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CCBHC has been a blessing for the rural community! We have more access to care in the smaller office locations. Transportation is an issue in the rural areas and care coordinators are able to take Internet capable tablets to homes to assist in directing accessing care. This allows access to psychiatrists, clinicians for individual or group sessions and also allows nurses to speak directly with the doctor and help manage medications easier.

Peer support specialists have been able to provide WRAP training for support in the office locations for mental health providers, but it has expanded to public locations so anyone needing support services can attend and find the support needed to maintain a more stable mental health and sobriety.

The services have benefited 14 rural counties in north central Florida, and we have been able to meet the needs of our communities with ease thanks to the funding and support of our SAMHSA taxes being utilized right here at home. Please continue to make improvements with the services provided and access Medicaid/Medicare dollars to allow even more access to care. Thank you!