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Lighthouse relocates clinic to Murray State College campus; community dedication, student event set

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – Lighthouse Behavioral Wellness Centers has relocated its Tishomingo clinic to a newly renovated facility on the Murray State College (MSC) campus. The new clinic opened Monday, Sept. 11 to clients. A community dedication ceremony and student event are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 5.

As part of the collaboration between Lighthouse and MSC, the college will provide the facility while Lighthouse will continue to offer accessible, comprehensive, and compassionate mental health support to both community members and students.

“For decades, Lighthouse has offered mental health services to the Tishomingo community,” said Jessica Pfau, Lighthouse CEO. “Moving to the new clinic allows Lighthouse to build on that rich heritage while fostering a closer connection to the college community.”

Murray State College President, Dr. Tim Faltyn, highlighted the significance of this collaboration: “We believe that by bringing Lighthouse onto our campus, we are demonstrating our commitment to holistic student development and well-being. This partnership aligns perfectly with our mission of creating a supportive environment that empowers students to thrive academically, socially, emotionally, physically and mentally.”

The importance of addressing mental health issues, especially among young adults, cannot be overstated. In 2022 the College Student Mental Health Report found that 77 percent of students experienced moderate to serious psychological distress during their college years, and 35 percent of students were diagnosed with anxiety.

“The mental health of our youth and college-aged students is a priority for Lighthouse and Murray State College,” Pfau said. “With this move, we are more accessible to provide the necessary support and resources to help young adults navigate the challenges they may face during their college years and beyond.”

Lighthouse will host a community dedication ceremony at 10 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5 at the clinic (located at 209 E. Wilson Ave.). All community members are invited to attend. Tours of the clinic will be available after the dedication.

Following the community event, Lighthouse will host a Block Party for the MSC students, faculty, and staff from 11:30 a.m. –1:30 p.m. The Block Party will include free food, games, and several prizes and giveaways.

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