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COLEMAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WELCOMES NORA OWENS AS NEW DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONAL SERVICES

KENT, Ohio (August 25, 2008) –Nora Owens joins Coleman Professional Services as the new Director of Vocational Services. She will be responsible for providing the leadership and management of daily operations of Coleman Employment Services. The services include: training services, vocational employment services as well as supported employment programs for individuals with disabilities, affording them the opportunity to secure successful community-based employment. Owens has 22 years of experience in vocational rehabilitation. Owens currently resides in Seven Hills with her husband Jay.

Recently she worked as the Director of Rehabilitation Services for the Cleveland Headquarters of Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio. From 2001 through 2005 she worked as Vice President of Rehabilitation Services for Vocational Guidance Services where she oversaw the agency's job training, job placement, work evaluation, work adjustment programs and personal, social and community services. She also began Owens Vocational Consulting, Inc. where she consulted with training providers and performed independent vocational reviews for managed care organizations (MCO'S).

She began her vocational work as a Job Developer with the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeast Ohio. Later she worked as an Industrial Case Manager and later as a Disability Manager Consultant for the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Owens served as board member for the North East Ohio Rehabilitation Association (NEORA) and for the Ohio Rehabilitation Association (ORA) providing expertise in Governmental Affairs. She also served for several years as a member on the Governmental

Affairs Committee for the National Rehabilitation Association (NRA). She is a member of the City Club of Cleveland.

“It can be difficult to locate employment – especially if you’re an adult with a disability,” Owens said. “Many of our clients want to achieve economic and personal independence. Coleman acts as a bridge to employment through our pre-employment and job placement supports. Also, we need to advocate for our clients. Coleman has always been a strong client advocate, and I’m happy to be a part.”

Coleman Professional Services is a nationally recognized not-for-profit provider of behavioral health and rehabilitation programs that improve the lives of individuals, families and businesses in Northeast Ohio. The company relies on an enterprise business model to diversify its funding. Coleman’s foundation and three enterprise companies produce more than 40 percent of the company’s funding for its award-winning programs.

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