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## **Illinois-Based Compass Health Center Announces Expansion into Montgomery County, Maryland**

*100 New Jobs Planned in Silver Spring Along with Fast Access to Mental Health Services Both In-person and Virtually Across the State*

**Rockville, Md** – Compass Health Center, the leading provider of non-hospital intermediate-level behavioral health services in Illinois, announced plans to open a new location in Silver Spring, Md. in September 2023, marking the company's first expansion outside of Illinois. The company will bring more than 100 new jobs to the area while helping to address the critical need for additional mental health care services, which is a growing need nationally.

"Montgomery County continues to be a leader on healthcare, so it makes sense that Compass Health Center would eye Montgomery County next as an expansion point," said County Executive Elrich. "The demand for mental health services continues to grow, and addressing this urgent need locally and throughout the Country is critical. We welcome Compass Health Center to the County."

MCEDC is helping to facilitate the new location, which consists of over 15,000 sq. ft. at Bournefield Way in Silver Spring. MCEDC is also assisting with permitting, making connections to WorkSource Montgomery for talent needs and additional project support.

"We are pleased to have Compass Health Center join the thriving healthcare ecosystem in Montgomery County," said Bill Tompkins, President and CEO of the Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC). "These important services will support Montgomery County and Maryland residents who are living with mental health issues."

Compass Health Center was co-founded by child, adolescent, and adult psychiatrists, Dr. David Schreiber, MD, and Dr. Claudia Welke, MD. Their unique model of care, grounded in their hospital inpatient experiences, aims to prevent costly and distressing Emergency Room visits and inpatient hospitalizations while providing a more effective level of care.

In Maryland, 781,000 adults struggle with mental health conditions<sup>1</sup>, impacting individuals, families, and communities across the state. High school students with depression are over twice as likely to drop out than their peers and 45.5 percent of Marylanders aged 12-17 with depression received no care last year. These statistics reflect our communities' urgent need for comprehensive mental health care and support. "Our goal has always been to meet the urgent need for an accessible and specialized care model that addresses the distressing cycle of behavioral health crises," says Dr. Schreiber, CEO and co-founder of Compass Health Center. "We're eager to bring our model to Maryland, enhancing access to mental health services and contributing positively to the local economy by creating nearly 100 new jobs."

In addition to the in-person services in Silver Spring, Compass Health Center is extending its reach throughout Maryland via its virtual services, ensuring high-quality psychiatric and behavioral health care across the state.

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<sup>1</sup> NAMI, 2021

Compass Health Center will begin accepting intakes in August 2023, ahead of its September launch. Upon launch, Compass plans to be in network with most commercial insurance carriers.

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### **About Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC)**

The [Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation \(MCEDC\)](#) is the official public-private economic development organization representing Montgomery County, Maryland. Created in 2016, MCEDC is led by a Board of Directors of business executives. Its mission is to help businesses start, grow and relocate in Montgomery County by helping them gain access to top talent, business and market intelligence and prime locations. For more information, visit our [website](#). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#).

### **About Compass Health Center**

Compass Health Center is a leading provider of Partial Hospitalization (PHP), Intensive Outpatient, and Psychiatric programs. Our expert psychiatrists and licensed mental health clinicians have a multidisciplinary approach to treatment, and teams work relentlessly to address various mental health concerns. From Depression, Anxiety, and OCD to Bipolar Disorder, Trauma, PTSD, School Refusal, and Substance Use, we strive to provide comprehensive care for patients aged 5 through adulthood. With an unwavering dedication to our mission, Compass Health Center remains devoted to serving communities both in-person and virtually across Illinois, extending into Maryland and paving the way for future expansion providing a path for people to realize their fullest potential. For further information, visit [compasshealthcenter.net](http://compasshealthcenter.net)