

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Meridian Renovations Enhance Environment for Traumatized Children

Pensacola, Fla. (February 21, 2020) – Lakeview Center is pleased to announce that renovations to The Meridian at Lakeview Center are completed. The Meridian provides behavioral health services to children who have experienced trauma and may be coping with substance use and/or mental health disorders.

Enhancements complement a safe and inviting space to participate in the treatment experience. Improvements include new vinyl wood plank flooring, soothing paint color throughout the building, a new meal serving line and new furniture in all common areas and bedrooms.

"These generous updates allow for our youth to be served in an environment where they feel comfortable and can learn the coping skills for working through trauma," said Scott Smales, director. "We are grateful to the Baptist Health Care Foundation for raising the funds to help us make these improvements, and we are excited to give tours to our community should they be interested."

The Meridian is one of six Statewide Inpatient Psychiatric Programs (SIPP) in the state of Florida. The next closest facility is located in Jacksonville, FL. An expert team provides mental health treatment and substance abuse services to children between the ages of 7 and 17. Currently, The Meridian can accommodate 24 children. Learn more about the program at eLakeviewCenter.org. To schedule a tour, contact Scott Smales, director, at 850.469.3502.



CONTACT BELOW IS FOR MEDIA USE ONLY

For more information about this press release or to schedule an interview, please contact Tish Pennewill at 850.469.3621 or Tish.Pennewill@bhcpns.org.

About Lakeview Center, Inc. Behavioral Health

The Mission of Lakeview Behavioral Health is to help people throughout life's journey. We specialize in providing effective, research-based services for children and adults with mental illnesses, drug and alcohol dependencies, and intellectual disabilities. Our services range from inpatient and residential treatment to outpatient counseling, psychiatry, case management, day treatment, and round-the-clock support for those with serious mental illnesses. Additionally, Lakeview Behavioral Health provides specialized trauma services, medication-assisted treatment for opiate dependency, and medically supervised drug and alcohol detoxification. In all, Lakeview Behavioral Health offers more than 60 programs and services for people in the northwest Florida area. To learn more, go online to eLakeviewCenter.org.