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The Suda Institute receives \$100,000 HRSA one-year planning grant to strengthen the rural healthcare system for mothers and infants affected by substance use disorder in Stanly County, NC.

Mooreville, NC — The Suda Institute is proud to announce the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). This one-year project, running from September 30, 2024 to September 29, 2025, aims to strengthen the collaborative network of care for mothers and infants affected by substance use disorder in Stanly County, North Carolina. The project is part of the Stanly Substance Use Network (SUN) initiative.

“This funding will help us strengthen the healthcare system and improve access to care to ensure ALL children and their mothers can be healthy” said Gina Hofert, CEO of The Suda Institute. “By working closely with our community partners, we can make a real impact in the lives of families impacted by substance use.”

The network will develop a multi-sector, coordinated system of care to connect mothers with SUD to the necessary health and social services. Partners include:

- **Stanly Department of Public Health**
- **Stanly Department of Social Services**
- **Cabarrus Health Alliance - SUN Clinic**
- **Atrium Health Stanly**
- **Stanly County Emergency Medical Services**
- **Daymark Recovery Services**
- **Open Hands of NC/Uwharrie Harm Reduction Coalition**
- **Partners Behavioral Health Management**

About the Project:

Stanly County, a rural area in North Carolina, has been disproportionately affected by the

opioid crisis, ranking #1 in opioid overdoses in 2018. The Suda Institute's efforts will focus on improving outcomes for pregnant and postpartum mothers with substance use disorders, their infants, and service providers. With the help of the HRSA grant, the network will create a sustainable model of care to expand access to treatment and strengthen the rural health system in the region.

For more information about The Suda Institute and its programs, please visit www.sudainstitute.org.

About The Suda Institute

The Suda Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the health and social needs of communities affected by substance use disorder. With a vision of “Supporting Safe, Healthy, and Happy Families through Community Collaboration,” The Suda Institute fosters partnerships that break down systemic barriers to care.

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