



### Here for our community during a mental health crisis



**City of Pensacola** representative Alex Smith and **Lakeview Center** Clinical Director Dr. David Josephs.

**Lakeview Center** President Shawn Salamida, **LifeView Group** CEO Allison Hill, and **Florida Behavioral Health Association** CEO Melanie Brown-Woofter.

### People facing mental health crises now have an easily accessible, centralized place to receive care, thanks to a new program at Lakeview Center.

A new Central Receiving Facility (CRF) is now open at Lakeview Center's main campus in Pensacola. The CRF will help meet a growing need in Northwest Florida to address how [people in crisis](#) are cared for under the Baker Act, which refers to an involuntary examination under the law, allowing for people in crisis to be retained at a facility for stabilization purposes for up to 72 hours. During that time, an evaluation is done by a medical doctor, psychologist or advanced registered nurse practitioner. The Lakeview Center CRF is now the designated entry point for adults living in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties who need a Baker Act Screening.



Exterior view of the new Central Receiving Facility located at **Lakeview Center's** main campus in downtown Pensacola.

"As a central receiving facility, Lakeview Center is positioned to ensure a smooth continuum of care from crisis support to the appropriate inpatient or community-based care, outpatient treatment or residential program," said Shawn Salamida, president of Lakeview Center. "With more than 60 programs from Escambia to Walton County, Lakeview Center's team members are well-prepared to connect those in crisis to the follow-up care that best suits their needs." Adults will be transported to Lakeview Center's CRF by law enforcement partners, where they will be screened. If admission is needed, they will be transported by Lakeview Center to Baptist Health Care or HCA Florida West based on a rotation system that considers patient preference and capacity. As a support to the CRF, and an expansion of capacity for the uninsured, Lakeview will also operate a [Crisis Stabilization Unit for inpatient care](#). Adolescents and children will continue to receive care through Baptist Health Care, which is the designated CRF for all persons 18 years old and younger. The 2,275 square foot CRF is staffed by psychiatrists, APRNs, nurses, technicians, therapists, peer support specialists and behavioral health staff. The \$5.4 million project created 90 new jobs at Lakeview Center.

**For information about mental health services available at Lakeview Center, from crisis and community-based care to residential and outpatient programs, [visit our website.](#)**



**LifeView Group** Chief Financial Officer Eric Barley, **Lakeview Center** Director of Acute Care Services Carolyn Shearman, **Lakeview Center** Clinical Director Dr. David Josephs, **LifeView Group** CEO Allison Hill, Representative Michelle Salzman, **Lakeview Center** President Shawn Salamida and **Florida Behavioral Health Association** CEO Melanie Brown-Woofter attended the CRF open house.

### From those we serve

I have been a patient for several months, and let me tell you how wonderful the whole staff is. The receptionist, is so kind, she's truly amazing. Doctor Amanda Liles is such a wonderful person. She's so amazing. I'm lucky to have her. I'm lucky to have both my doctors.

-Shalimar location MAT patient

"Lakeview is breathing life back into those that are marginalized. I can testify that Ms. Leigh was one of the staff that knew how to go into the community and pull people out of addiction... The entire staff is special and deserves praise. These programs are so necessary. They help so many people, and they are run by people that have a heart for the down and out. They are having such an impact that I could not keep silent. The staff needs to be commended for all they do."

*Lakeview Center client*

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[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.



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