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JFCS of the Suncoast Awarded \$993,000 Grant to Fill Service Gaps for Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders

Sarasota, Florida – January 13, 2015 – Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc. (JFCS), the premier local safety net social service organization, was awarded a three-year \$993,000 grant by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) as part of an Alzheimer's Disease Initiative: Specialized Support Services Project. JFCS will increase system of care efficiencies and fill existing service gaps for people living in the community with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders or ADRD.

Working collaboratively with community partners, JFCS will expand support for those living alone with ADRD, expand services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities with ADRD or at risk of ADRD, and enhance behavioral symptom management training and support for family caregivers. As the oldest large county in the US, more than one-third of Sarasota County's population is over the age of 65 with five percent age 85 or older. It is estimated that 50% of adults over the age of 85 will be diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. In our community, 25,014 cases of ADRD were counted in 2013 with an estimated increase to 34,107 by 2025.

JFCS expects the program to benefit at least 500 individuals each year with the long-term goal of strengthening the overall system of long-term services and supports for people with dementia related conditions. JFCS is one of ten awardees and is the only agency within the state of Florida to receive the grant award, which was the result of a nation-wide competitive grant application process and is funded by the 2014 Prevention and Public Health Funds.

"JFCS' ADRD collaboration program will transform the existing system for both care recipients and caregivers," stated Rose Chapman, LCSW, president and CEO of JFCS. "Individuals in our community affected by ADRD will have access to the information and services they need without having to wait or be overwhelmed by the system of care."

For more information about the program, please contact Pamela Baron, MSW, Director of Senior Services at PBaron@JFCS-Cares.org or 941-366-2224, ext. 112.

About JFCS

Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast, Inc. (JFCS) is a fully accredited, community-based social service organization delivering a broad range of services, including counseling, prevention, intervention, outreach and education to children, adults, families, seniors, and veterans on a secular, non-denominational basis. JFCS promotes self-sufficiency, providing people with the resources to cope and overcome life's challenges. To learn more, visit JFCS-Cares.org.

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