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New detox program coming to Lakeview Center

Pensacola, Fla. (May 9, 2023) – People facing withdrawal symptoms from drugs and alcohol now have access to inpatient detox services at Lakeview Center.

The Addiction Receiving Facility (ARF) will help meet an urgent response to a high rate of substance misuse across all demographics in Escambia County, including a disproportionate number of opioid-related deaths. The service is an important first step in treating addiction and beginning a path to recovery.

"Withdrawal symptoms can make it nearly impossible to walk away from substance misuse without help from a professional," said Shawn Salamida, president of Lakeview Center. "Support from trained providers and a comprehensive behavioral health system can be powerful tools in a person's recovery." The Addiction Receiving Facility will provide specialized detox care to ensure a smooth continuum of care including crisis support, community-based care, outpatient treatment and residential programs.

The ARF is a 10-bed facility staffed by addiction specialists, nurses and behavioral health staff. The average length of stay in similar facilities is three to seven days. Upon discharge, individuals will be referred to a continuing care program – with Lakeview Center or other community resources – based on their individual needs.

The ARF is located on the Lakeview Center main campus at 1304 West Avery Street. For more information about this project, contact 850-469-3500.

About Lakeview Center

Lakeview Center provides comprehensive behavioral health care to adults and children with mental illnesses, drug and alcohol dependencies and intellectual disabilities. Across Northwest Florida, our services range from residential treatment to outpatient counseling, psychiatry, trauma care, treatments for substance misuse and 24/7 support for those with serious mental illnesses. Learn more at eLakeviewCenter.org.

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