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## Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas

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### **Jewish Family Service Welcomes PLAN to its Continuum of Mental Health Services**

Dallas, TX – This week, Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas (JFS) announced that PLAN (Planned Living Assistance Network of North Texas) has entered into an affiliation agreement with JFS. This new relationship will broaden both the agencies' client base and footprint to better serve people with mental illness in the Greater Dallas area.

Following an evaluation of options to secure their future, PLAN approached JFS due to JFS' quality of wrap-around services, accreditation, diversified funding, strong management and governance, billing, marketing and resource development experience and long-term continuity. The affiliation will provide for the long-term continuation of PLAN and even greater access and coordination of JFS services on behalf of PLAN consumers, including career and employment, emergency assistance and those for older adults.

"We at PLAN are excited about our affiliation with Jewish Family Service," said Tom Nenninger, President of the PLAN Board of Directors. "The relationship greatly increases PLAN's ability to reach out to adults with mental illness in the Greater Dallas area and provides enhanced name recognition for our organization."

The affiliation also integrates new resources for JFS clients and families, such as educational and social activities for persons with mental illness and an evidence-based, social skills training program, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy (CET).

"We believe that combining the strengths of our two organizations will enhance the resources that can be provided to people with mental illness and their families," said Michael Fleisher, CEO of Jewish Family Service. "Our staff will work diligently with the PLAN staff to maintain the confidence of current PLAN consumers and families and additionally, be a community resource that people needing service can turn to for support and help. JFS thanks the new JFS Foundation and to the PLAN Board for their investment and help in facilitating this process."

To coordinate governance, the PLAN Board will now include JFS representatives and transition to an advisory function, while representatives from PLAN will serve on the JFS Board of Directors. Each agency's case management and counseling services will continue to provide independent support and guidance to consumers.

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Services can be accessed by contacting either organization. For Jewish Family Service call (972) 437-9950 and for PLAN call (972) 690-7526.

*Jewish Family Service provides professional, effective and affordable mental health and social services that promote lifelong self-sufficiency and well-being for anyone in need regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or ability to pay.*

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