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NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDER OPENS NEW OFFICE IN STARK COUNTY

Community Open House on October 17

CANTON, Ohio (Oct. 12, 2006) – Coleman Behavioral Health, a program of nationally recognized Coleman Professional Services headquartered in Kent, recently opened a new office at 400 West Tuscarawas Street in the Charter One Bank Building.

Coleman Behavioral Health, which also serves communities in Portage, Medina and Trumbull Counties, was asked to move into the Stark County market to help fill the void left by Nova, when they ceased operations in 2005. Coleman, which offers psychiatry, case management and counseling services for adults with severe and persistent mental illness, is currently serving nearly 1,600 members of the Stark County community.

Also housed in the Coleman building on the second floor of the facility is Coleman Employment Services, another program of Coleman Professional Services, a not-for-profit provider of award-winning behavioral health and rehabilitation programs. Employment Services, originally based in Portage County, began providing services in Stark County in 2002, and offers employment and vocational services and benefits counseling to individuals with disabilities looking for work. Recruiting, coaching, training and outplacement services also are available to local businesses.

Coleman Behavioral Health will be holding a free community Open House at their new facility on Tuesday, October 17 from 3:00 until 7:00 p.m. The event is meant to introduce business and residential members of the community to the organization and the new facility. The event will include food, drinks, music and a chance to win four tickets to the Canton McKinley vs. Massillon football game plus other area sporting events. Staff will be on hand to answer any questions about Coleman Behavioral Health or Coleman Employment Services.

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Coleman Behavioral Health is staffed by recovery teams made up of licensed counselors, case managers, psychiatric and employment staff who meet with and counsel consumers through a variety of services. Coleman Behavioral Health's services and policies vary throughout its four-county market, with the Stark County office serving adults with Medicare and Medicaid benefits.

Coleman Behavioral Health is a program of Coleman Professional Services, 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 four enterprise companies produce more than 40 percent of the company's funding for its award-winning programs such as Behavioral Health and Employment Services.

For more information on Coleman Professional Services, please visit www.coleman-professional.com or call 800-673-1347. For details regarding Coleman Employment Services, contact Shawn Gordon at 330-676-6809 or shawn.gordon@coleman-employment.com. Information on Coleman Behavioral Health in Stark County can be obtained by contacting Paulla Gates at 330-438-3090 or paulla.gates@coleman-bh.com.

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