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Allen Brown, CEO
Adult & Child Health
8320 Madison Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46227

Dear Mr. Brown,

Upstream Prevention's mission is to *"support systems-level changes to promote public health, specifically related to the prevention and reduction of youth substance use, improved mental health of the community, and creating an environment conducive to healthy behaviors for all citizens."* As part of that mission, Upstream has several community-led initiatives, including the creation of a LOSS Team, ATLAS (Assisting through Loss After Suicide), a few community coalitions, and the planned 2024 launch of Recovery Café JoCo.

Adult and Child Health is a strong partner for Upstream's Suicide Prevention Coalition, are regular participants for our Overdose Fatality Review, and the monthly Resource Drop-in Days we host. They served as a stakeholder participant when we hosted the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAHMSA) Service Members, Veterans, and their Families Technical Assistance Center (SMVF TA) crisis intercept mapping workshop. Johnson County was the only Indiana county to complete the SMVF Crisis Intercept Mapping Workshop in 2023, and is one of two counties statewide who has completed the workshop. Through these and other initiatives, Upstream utilizes Adult & Child Health (A&C) as a referral partner. A&C provides more than just mental health services, they are a part of our community and have worked to address the needs of the individuals we serve.

Upstream is aware that A&C is applying to be a part of Indiana's application for the state CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics) Demonstration Program. We have experienced the benefits of CCBHC through A&C being SAMSHA grantee recipient, and support their state application to continue their CCBHC journey. We are excited for their chance to become a part of the demonstration for Indiana, and look forward to continued partnership and collaboration.

Thank you for your consideration,

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