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**Association for Individual Development and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Launch
“Pop-Up” Community Mental Health Services**

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Association for Individual Development (AID) in collaboration with Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church will be launching “pop-up” community mental health services in Harvard beginning on Thursday, May 25, 2017 and continuing every Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. The highly qualified AID staff of licensed mental health counselors will offer outpatient individual and family counseling in English and Spanish every Thursday at Trinity, located at 504 East Diggins Road.

In addition, the AID Supported Living Team will connect with those residents of the Harvard area who need “a bit of extra support” to maintain mental wellness and independent living standards. Case Management services occur right in the individual’s own home and community.

In mid-summer, AID hopes to offer tele-health psychiatric services to Harvard at the Trinity Church location on Tuesdays. Tele-health is an emerging and growing process that leverages the skill-sets of highly trained medical professionals and cutting-edge technology in order to offer quality care in rural settings. Although a “Doctor by T.V.” may seem awkward at first, most who engage in tele-health report a positive experience similar to skyping with loved-ones and friends.

AID has delivered quality community-based behavioral health services to the residents of Kane County for over twenty years. Last year, at the request of the State of Illinois, AID began to provide care to adults and families displaced as a major provider of these services in McHenry divested to refocus their care. In the past year, AID has offered services to over three-hundred McHenry residents, launched tele-health and psychiatry services in McHenry, began to support over thirty residents in their own home and opened a recovery-focused drop-in center for those who have completed formal treatment and are connecting with community resources.

The AID mission is to help all McHenry County residents live a life of dignity and purpose by compassionately providing quality care in hometown communities.

AID accepts HFS Medicaid, Managed Medicaid Plans, Blue Cross/Blue Shield and United Healthcare PPO plans. Those without insurance are encouraged connect with AID to discuss payment options. For those residents who are undocumented, services are provided with the highest level of respect and compassion and are funded through resources determined to ensure that all McHenry residents have access to behavioral healthcare.

Anyone interested in starting services or with questions about the quality care that will soon be offered can call AID at 847.931.2358.