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Greetings,

We are excited to announce an opportunity that can support expanding access to quality behavioral health services to individuals and families across South Dakota. You are being sent this correspondence as a licensed behavioral health provider in South Dakota.

In partnership with grant funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Division of Behavioral Health within the South Dakota Department of Social Services is launching a new voucher program to support individuals impacted by the floods, severe weather, and tornadoes that occurred in 2019, and/or the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The **Behavioral Health Voucher Program** aims to provide access to mental health and substance use treatment to individuals in need, at a provider of their choosing, at no cost if deemed eligible. Individuals can request vouchers by calling 211, or in partnership with a participating behavioral health provider. Clients receiving treatment cost assistance through the voucher program must attest they are not covered by public or commercial health insurance programs, or attest coverage is unaffordable (co-pays/out of pocket requirements), or services are not sufficiently covered by the individual's health insurance plan.

The voucher program will leverage existing hotline (211) and web-based supports (605Strong.com) to increase public awareness. Reimbursement rates for this program are structured to support additional data collection requirements in alignment with the grant.

To become a participating provider, we invite you to enroll in this program.

Visit helplinecenter.org/605strongprovider to review program details, reimbursement rates for allowable services, and to complete the Provider Enrollment Form. You can also view and download a list of Frequently Asked Questions.

After you enroll, your information will be reviewed and, once complete, will be used to generate a contract for treatment services between you or your agency and the Department of Social Services. Once that contract is finalized, you will be added to the roster of Partnering Providers. This roster will be queried in response to calls received by crisis counselors at 211, pairing individuals in crisis or in need of follow-up behavioral health care with providers in their community. As the provider, your role will be to assess that client for their specific needs and implement a responsive treatment plan.

We look forward to partnering with you in this new voucher program that will provide important services to families and individuals in communities in South Dakota and encourage you to be among the first providers in South Dakota to enroll in the program. Please reach out to vouchers@sageprojectconsultants.com if you have further questions.

Thank you,

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