Navigating unparalleled times



Annual Report FY2020





### From Patrick Phelan, President/CEO

It certainly is funny how life can put things in perspective for you. In previous years I have talked about challenges such as reductions in funding, delayed state budgets, and the pace of change in behavioral health. The last year has truly taught us all what hardships can come our way. I am proud to say that Sinnissippi Centers has not only persevered, but we also learned so much that will be of great value to our

The COVID-19 pandemic has shaken our communities and our nation. This virus has touched my family personally, as I know it has many of yours. In March of 2020, when the pandemic became very real for those of us in Illinois, we quickly shifted gears and moved the vast majority of our services to a virtual platform almost overnight. We had two goals at that time, to continue to serve our consumers in the most robust way possible, and to keep our employees safe, healthy, and employed with Sinnissippi Centers. Although it has been far from easy, we are continuing to serve our communities through a combination of virtual and on-site treatment and we have actually increased our employee count since the start of the pandemic. Sinnissippi Centers has grown existing programs like Community Support Team (CST) and Intact, opened a new Recovery Home, and expanded our use of technology by leaps and bounds. We know that virtual telehealth services will now always be a critical component of our service array, although we look forward to the day very soon when we can come together more often.

The past year has put an increased emphasis on racial and social injustice. We will lend our voice now and in the future to any group who is marginalized. For many years, individuals with a mental illness or substance use disorder have been viewed as "less than", and we are all too familiar with the pain that causes. Sinnissippi's vision is to create more joy and hope in every life we can possibly touch. These trials are far from over for us all. At Sinnissippi Centers we know that the events of the last year will result in lingering trauma which will require support for years to come. Sinnissippi Centers will be there for our communities for those many years thanks to the support and dedication of our consumers, employees, boards, donors, funders, and friends. Thank you so very much, and I hope to see you all and shake your hands again soon. and friends. Thank you so very much, and I hope to see you all and shake your hands again soon.



#### The Impact of Coronavirus

The impact of the Coronavirus pandemic has reached every person around the globe. It's hard to measure what the long term effects of this experience will be, but the short term

effects have been numerous and profound. On March 16, 2020, Sinnissippi Centers' leadership team decided to transition virtually all services to telehealth, limiting in-person appointments to a very few and only when necessary. In less than 24 hours staff were working from home and conducting appointments via phone and video conference. It was an amazing pivot and all credit goes to the staff members without whom we could not have achieved this.

It was amazing that we were able to continue core operations and quickly adapt over the following weeks to offer almost every service via technology that we did with inperson visits.

In June it looked like the pandemic might have been subsiding and a staged, cautious, plan to open up was composed. Almost

immediately that plan was put on hold as our region's metrics were showing a surge in cases. As the fall progressed it was clear we were looking at a "second wave". At the time of this report, Sinnissippi Centers is operating on a footing that is very much like we had at the beginning of the mitigation efforts in March and April 2020.

We continue to operate and provide services and the health and safety of our clients and employees remains our paramount concern.

#### **Increased Use of Telehealth**

Telehealth has always been an important resource for providing behavioral healthcare services in rural areas. It became indispensable once the Coronavirus pandemic reached our shores. In the first quarter of 2020, the number of telehealth visits of all kinds nationwide increased 50% with a 154% increase in the final week of March 2020. The vast majority of Sinnissippi client visits have been via telehealth since the middle of March 2020. Even though Sinnissippi will eventually return to primarily in-person appointments, it is hoped that more individuals than before will use telehealth when it would be beneficial and appropriate for them. However, there is concern that the same policies that facilitated the ability to provide the huge increase in use of telehealth services will be eliminated or reduced post-pandemic. Sinnissippi Centers is working with state organizations and legislatures to advocate for continuation of these policies that will allow for long-term ability to provide telehealth services. We are encouraged by the positive feedback clients have provided related to telehealth services.





#### B-CALM Line Launch

The Sauk Valley got a new resource for individuals who need just a little support in dealing with stress, isolation, or other difficult feelings. The B-CALM line is a

collaboration between Sinnissippi Centers and the CGH Health Foundation. It came online June 1, 2020. The line is a



free service available 8am - 5pm Monday through Friday. Anyone can call to chat with someone trained in coping and self-care. The number is 888-33B-CALM.

#### Sinnissippi's New COO

Sinnissippi Centers' Stacie Kemp was named Chief Operating Officer in July 2020. Kemp first workéd in Sinnissippi's Mt. Carroll office then spent time working in Wisconsin before returning to the agency in 2015. Kemp previously served as Chief Clinical Officer. Her promotion was the first step in a series of leadership changes that are part of Sinnissippi



Sinnissippi Centers' COO, Stacie Kemp

Centers' strategic planning process for FY2021 and FY2022.

#### **Women's Recovery Home Opens**

Sinnissippi Centers' Women's Recovery Home opened in early July, a little ovér two years after the Men's Recovery Home opened in May 2018. COVID-19 precautions are in place at both



Sinnissippi Centers' Womens' Recovery Home

recovery homes (and in Sinnissippi's residential sites), but client services are continuing despite these challenges.

#### **Intact Services Expands**

Upon request of DCFS, Sinnissippi Centers recently began providing Intact Services in Ogle, Stephenson, and Jo Daviess counties and the agency has also expanded jail services into Jo Daviess County. Intact Services helps families investigated by DCFS for child abuse/neglect and found to need further support. This program connects families to services to provide support to mitigate stressful situations, allowing them to provide care and support for their children and to maintain safety in their lives.

#### **Be Here Tomorrow**

Every year in the U.S. around 1.5 million people make suicide attempts, and around 50,000 die. There are millions of stories out there and one compelling story of suicide and



survival is told by award winning global speaker Kevin Hines. Sinnissippi Centers brought Hines to Sauk Valley Community College's Mathis theatre in September 2019. Hines' presentation was frank, and informative. It's this kind of sharing that increases understanding and reduces stigma and potentially saves lives.

#### **Community Support Team Growth**

After a successful year in Lee and Whiteside Counties, the Community Support Team (CST) has expanded into Ogle County. The Ogle team is located in our Oregon office and will serve clients from our Rochelle and Oregon locations providing services mostly in home and in the community. CST is an intensive outpatient program that provides alternatives to residential treatment.

#### The New PCCE Program

Sinnissippi Centers started a new program in FY2020. PCCE is a care coordination

coordination program that works with clients identified as requiring ongoing support to manage their needs. Currently, there are 3 care



coordinators and 1 manager to serve approximately 165 clients. Many of the clients receive home based medical services that staff are responsible for assessing and authorizing. The goal is to help individuals stay in their home with community-based support instead of receiving support from a live-in facility.

#### Stay Home for Sinnissippi

The Sinnissippi Foundation "hosted" a new fundraiser in 2020-the Stay Home for Sinnissippi Non-Event Gala. When this was planned, no one had heard of COVID-19 yet. It was a decision to host



our first virtual event and it was a great success. The idea was to stay home and enjoy yourself, but make a donation to the Sinnissippi Foundation in place of attending an actual event. "Participants" were also encouraged to engage in activities that promoted their own mental wellness. Stay Home for Sinnissippi will be back again in 2021. Watch for details.

#### Virtual Golf Open

Virtual is probably the most used word of 2020 besides Coronavirus and COVID-19. Because of the pandemic, many events were canceled or were done very differently. This year the Sinnissippi Foundation Golf Open was modified to stay within the COVID-19 guidelines. It took place August 1-9, 2020, and golfers picked their own day and tee time to go out on the course. Thanks to our sponsors and golfers the event was still a great success. The Golf Open raised much needed funds to benefit clients of Sinnissippi Centers.

#### What's Next for Sinnissippi Centers

Successful and effective organizations rarely stand still. Sinnissippi Centers has prided itself on embracing a constant process of improvement. We have regular updates to our strategic plan. Looking forward to the next 12 to 24 months and

beyond, we will look at possible areas of service expansion, social justice initiatives, and a focus on expanded



peer supports. We have strengthened our leadership structure, added staff to critical areas of need, and are embarking on a remodel of our Dixon office as we grow as an agency. Another key area of focus will be to capitalize on the recent increased use of telehealth, a critical need for rural health. Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, has been quoted as saying "change is the only constant in life." It is very true of behavioral health.



#### **How We Help**

The Sinnissippi Foundation helps to improve the quality of life for individuals and families who are served by Sinnissippi Centers. They may have depression, anxiety, a substance use disorder, or any number of other behavioral healthcare challenges. The Foundation helps through a variety of programs. Your support of the Sinnissippi Foundation truly makes a difference in the lives of so many each year; people who know someone cares about them because of your generosity. We get the privilege of providing the assistance, but it's all of you who deserve the credit. Thank you!

#### Who We Help

Approximately 890 individuals were helped in FY2020 through the programs of the Sinnissippi Foundation. Each person or family helped has their own story of what that really means, but the impact of even a little help makes a huge difference in the life of someone battling behavioral health symptoms.

#### **Who Supports Us**

234 individuals and organizations chose to support the Sinnissippi Foundation through their donations and sponsorships. Over \$71,000 in gifts were received. It's an overwhelming response. You can see all of our FY2020 donors & sponsors on the back page of this report.

# Get In Touch With the Sinnissippi Foundation

If you would like to know more about the Sinnissippi Foundation, or would like to make a donation, here is our contact information:

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The Sinnissippi Foundation 325 Illinois Route 2 Dixon, IL 61021

#### **Donations Online**

www.sinnissippi.org/donate-foundation

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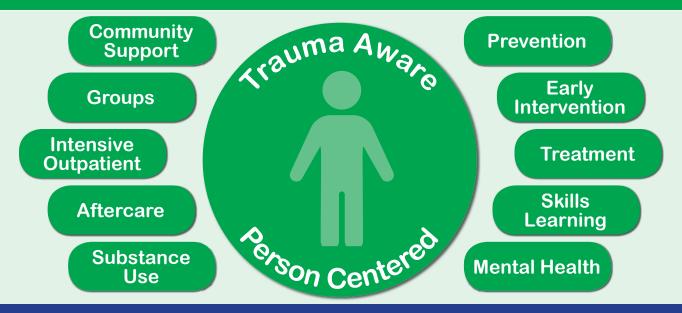
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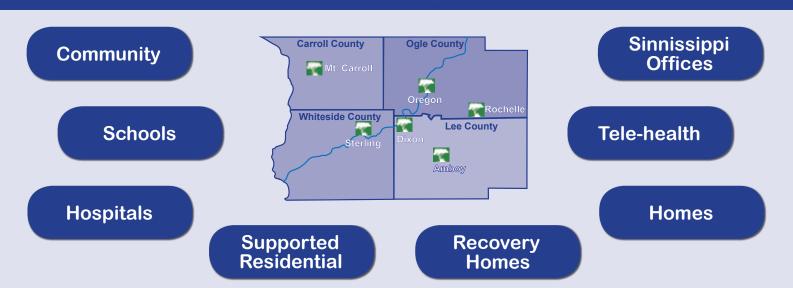
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# A Variety of Services



# **Services in Many Locations**



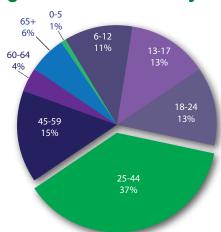
# Sinnissippi Centers, Inc.

# **Clients by County of Residence**



Other counties 394 Total Client Served 6,329

# Age of Our Clients by Percent



## **Crisis Evaluations**

1,501

Crisis evaluations were performed in fiscal 2020 (unduplicated)

Youth: 529 Adults: 972

# FY 2020 Expenses

81% Personnel & Benefits

6% Rent/Leases

4% Other

4% Occupancy

3% Consumables

2% Transportation

0% Depreciation

### Top Referral Sources

Fiscal Year 2020 at a glance



Self 23%



Hospital & Physician 20%

Probation &

Parole



Family 11%





**DCFS** 

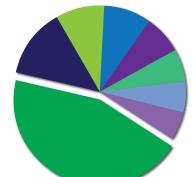
# **Client Satisfaction Survey Results**



### **Educational Attainment of Our Staff**



- 167 Total staff
- 63 Master's Degrees
- 51 Bachelor's Degrees
  - 5 Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)
  - 1 Advanced Practice Nurse (APN)
  - 3 Psychiatrists (MD)



#### FY 2020 Revenue

43% Medicaid/MRO 15%

Dept. Mental Health 10% **Client Payments** 

8% Other

8% Four county support

7% DCHP & other State

Grants

6% **DCFS** 

**SUPR** 5%

#### **Licensure & Accreditation**



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