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The logo for Hanna Center, featuring the name "Hanna Center" in a white, cursive-style font inside a dark, rounded rectangular shape.

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## **Hanna Center awarded Behavioral Health Care and Human Services Accreditation from The Joint Commission**

(SONOMA, CA, August 5) – Hanna Center has earned The Joint Commission’s Gold Seal of Approval® for Behavioral Health Care and Human Services Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal is a symbol of quality that reflects a health care organization’s commitment to providing safe and quality patient care.

The Joint Commission’s standards are developed in consultation with health care experts and providers, measurement experts and patients. They are informed by scientific literature and expert consensus to help health care organizations measure, assess and improve performance. The surveyors also conducted onsite observations and interviews.

“As a private accreditor, The Joint Commission surveys health care organizations to protect the public by identifying deficiencies in care and working with those organizations to correct them as quickly and sustainably as possible,” says Mark Pelletier, RN, MS, chief operating officer, Accreditation and Certification Operations, and chief nursing executive, The Joint Commission. “We commend Hanna Center for its continuous quality improvement efforts in patient safety and quality of care.”

The Joint Commission publishes its current standards annually. At present, there are 250 active standards. On-going compliance with Joint Commission standards results in sound management practices such as, safety and security, infection prevention and control, medication protocols, emergency response, developing a culture of safety, implementing procedures to assess and improve the quality of the organization’s governance, management, clinical and support functions and processes, including human resource competency assessments, meeting the educational and experience requirements defined by the organization, completion of health screenings and criminal background checks as required by law.

“Earning The Joint Commission’s Accreditation is a true testament to Hanna Center’s passionate and professional staff who work tirelessly each day to provide the highest delivery of standards for safe, quality residential care and behavioral health services for the youth and families we serve in Sonoma County and beyond,” says Cameron Safarloo, CEO of Hanna Center.

This accreditation recognizes Hanna Center as an organization that complies with the highest national standards for safety and quality of care and is committed to continually improving resident care. This accreditation/certification is recognized nationally as ***The Gold Seal of Approval*** in health care.

For more information, please visit [The Joint Commission website](#).

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### **About Hanna Center**

Hanna Center (formerly Hanna Boys Center) envisions a world in which every individual grows up resilient and healthy, freed from the lasting effects of adverse childhood experiences. Founded in 1945, Hanna is a residential treatment and educational center in Sonoma, California, with an on-campus accredited high school serving students impacted by trauma. Over the last 75 years, Hanna has educated and cared for more than 4,000 young people from Sonoma County, Northern California, and beyond. For more information visit [www.hannacenter.org](http://www.hannacenter.org).