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**Aurora Community Services expands Employee Assistance Program
(EAP) to offer businesses local resource**

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Mayo Clinic recently gave notice to businesses being served via their Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that they were discontinuing that line of service. Recognizing a need for local EAP resources, Aurora Community Services is pleased to announce they are expanding their EAP program.

"Aurora has been providing EAP services in some capacity for over 20 years," stated Holly Hakes, Executive Director of Aurora Community Services. She explained that in the last two years, Aurora has been gradually expanding their full EAP services program, and are glad to assist any company in need of a new provider or considering the service for the first time.

EAP's provide businesses with a product designed to increase employee productivity and attendance. Employees are able to use

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support services designed to help with what Hakes called "problems of life". "Everyone has experienced an issue at home, that has been stressful, maybe occupied your attention, and knows how hard it can be to get to work and be productive," she explained. Situations like stress over finances, relationships, changes or caretaking are hard on everyone, especially when a impacted person is trying to be a good employee too, she explained. Hakes stated that for every dollar invested in an EAP, an employer can save \$5.00 - \$15.00 in improved attendance and productivity. "Aurora is passionate about helping everyone live their BEST life," said Hakes. The EAP resources are designed to help both employees and businesses achieve their collective goals.

The EAP program of Aurora's offers counseling to employees in any of their 7 regional clinics or telephonically via their 24 Employee Assistance Call Center and also offers a wide range of educational materials and resources designed to assist all employees with managing and excelling in life. Corporately based in Menomonie, Aurora has clinics located in Eau Claire, Menomonie, New Richmond, Siren, Spooner, Ladysmith and Plover. Services can also be provided telephonically. Interested businesses should call Aurora at 1-888-301-5897.

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