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Bluegrass.org and Independent Opportunities Announce Service Realignment

Bluegrass.org will begin transitioning its residential services, adult day training, and employment services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to Independent Opportunities, which will assume operations of these services throughout Lexington, Frankfort, and Richmond, effective April 1, 2013.

Connections, a bluegrass.org program, has served individuals and families throughout the region by providing a full range of services for more than 25 years. Recent changes in Medicaid's Supports for Community Living Waiver regulations have resulted in this service realignment. These new regulations require that case management be offered to individuals separate from their service array provider. Bluegrass.org will continue providing quality case management services throughout the 17-county Bluegrass Region, as has been the case for more than 30 years.

Through ongoing collaboration, Bluegrass.org and Independent Opportunities are confident this realignment will result in a continuation of quality supports and a primary focus on freedom of choice for all program participants.

Dr. David Hanna, Interim President/CEO, bluegrass.org: "Bluegrass.org has worked closely with Independent Opportunities in coordinating the care of individuals for many years and we are confident that individuals with disabilities and their families will continue to receive the same high quality of service that they've known with Bluegrass."

Wayne Harvey, COO, Independent Opportunities: "Independent Opportunities has enjoyed a long and successful working relationship with Bluegrass.org. We look forward to the collaborative efforts between our organizations that will allow for the planned service realignment transition to be a success."

Independent Opportunities, a human services company based in London, Kentucky, has provided services to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities since 1999, and is committed to excellence in providing community-based supports, while addressing each individual's current and emerging needs in becoming a productive member of the community.



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Bluegrass.org reiterates the continuation of its case management services, which have been an integral part of its 45-year history in the 17-county Bluegrass region. Bluegrass.org seeks to assist individuals and families in the enhancement of their emotional, mental and physical well-being by providing behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities and substance abuse services.

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