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**Horizon Health Services Employee Receives Prestigious Award
From Buffalo Drug Treatment Court;
Cited for Her Efforts Helping Others Achieve Sobriety.**

Buffalo, NY – Horizon Health Services, the largest and most comprehensive provider of fully-integrated mental health, behavioral health, chemical dependency, medical and vocational treatment and recovery services in Western New York, announces that Horizon Village Counselor II Ann-Marie Caruso, BA CASAC, has received the Outstanding Service Award from the Buffalo Drug Treatment Court.

The award recognized “the standards set by Ms. Caruso to empower those in recovery who seek to achieve sobriety against all odds.”

“Ann Marie deserves this award as she goes above and beyond assisting her clients and the Court. She believes in recovery and, therefore, helps those in the program live their life successfully,” says Pamela A. Saunders, Senior Case Manager of the Buffalo Drug Treatment Court.

A four-year employee of Horizon, Ann-Marie received her BA degree in Psychology from the University at Buffalo and her CASAC credentials from the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). She currently serves as admissions counselor at Horizon Village.



“Young adults have different values and belief systems that require a different approach to treatment,” says Ann-Marie. “I am grateful to be part of an organization that truly understands the needs of young adults in treatment and is fully prepared to assist them with their recovery in whatever way we can.”

Horizon Health Services is a not-for-profit organization that provides an array of comprehensive services that annually assists, on average, 10,000 individuals with mental health problems and/or addictions to make choices that improve their quality of life and achieve their personal recovery goals.

Horizon Village is Horizon Corporations’ 50-bed intensive residential drug treatment program. It is licensed by the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and is a cost-effective alternative to hospital-based care, providing opportunities for individuals to experience recovery while living in a unique, safe, therapeutic residential setting. Horizon Village provides innovative, person-centered treatment designed to offer hope for individuals in recovery. For more information on Horizon Health Services or Horizon Village, visit www.horizon-health.org.

The Buffalo Drug Treatment Court is a judicially supervised treatment program for persons whose substance abuse and or dependency appears to have contributed significantly to their current arrest and or a conviction of crime. Participants are required to follow and complete a treatment plan beginning immediately upon their first appearance in court. A participant’s plan may require outpatient, inpatient or residential treatment, halfway house, counseling,



educational/vocational programs, regular and random drug testing and self-help group attendance.

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