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EIHAB Human Services Launches New Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center

SPRINGFIELD GARDENS, NEW YORK, November 29, 2017 –EIHAB Human Services, a nonprofit agency serving individuals with developmental disabilities and behavioral challenges, has opened the Fatma Abboud Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Treatment Center. The facility, located on EIHAB’s Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania campus, was the vision of the agency’s late founder Ms. Fatma Abboud, for whom the Center is named. Providing inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation and recovery services, the Center serves adolescents (ages 13-18) across Northeastern Pennsylvania, including Wyoming, Lackawanna, Susquehanna and Luzerne Counties.

“The facility was launched to combat the rising epidemic of opioid drug addiction and reduce the increasing number of children who are addicted to drugs and alcohol,” explained EIHAB Pennsylvania Vice President Jeffrey Levy. Following the principles of the 12-step programs of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and Narcotics Anonymous (NA), teens are taught to identify their personal tools (or “higher source”) needed for success.

“What makes our approach particularly effective is the involvement of family members. Loved ones are encouraged to participate in support groups and become part of the recovery process,” Mr. Levy said.

Teens participating in EIHAB’s inpatient program are required to complete a minimum stay of 90 days. They also have access to an on-site high school, as well as a gym and recreational activities (part of the Center’s incentive program). Upon successful completion of the inpatient program, adolescents are then moved into a transition home where they can integrate into the community and develop vocational skills.

A large multipurpose room hosts regular AA and NA meetings that are open to the public. Educational workshops are also offered, designed to help families identify the warning signs of drug and alcohol addiction.

Commenting on the essential services, EIHAB CEO and Executive Director Ahmed Hegazy, stated, “With the opening of our Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Treatment Center, we strive to guide families on the challenging journey of addiction in a safe

environment where they can ask questions, learn about the ramifications of chemical dependency and develop relapse prevention skills.”

The Fatma Abboud Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Treatment Center was recently named as an in-network provider for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Pennsylvania. In addition, EIHAB plans to open a second outpatient facility in Scranton in early 2018.

“For any teen who walks through our doors, we want them to feel that today is the first day of the rest of their lives,” Mr. Hegazy said.

For more information on the Fatma Abboud Drug and Alcohol Outpatient Treatment Center, please call 570-388-6155.

About EIHAB Human Services

EIHAB Human Services is a multi-lingual, multicultural not-for-profit organization serving children and adults with developmental disabilities and behavioral health challenges. EIHAB Human Services began its mission in 1997, providing Case Management services to a population of ten before expanding into a multitude of quality of life enhancement services delivered to hundreds of individuals in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

EIHAB’s philosophy of care supports individual choice, meaningful treatment and restrictive use of psychotropic medications and other procedures. The agency's team of direct support professionals, teachers, therapists, social workers, clinicians, and administrators uphold the highest standard of service delivery and a shared vision of exemplary, individual-centered practice.

More information about EIHAB Human Services can be found at www.eihab.org.

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