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### **1996 Overview of Coleman Professional Services**

Coleman Professional Services (formerly the Kevin Coleman Center) provides mental health services to residents in Portage, Summit and Trumbull counties

- Annually serve 2,779 children and adults with mental or emotional illnesses, physical disabilities or mental retardation
- Provide counseling, psychiatry, housing, older adult services, transportation
- Work with local employers to place and train qualified disabled employees at jobs in three county area
- Provide disabled people training and jobs at SAGE Computer Services, a Coleman non-profit business providing data entry and information processing services to business in Akron and around the state
- Contributions provide capital funds to help purchase and remodel homes for the homeless mentally ill, furnish Child Advocacy Center at Robinson Hospital and children's waiting room at Coleman, provide prescriptive drugs to poor clients, endowment funds to meet the long term care of people with mental illness

### **Coleman Professional Services Facts and Figures 1996**

- ✓ Over 25 percent (668) of the people Coleman sees are severely mentally disabled. This type of mental illness is so debilitating that people need help coping with everyday life. They might be too sick to work, have no place to live, or cannot always take care of themselves.
- ✓ About 21 percent (561) of patients have less serious, but still troubling illnesses such as anxiety and adjustment disorders.
- ✓ Coleman has helped reduce the total number of days Portage County residents stayed in state psychiatric hospitals by over 21 percent in the last two years. That represents a savings to taxpayers of over \$450,000. At the same time, Coleman statistics report a 14-percent reduction in therapy time required for successful treatment of typical clients.
- ✓ The number of individuals requiring treatment is increasing, but government funding on county, state and federal levels is decreasing. In 1990 alone, the cost to society of addictive and mental disorders was \$314 billion.
- ✓ Local statistics match national trends. Coleman Professional Services' client base increased 41 percent between 1994 and 1996. More alarming, the number of low-income families unable to afford behavioral health care increased during the same period, as a disproportionate number of new clients (84%) reported annual incomes of under \$16,000. The cost of unreimbursed care provided by Coleman is expected to rise over 93 percent from a 1996 level of \$102,000 to \$197,000 in 1997.
- ✓ The number of children seeking help is increasing dramatically this year, swelling to more than 600 percent over the same period last year. Children with serious problems now make up nearly 6 percent of Coleman's client base

and the number is expected to continue to grow rapidly.

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