delegation

The David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health (DLC) Children's Wraparound Collier Program (WRAP) has demonstrated strong success for the children and families of Collier County. WRAP provides specialty mental health treatment to at-risk children in Collier County who are not insured. Clinical criteria include a mental health diagnosis (or co-occurring mental health and substance use diagnoses), along with significant impairment in daily functioning impacting home, school, or community. A child's enrollment lasts anywhere from six (6) to nine (9) months and includes community-based treatment services: clinical assessment, individual therapy, family therapy, case management, psychiatric evaluation, medication management, nursing, and coordination of care activities. Services emphasize participation in purposeful activities; practicing life skills through community involvement; achieving greater independence, stability, and resiliency; and other goals as documented in their individual plan of care.

Thanks to a grant from the Naples Children and Education Foundation (NCEF), founders of the Winter Wine Festival, DLC began the WRAP program in 2012. Since then, over 450 children and their families have been engaged in this comprehensive program. NCEF's funding philosophy is to provide start-up funds for needed programs, however, they want providers to seek program sustainability through other means. Fortunately, with the support from the State of Florida since 2016, we have been able to sustain this critical program.

With \$279,112 currently allocated to Collier WRAP via state funding, our program remains fully funded. We anticipate we will be able to serve 50 unique children and their families during this fiscal year. We are asking the state to provide continued funding for this critical program in our community. In the wake of both the global COVID-19 pandemic and now, after Hurricane Ian hit our community, we are seeing an increase in symptoms of anxiety and depression in children.

The goal of WRAP is to provide treatment and manage a child's mental health challenges as soon as possible, thus avoiding their referral to a crisis unit, involvement with criminal justice, child welfare and/or out-of-home placement, which is significantly more costly and, in the long run,



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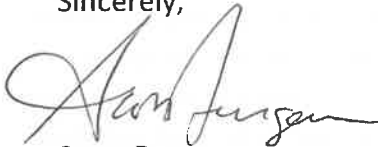
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less effective. DLC operates Collier County's only Baker Act receiving facility for both adults and children, and we have seen record-breaking numbers of admissions into our Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit. Our Collier County Community Action Team (CAT), one of the first in the state, is one of over 23 successful CAT programs operating throughout the state of Florida that have proven to be very successful in serving children ages 11-21 with mental health and co-occurring substance use challenges. Maintaining our WRAP program will help fill the gap for those children younger than 11 and also for those children whose challenges are less severe than necessitate the more intensive services provided by CAT. As more at-risk children are being identified during this challenging time in history, we need to continue to support the needs they have to ensure that they can grow up to be happy, healthy, productive adults.

DLC is committed to helping make Collier County a safer and healthier community. On behalf of our Board and more than 350 hardworking staff who dedicate themselves every day to serving the thousands of children and families we are honored to serve, I urge you to continue to support this necessary and cost-effective funding. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Scott Burgess  
President and CEO



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September 1, 2023

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Re: Children's Wraparound Collier Program, Request for Funding for Fiscal Year 24-25

For the past 10 years, the David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health's (DLC) Children's Wraparound Collier Program (WRAP) has been an overwhelming success for children and families of Collier County. Hundreds of children and their families have benefited greatly from this comprehensive program of specialty mental health treatment to at-risk children who are uninsured.

We continue to see increasing numbers of at-risk children being identified for behavioral health services in our community. Many of them will greatly benefit from WRAP services. According to the University of South Florida's annual Baker Act Report for FY22, Collier County was among the counties with the highest percentage of Baker Acts for children (34.36%) when compared to total Baker Acts in that county. The goal of WRAP is to provide treatment and to manage children's mental health challenges as early as possible. By doing so, it greatly reduces the likelihood of a child being referred to a crisis unit, involved in the criminal justice or child welfare system, and/or out of home placement which is far more costly and less effective.

For many years, NAMI has worked together with DLC in partnership to improve the wellbeing of children in Collier County. In the spirit of that commitment, we urge you to support this necessary and cost-effective funding.

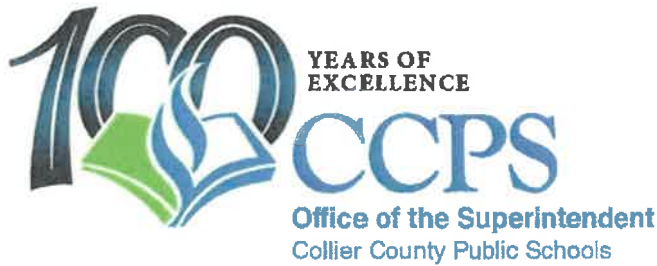
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The Collier County Public Schools is committed to making Collier County a safer and healthier community. In the spirit of that commitment, we urge you to support this necessary and cost-effective funding.

Sincerely,

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Leslie C. Ricciardelli, Ed.D.  
Superintendent  
Collier County Public Schools



**Collier County Mobile Response Team  
Request for Funding  
State Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

Over the past four years, there have been numerous discussions with the relevant stakeholders in Collier County who have identified that it would be in the best interest of persons served in Collier County to have state mental health funds for mobile crisis services to be contracted with the sole local provider of comprehensive mental health and substance use disorder treatment services in Collier County, which is David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health (DLC). DLC is currently the provider of all publicly funded acute care behavioral health services in Collier County and is an established 988 Lifeline Center.

The current funding structure for the mobile crisis team covering the large Circuit 20 geographical area is inadequate. It is challenging to meet the expectations of the program to provide immediate, licensed, on-site services across five counties. Mobile crisis response time of 60 minutes should be the expectation, but it is not physically feasible. Circuit 20 is the largest geographical circuit in the state, encompassing a total of 5,451 square miles --10.1% of the entire State of Florida. Collier County includes roughly 28% of the population of Circuit 20 and encompasses approximately 50% of the geographic area. The annual Baker Act report for FY21-22 indicates there were over 2300 Baker Acts initiated in Collier County, with 61% of these being initiated by law enforcement. This represents a 25% increase in the total number of Baker Acts initiated over the previous five years, while area population was estimated to increase only 11% during that time.

Since 2017, the Collier County Sheriff's Behavioral Health Bureau has operated a co-responder Mental Health Intervention Team (MHIT), which provides similar services as the current managing-entity-contracted mobile crisis response team. MHIT operates in partnership with the David Lawrence Centers, and DLC provides two co-located mental health professionals for the team. This partnership ensures that, through MHIT, both CCSO and DLC have information about the individual that is needed to make appropriate decisions during a crisis.

We believe that augmenting the MHIT program with a dedicated allocation of state mobile crisis funds for Collier County would improve overall coordination, communication, effectiveness, and resident safety. The current mobile crisis unit is not functioning as an integral part of the local system, creating frustration and poor coordination of care. Carving Collier County out of the Circuit-wide mobile crisis responsibilities would also the current C20 provider to better meet the needs of the other four counties. The budget estimate for a fully dedicated mobile response team in Collier County is \$950,000.

**Collier Mobile Response Team Budget  
Summary**

Clinical Positions	\$	420,000
Supervision and oversight	\$	80,000
Psychiatric services	\$	55,000
Other program personnel	\$	15,000
Total Wages	\$	565,000
Personnel Fringe	\$	130,000
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>695,000</b>
Travel	\$	15,000
Program supplies	\$	22,500
Other direct program costs	\$	27,500
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>65,000</b>
<b>Program Administration</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>190,000</b>
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>950,000</b>



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Chief Executive Officer  
David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health  
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Re: Proposed Collier Mobile Response Team

Dear Mr. Burgess,

I am writing to express NAMI Collier's support for David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health's (DLC) Legislative Budget Request to the Florida Legislature to provide funding in the amount of \$950,000 for the development of a Collier Mobile Response Team (MRT). DLC has been the trusted provider of comprehensive behavioral health care in Collier County for more than 55 years and I believe they are capable of successfully operating an MRT.

NAMI Collier has worked together in collaboration with DLC over many years on various county initiatives, including Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT). The proposed Collier Mobile Response Team would greatly benefit the health and safety of Collier County residents by providing a dedicated team for our county. A Collier MRT would greatly assist our community in reducing law enforcement response to behavioral health crises. When citizens have access to quality, timely behavioral health interventions through a robust crisis response system, they are less likely to become involved in the criminal justice system and our jail.

For these reasons, NAMI Collier is proud to partner with DLC in coordinating crisis response programs that will improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Collier County. We urge the Florida Legislature to support DLC's request for funding of this valued project during the upcoming 24-25 Legislative Session.

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The Collier County Sheriff's Office has worked together in collaboration with DLC over many years on various county initiatives, including, but not limited to: Crisis Intervention Team Training (CIT), as well as a shared, Mental Health Intervention Team, which is located in the CCSO Behavioral Health Bureau and utilizes two DLC social workers. The proposed Collier Mobile Response Team would greatly benefit the health and safety of Collier County residents by providing a dedicated team for our county. A Collier MRT would greatly impact the Sheriff's office in reducing law enforcement response to behavioral health crises, decreasing response time and the rate of transporting citizens for care. When citizens have access to quality, timely behavioral health interventions, they are less likely to become involved in the criminal justice system and our jail.

For these reasons, the Collier County Sheriff's Office is proud to partner with DLC in coordinating crisis response programs that will improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Collier County. We urge the Florida Legislature to support DLC's request for funding of this valued project during the upcoming 24-25 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Rambosk  
Sheriff  
Collier County





## **\$5 Million Capital Funding to Support Construction of New Comprehensive Access and Integrated Care Center on DLC Campus FY 24-25 Legislative Budget Request**

David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health (DLC) has worked over the past five years to develop a comprehensive plan for its future operations in Collier County. Elements of the comprehensive plan include a master plan for its physical plant on DLC's Bathey Lane campus in Naples, access-to-care funding to support continued program expansion, and additional investments to ensure full staffing with highly trained professionals.

As part of this plan, DLC requests **\$5 million** in funding from the State of Florida to support construction of a new Access and Integrated Care Center, to be located at its main campus on Bathey Lane in Naples, Florida. Cost of the building, including site development, professional fees, construction of the 13,500 square foot facility, furniture, fixtures, and equipment is projected to be \$10 million. *DLC has received commitment of an individual donation that will provide 100% match for the state dollars requested.*

Programs to be housed in the new Access and Integrated Care Center, whose design has been developed in collaboration with planners at PK Studios, include:

- No appointment required, real time behavioral health intervention and assessment (urgent care/convenient care behavioral health model);
- Integrated mental health/physical primary care programming, both onsite and utilizing telehealth;
- Intensive outpatient services for mental health and co-occurring disorders
- Medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and associated therapies for opioid use disorder;
- Trauma-focused therapy for veterans; and
- Prevention and education programming for adults, children, families, and the broader community.

In addition, the building's design will support workforce development and training activities, including training rooms and clinical group and individual counseling spaces designed to allow observation for clinical supervision and training of nursing, counseling, and social work interns.

Justification for the requested state funding is based in DLC's mission to serve the entire community, including those who are unable to provide payment for services. Indigent clients make up more than 70% of DLC's current treatment population. This modern facility will support DLC operations for the next 30 years or more; position DLC to meet the goals and objectives outlined in current federal strategic planning for substance use and mental health services (SAMHSA); and assist DLC in meeting all federal requirements associated with achieving Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) status.

## **Return on Investment in DLC's Behavioral Healthcare Infrastructure**

DLC's master planning process aims to position the organization to meet the demand for services in Collier County over the next 30 years. Many healthcare services are migrating to telehealth to improve access. DLC currently provides telehealth services to many of its consumers. The Access and Integrated Care Center will be designed to promote further telehealth expansion.

Despite telehealth capability to provide remote service access, behavioral healthcare will always require in-person interaction with consumers, particularly those in crisis and those with severe and chronic illness. The Access and Integrated Care Center described above will provide the physical plant in which to provide in-person intake and assessment, intensive outpatient services for serious mental illness and addiction, primary medical care, medication-assisted treatment, trauma therapy for veterans, and prevention services for a comprehensive set of behavioral illnesses, notably addiction, thought disorders, and affective disorders.

All these services to be housed in the Access and Integrated Care Center are funded in part by federal block grants administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. SAMHSA recently released its 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The plan includes five priority areas to meet community behavioral health care needs. The priorities include: 1) Preventing Substance Use and Overdose; 2) Enhancing Access to Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Services; 3) Promoting Resilience and Emotional Health for Children, Youth, and Families; 4) Integrating Behavioral and Physical Health Care; and 5) Strengthening the Behavioral Health Workforce. Services provided in the Adult Services building will address each of these priorities.

Beyond these SAMHSA priorities, DLC is currently working toward Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) status, a SAMHSA model and designation designed to ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care. CCBHCs are required to be accessible to anyone who requests care for mental health or substance use, regardless of their ability to pay, place of residence, or age - including developmentally appropriate care for children and youth.

CCBHCs must meet standards for the range of services they provide, and they are required to get people into care quickly. CCBHCs are required to provide a comprehensive array of behavioral health services so that people who need care don't have to piece together the behavioral health support they need across multiple providers. In addition, CCBHCs must provide care coordination to help people navigate behavioral health care, physical health care, social services, and the other systems they are involved in.

State funds for construction of the Access and Integrated Care Center will thus support DLC's master plan, SAMHSA's strategic framework, and the incorporation of the CCBHC model in DLC's programming, representing the state-of-the-art in behavioral healthcare.

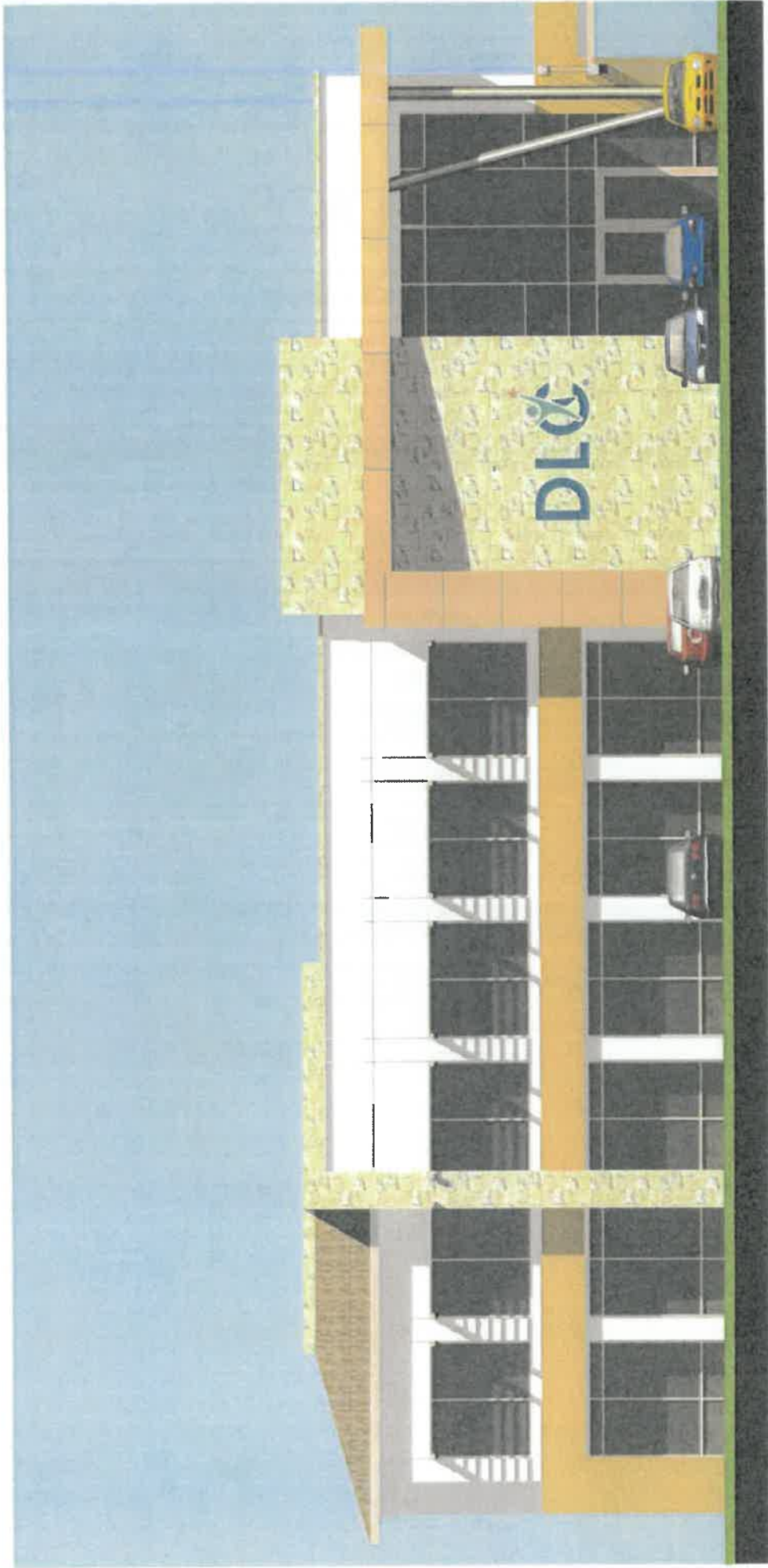


**DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER**

**DLC BUILDING A - ADULT INTEGRATED CARE**

The following cost estimate is based on the construction of a conceptual 13,500-square-foot Adult Integrated Care building on the existing DLC campus located at 6075 Bathey Lane.

SITE DEVELOPMENT COSTS	Estimated Cost	Scope & Notes
Site Development Costs & Landscaping	\$1,000,000	Site work, parking, hardscape, landscape, and associated costs.
<b>Site Development Subtotal</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	
BUILDING COSTS	Estimated Cost	Scope & Notes
Base Building Construction Cost	\$5,500,000	Based on +/- \$400 per square foot x 13,500 square feet.
Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Accessories	\$1,000,000	
Information Technology, Security, and A/V	\$750,000	
<b>Building Construction Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,250,000</b>	
<b>CONSTRUCTION SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,250,000</b>	
<b>SOFT COSTS</b>	<b>\$875,000</b>	Design fees, engineering, permit fees, legal, etc.
<b>COLLIER COUNTY ESTIMATED IMPACT FEES</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	Depends on use assigned
<b>PROJECT SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,725,000</b>	
<b>CONSTRUCTION CONTINGENCIES</b>	<b>\$275,000</b>	5% of construction cost
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,000,000</b>	





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Re: Proposed DLC Access and Integrated Care Center

Dear Mr. Burgess,

I am writing to express NAMI Collier's support for DLC's Legislative Budget Request (LBR) to the Florida Legislature to provide funding in the amount of \$5 Million for construction of an Access and Integrated Care Center on DLC's Bathey Lane Campus.

As the trusted community mental health service provider for the past 55 years, DLC plays an integral role in the wellbeing of Collier County citizens. This building is part of David Lawrence Centers (DLC) long range plan to ensure the community's ready access to integrated behavioral health services over the next 30 years.

NAMI Collier and DLC have worked together in collaboration over many years on various initiatives. The proposed Access and Integrated Care Building in DLC's LBR would be greatly beneficial to NAMI Collier clients, and indeed, all Collier residents experiencing mental health challenges. When individuals have timely access to quality, integrated primary and behavioral healthcare, their quality of life and overall life expectancy is enhanced. The specialized therapeutic services provided in the new Center will assist many individuals to receive much needed evidence-based care.

For these reasons, NAMI Collier is proud to partner with DLC in coordinated programming that will improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Collier County. We urge the Florida Legislature to support DLC's request for funding of this important project during the upcoming 24-25 Legislative Session.

Sincerely,

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Re: DLC Access and Integrated Care Center

Dear Mr. Burgess,

On behalf of Home Base Florida Veteran and Family Care, I am writing to express the support for David Lawrence Center (DLC) Legislative Budget Request to the Florida Legislature. We urge the provision of funding in the amount of \$5 Million for the construction of an Access and Integrated Care Center.

DLC has been a trusted provider of evidence-based behavioral health services to the community for more than 55 years. This new Center is part of David Lawrence Centers (DLC) long range plan to ensure the community's ready access to behavioral health services over the next 30 years.

As you know, Home Base currently works in collaboration with DLC to provide Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT) and Prolonged Exposure (PE) therapy to Veterans through the DLC outpatient clinic. DLC also provides psychiatric services and care coordination to Veterans. This program has been highly effective for the treatment of post-traumatic stress suffered by so many of our Veterans. Based upon the success of this program and our collaboration, I am confident that a dedicated Access and Integrated Care Building would be an extremely valuable resource for Veterans and all Collier residents. This new Center will provide DLC with a greater ability to serve the community and to continue to generate positive outcomes.

For these reasons, Home Base is proud to partner with DLC in coordinated programming that will improve the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Collier County. We urge the Florida Legislature to support DLC's request for funding of this valued project during the upcoming 24-25 Legislative Session.

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Armando Hernandez, MBA  
Senior Director, Home Base Florida