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CARE receives contract award to expand its FASD program

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Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) is the leading cause of preventable mental impairments and birth defects in our country today affecting 1 out of every 100 children. For over fifteen years, CARE has been preventing FASD and assisting families living with this disability.

CARE is excited to announce a contract award that will expand its FASD program. Project FASD ACHIEVE will work with local community partners, including Early On, Foster Care and Adoption Services, and Women's Treatment Centers to identify, screen, and diagnosis youth at risk of FASD, especially youth age 0-5.

Project FASD ACHIEVE provides case management, training, support, and advocacy for the families of the individual receiving a diagnosis and treatment plan. FASD ACHIEVE will insure children receive the appropriate intervention services that lead to improved functioning and increased life-long achievement.

The \$530,000 contract is awarded by The United States Health and Human Services Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration FASD Center for Excellence as administered by Northrop Grumman Health and Human Services.

“This is such great news for our families. The best case scenario is that FASD is prevented. However, when that doesn’t occur, the next best scenario is getting youth diagnosed at a young age and putting services in place that can make a life-long impact” says Barb Parker, a local mom raising adolescents with FASD.

CARE (Community Assessment Referral and Education) is an agency that promotes the empowerment of individuals and families through relationships with schools, businesses, public services and other community based organizations. Solution-focused programs and activities are designed to strengthen individuals in their role as employees, students and as family members. Visit us online at www.careofmacomb.com or call 586.541.0033 to find out more.

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