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## **Charlotte Behavioral Health Care is new Provider of the Charlotte/Desoto Florida Assertive Community Treatment Team**

**PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (August 7, 2018)** – Charlotte Behavioral Health Care is proud to announce that starting July 1, 2018, it became the provider of the Charlotte/Desoto Florida Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) team.

FACT is an evidenced-based program that provides 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a week care. The team provides intensive, community-based treatment, rehabilitation, and support services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness who have not responded well to traditional treatment. Many of those served by FACT have histories of multiple emergency room visits, repeated hospitalizations, admissions to state hospitals, homelessness or incarceration in local jails.

FACT teams provide a multidisciplinary approach to deliver comprehensive care in a location that is convenient for the participant – including in homes, at work, or in jails, hospitals, or within community settings.

The goals of the team are to prevent recurrent hospitalization and incarceration, while improving the participant’s productive community involvement and overall quality of life by lessening or eliminating the debilitation symptoms of mental illness.

“Often patients need an increased frequency of services after discharge from the state hospital. We are poised to help facilitate a more positive transition for patients that need that level care when returning to the community,” said Gina Wynn, assistant vice president of community services at Charlotte Behavioral Health Care. “We are excited about this opportunity as it allows us to provide a wider range of behavioral health services to our community.”

### **About Charlotte Behavioral Health Care**

Operating for 49 years, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC) seeks to optimize health, improve quality of life and build an overall feeling of wellness for all children, adolescents, adults and families in Charlotte County. More than 3,000 children and a total of 12,000 residents are treated annually at CBHC for mental illnesses, behavioral disorders, or substance abuse addictions.

CBHC’s mission is “Partnering to instill hope, inspire growth, and embrace life” within its community. They deliver care that changes people’s lives. For more information, visit [www.cbhcf.org](http://www.cbhcf.org).

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