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Recovery-Focused Nonprofits Join Forces to Support Teens and Parents in the Face of Rising Overdose Deaths

HOUSTON, Texas (Sept. 28, 2023) – The Council on Recovery is excited to welcome Teen and Family Services whose central office will now be housed at The Council’s campus on Jackson Hill Street in a strategic move that will multiply impact and conserve resources. The two recovery-focused nonprofits will maintain their distinct identities, while sharing space and coordinating services for families with young people impacted by substance use.

The move comes amidst an alarming spike in drug overdoses, which is now the leading cause of unintentional death in the United States. Declining mental health is also a significant concern, with Texas Children’s Hospital reporting that the number of emergency room visits related to mental health crises has skyrocketed 800% since before the pandemic. With nearly a century of combined experience, The Council on Recovery and Teen and Family Services will work together to leverage their unique strengths to more fully serve families with teens affected by addiction and co-occurring mental health conditions. Services will include screening and assessment; education and parent coaching; individual, family and group counseling; and recovery support services.

“Teens today face more challenges and pressures than ever before,” said George Youngblood, President & CEO of Teen and Family Services. “Together, Teen and Family Services and The Council on Recovery can support the entire family as they navigate a complicated world.”

Long-time allies, the two nonprofits hope that by strengthening their collaboration, they can improve the landscape of care in Houston. “Addiction is too big a problem to solve alone. This partnership helps make the road to recovery easier,” said Mary Beck, President & CEO of The Council on Recovery. “With so many families in need, it is essential that we join together with like-minded organizations to extend our own impact and make the best use of limited resources.”

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The Council on Recovery is Houston's oldest and largest non-profit organization providing the full spectrum of prevention, education, treatment, and recovery services for individuals and families affected by addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders. Our mission is to lead the community in creating a path to freedom from substance abuse and related issues. We strive to provide the highest quality of care at affordable rates, directly serving tens of thousands of individuals each year. Affiliated with the United Way of Greater Houston, The Council receives funding from private contributions and grants, special events, and program fees. For more information, visit www.councilonrecovery.org.

Teen and Family Services (TAFS) is a community of recovery for families growing and healing from teen substance abuse, high-risk behaviors and mental health crises. TAFS provides teens and families the tools, skills and knowledge necessary to deal with substance abuse and mental health problems in a holistic way. We foster long-term success, enabling our graduates to experience a lifetime of strength and healing. At TAFS our goal is to help teens enjoy continued abstinence; increased empathy; consistency in relationships; improved communication and help in leading a life of fulfillment and success. For more information visit www.tafs.org.