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Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare makes its debut

October 1, 2008 marked the much-anticipated debut of Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare, a merger of Stewart –Marchman Center and Act Corporation. Stewart-Marchman, founded in 1970 and Act, founded in 1965 were the largest providers of substance abuse treatment and mental health services in the Volusia – Flagler region.

Services for both mental illness and substance abuse will now be integrated by the same clinicians within the same organization, which will eliminate gaps in service delivery and ensure that both disorders are treated effectively.

Every behavioral health organization must provide administrative, and the merger affords the opportunity to become more cost-efficient in providing this support. Finding these efficiencies in administrative services will allow the organization to maximize its ability to provide services to the community despite the reductions in funding we have experienced over the last two years.

The merger was marked by a celebratory reception for staff members and the community on October 1, 2008 in the Bill France Room at the Daytona 500 Experience. The program included the swearing in of the new Board of Directors, as well as comments and words of inspirations from esteemed guests such as County Council Member Frank Bruno, Sheriff Ben Johnson, and Senator Evelyn Lynn.

As Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare moves forward it will offer more than 30 different crisis, residential, outpatient, and prevention programs at more than 20 locations in Volusia, Flagler, and Putnam counties, as well as provide service to more than 25,000 people during the coming year.

For more information, call Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare Community Relations at (386) 947-1416.