



*Improving Health Care and Outcomes for Residents of Lincoln Parish*

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<b>Initiative:</b>	<b>Healthier Outcomes &amp; Access to Health Care</b>
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### **Program Summary**

This program will be a new program for Family Counseling Center. FCC is asking for a part-time licensed therapist position whose job title would be “Community Mental Health Collaborator”. The individual would assess the mental health needs of our community with special attention given to gaps in service areas.

### **Program Overview**

- (1) Establishing relationships with key community entities in order to assess the mental health needs not currently being met in our community along with community education needs.
- (2) Investigate existing mental health services with providers learning what specific services, programs, and assistance exists along with identifying gaps in needed service areas.
- (3) Provide networking and collaborative opportunities for mental health service providers, the medical community, faith-based organizations, businesses, school administrators, civic and community organizations, and community leaders in the form of periodic meetings.
- (4) Develop informational and educational brochures and/or hand-outs that address specific mental needs in the community as identified by the above venues.
- (5) Research, develop and facilitate processing or support groups that meet needs identified by the above venues. These may include such things as anger management for all age groups, bullying for school age children in or out of the school setting, stress management, adult survivor of abuse groups, grief groups of all kinds, parent of special-needs children, divorce recovery, parenting, children experiencing divorce, grandparents raising children, single parenting, to name a few.
- (6) Developing and implementing methods for assessing effectiveness.

