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Uplift Family Services Partners With Health Agencies to Serve More Individuals in Santa Clara County

CAMPBELL, Calif. (May 21, 2020) – [Uplift Family Services](#) is pleased to announce the receipt of a two-year \$4,000,000 grant from the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#), a federal agency with a mission to reduce the impact of substance use and mental illness in the United States.

As part of the grant, Uplift Family Services, in partnership with [School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County](#) and [Pacific Clinics](#), will form a consortium to become a [Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic](#) (CCBHC). The CCBHC will serve 2,000 low-income individuals in [Santa Clara County](#) by offering access to and improving the quality of mental and substance use disorder treatment in the community by integrating physical health services.

The consortium is among 200 behavioral health organizations and health centers in the nation, and one of five in California, to become a CCBHC.

“We are excited for this opportunity because it aligns with our strategy and vision to create a fully integrated physical and behavioral health model for a vulnerable population within our community,” said [Darrell Evora](#), CEO of Uplift Family Services.

“We are enthused about this partnership that will support the well-being of so many people,” said President and CEO of Pacific Clinics Jim Balla. “We have been successful in the use of telepsychiatry and other remote services and know that these life-changing programs are imperative to the children and families we serve.”

Together, these collaborating agencies will offer a wide array of services:

- Uplift Family Services will co-locate in School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County’s clinic to provide crisis mental health services; trauma-informed and evidence-based mental health and substance abuse treatment; psychiatric services, including consultation to primary care physicians; peer and family supports; systems navigation support; and vocational and educational counseling.
- School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County will provide outpatient primary care screening and monitoring of key health indicators; vaccinations where indicated; clinical monitoring for adverse effects of medications, including monitoring for metabolic syndrome; and case management. Services will also include provision of appropriate psychotropic medication inclusive of long-acting injectable anti-psychotic medication and FDA-approved medication treatments for substance use disorders, including tobacco, alcohol, and opioid use disorders; and screening for HIV and viral hepatitis (A, B, and C).
- Pacific Clinics will offer various remote services including telepsychiatry; consultation and training with prescribers and nurses on substance use and medication-assisted treatment; training certification for peer partners, which will educate individuals with lived experience to support clients; and technical assistance in intensive adult programming.

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About Uplift Family Services

Uplift Family Services is one of the largest, most comprehensive mental and behavioral health treatment programs in California. Uplift Family Services takes a state-of-the-art approach to children and adolescents with complex behavioral health challenges and helps them recover from trauma such as abuse, severe neglect, addiction, and poverty. For youth that exit our programs, more than 90 percent are living in the community, staying in school, and remaining out of trouble. For more information, visit www.upliftfs.org and follow the agency on social media @upliftfamily.

About School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County

School Health Clinics of Santa Clara County improves the health and well-being of more than 5,400 low income, medically underserved adults and children each year by providing comprehensive, easily accessible primary health care. Our six clinics are Patient Centered Medical Home certified, and located on public school campuses in San José and Gilroy in the low income neighborhoods where families live and work. We partner with schools and health organizations to promote health equity and improved access to care across the county. Our mission is to provide high quality, affordable primary medical care for the low income community.

About Pacific Clinics

Founded in 1926, Pacific Clinics is a community-based behavioral health agency that provides outpatient services to individuals of all ages at over 50 locations and 325 schools across Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Ventura counties. Each year over 22,200 individuals benefit from comprehensive and supportive services, including case management, health navigation, early education, school-based services, housing support and employment assistance.