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Kenneth Young Center partners with Endeavor Health to update technology and expand access to behavioral health services.

Kenneth Young Center receives $420,000 to update and integrate technology platforms, increasing the ability to serve more clients and reduce wait times.

ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL– January 12, 2026 – Kenneth Young Center a 501(c)3 organization that partners with communities to support people of all ages to navigate life's challenges through personalized prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery, is proud to announce its selection as a partner in Endeavor Health's 2026 Community Investment Fund (CIF). This year, Kenneth Young Center is the recipient of a CIF Capacity Builder Award in the amount of $420,000 to support the purchase and implementation of a new phone system, website and electronic health record (EHR), aimed to integrate technology platforms that will expand access to behavioral health services and increase capacity to serve more clients within the community.

"This investment is a transformational moment for Kenneth Young Center and for the communities we serve," said Maurice D. Ware, President & CEO of Kenneth Young Center. "By modernizing and fully integrating our technology platforms, we are removing barriers to care, reducing wait times, and creating a more seamless experience for clients, families, and partners. Endeavor Health's support allows us to strengthen our infrastructure so our clinicians and staff can focus on what matters most—delivering timely, high-quality behavioral health care to those who need it most. This partnership accelerates our ability to expand access, improve outcomes, and meet the growing behavioral health needs across our region."

Endeavor Health selected Kenneth Young Center as one of nine new Capacity Builder recipients and 42 current partners across Chicagoland to collaborate on community health needs related to behavioral health, food and housing insecurity, access to care and careers in healthcare.

"Endeavor Health is here every day to support the health and well-being of our patients and their families," said Kristen Murtos, Chief Innovation and Transformation Officer of Endeavor Health. "Through our Community Investment Fund, we're collaborating with local organizations that people know and trust — helping them remove barriers to care, meet immediate needs and create long-term solutions that help individuals and families thrive."

Kenneth Young Center will use the investment to transform how clients and partners engage with services, while enabling staff to focus on what matters most: delivering exceptional care. Implementing three integrated technologies will streamline operations and expand access – creating faster service, increasing capacity, and improving outcomes. A new phone system will unify voice service across multiple locations, ensuring seamless communication. The redesigned website will better reflect the mission of the organization by offering accessible multilingual access to behavioral health information, a secure client portal for managing care, and a comprehensive community resource guide connecting clients, staff, and partners to over 1,700 local services addressing social determinants of health. Additionally, a new EHR system will integrate with the website and client portal, providing secure, cloud-based access that allows staff to spend more time with clients, enhance care coordination, and enable mobile access for field teams–eliminating costly downtime and reducing administrative burden. When launched together, these three systems will work in harmony to deliver a vastly improved experience for clients, partners, and staff.

For more information about Kenneth Young Center and its efforts in supporting people of all ages to navigate life's challenges through personalized prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery, please visit kennethyoung.org. To learn more about Endeavor Health's Community Investment Fund, visit endeavorhealth.org/cif.

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About Kenneth Young Center

Kenneth Young Center is a leading Community Mental Health Center serving Chicago's northwest suburbs with more than 35 interconnected services. Our goal is to help individuals and families navigate life's challenges through a true continuum of behavioral health care. Kenneth Young Center's behavioral health programs span prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery, allowing us to support the whole person at every stage of their journey. We provide individual, family, and group therapy, and behavioral mentoring to build coping skills. To enhance therapy, we offer psychiatry services for both children and adults and have an on-site pharmacy for easy access to needed medications. Our clinical and peer-led substance use programs help youth and adults reach their recovery goals. For clients with the highest needs, our multidisciplinary teams – therapists, nurses, psychiatrists, occupational therapists, peer support specialists, and case managers - offer in-home, wraparound services that empower independent living. To complement behavioral health care, our housing and vocational specialists help clients attain stability. Our 24/7 crisis response teams provide phone and in-person support to help youth and adults avoid unnecessary emergency room visits. We also offer school-based programs, LGBTQ+ mental health services, and Mental Health First Aid trainings to strengthen community resilience. In fiscal year 2025, our outpatient behavioral health programs served 4,950 individuals, 94% of whom came from low-income or very low-income households. We are one of the few area providers that accepts Medicaid, and we offer heavily discounted sliding-scale fees for individuals in our primary service area who are uninsured or under-insured. With our unmatched breadth of services and integrated approach, Kenneth Young Center walks alongside community members through every step of their behavioral health journey—meeting them where they are and helping them achieve lasting stability and hope. For more information, visit kennethyoung.org

About Endeavor Health

Endeavor Health℠ is a Chicagoland-based integrated health system driven by our mission to help everyone in our communities be their best. As Illinois' third-largest health system and third-largest medical group, we proudly serve an area of more than 4.1 million residents across seven northeast Illinois counties. Our more than 28,300 team members, including more than 1,900 employed physicians, are the heart of our organization, delivering seamless access to personalized, pioneering, world-class patient care across more than 300 ambulatory locations and nine hospitals, including eight Magnet-recognized acute care hospitals – Edward (Naperville), Elmhurst, Evanston, Glenbrook (Glenview), Highland Park, Northwest Community (Arlington Heights), Skokie and Swedish (Chicago) and Linden Oaks Behavioral Health Hospital (Naperville). For more information, visit www.endeavorhealth.org.

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