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**ACCESS OHIO ANNOUNCES
NEW SERVICE LOCATIONS IN DELAWARE AND MORROW COUNTIES**

(Columbus, OH) Access Ohio is pleased to announce the following new service locations now open and ready to serve those with Medicaid, eligible for Medicaid, Medicare and/or private insurance in Delaware and Morrow Counties:

250 South Henry Street	Delaware, OH 43015	(740) 369-4482
242 South Henry Street	Delaware, OH 43015	(740) 368-7842
528 W. Marion Road	Mt Gilead, OH 43338	(419) 947-4560
75 Clairedan Drive	Powell, Ohio 43065	(614) 396-5665

Access Ohio provides psychiatry, nursing, counseling, diagnostic assessment, psychological testing and case management services to adults, adolescents, and children facing mental health and addiction concerns. Access Ohio also provides residential services to adults.

Founded in 2006 by John Johnson, MD, a practicing psychiatrist, Access Ohio delivers positive results for the individuals and communities it serves. Evidence-based standardized treatment protocols are used to promote successful client outcomes. Access Ohio’s community mental health program is accredited by The Joint Commission and certified by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

Since opening its first office, Access Ohio has expanded to five locations in Columbus and Dayton. In 2011, Dr. Johnson also opened Access Hospital Dayton, a 110-bed psychiatric hospital on the site of the former Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare Hospital. Access Ohio’s telepsychiatry project provides community mental health program services throughout Ohio’s rural counties by means of telemedicine to persons of all ages diagnosed with co-occurring mental health disorders and intellectual disabilities. This innovative program is operated in collaboration with the Wright State University’s Department of Psychiatry and currently serves 55 counties. Telepsychiatry services will soon be available at Access Ohio’s new locations in Delaware and Morrow counties, increasing the opportunities to access community-based treatment where needed services may not have been available close to home. Access Ohio also operates and will expand its HOME Choice Program. This program transitions eligible consumers from institutional settings to their own home where they are able to receive community-based services and supports. Most recently Access Ohio has acquired a primary care medical practice in London, OH where it will integrate behavioral healthcare services.

As a psychiatrist who treats patients with addictions and mental illness 3 days per week, Dr. Johnson sees the potential within people reaching beyond their current circumstances. Recently recognized for his efforts in *Columbus CEO* magazine, Dr. Johnson was honored with a 2017 Healthcare Achievement Award as Executive of the Year. Dr. Johnson’s goal for Access Ohio is to identify a need, fill that need and create or sustain something of lasting value for the community. He believes all individuals have the ability to reach optimal health through the delivery of quality treatment and community supports. Access Ohio employs more than 400 total staff and has treated an estimated 30,000 people.

Access Ohio Mental Health Center of Excellence is a high quality comprehensive behavioral healthcare provider delivering culturally-responsive, results-based mental health and addiction services grounded in evidence-based, best and promising practices. We believe in services that uphold dignity, demonstrate respect and honor the worth of every human life, facilitate wellness and empower individuals to succeed, recover and contribute to their communities in meaningful ways.