

NHS Human Services to Merge with The Association for Independent Growth

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NHS Human Services, Pennsylvania's largest not-for-profit providers of human services headquartered in Lafayette Hill, PA, and The Association for Independent Growth, Inc. (TAIG) located in Philadelphia, signed an agreement September 23, 2008 to merge their services. Under this acquisition agreement, NHS will provide management support and TAIG will continue to provide a variety of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They will embark on a due diligence phase immediately before the final close.

NHS, which was one of the original base service units in Philadelphia, now provides care to over 50,000 individuals a year in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, New York, Louisiana and Virginia. In addition, NHS, through its management company, provides financial management consultation services in North Carolina. NHS offers a full range of integrated services in the areas of behavioral health, intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), addictive diseases, autism, juvenile justice, elder care and foster care. This merger will make NHS one of the country's largest non-profit providers.

The Association for Independent Growth, Inc. (TAIG) has been in operation since 1984 and is currently one of the largest providers of community living supports for adults with I/DD in Philadelphia. TAIG provides residential, adult day care, employment, retirement and health-related services to over 350 individuals. It has a staff of 550 professionals. Their President and CEO, Joseph Bucci stated, "The merger between NHS Human Services and TAIG will ensure TAIG's future success by increasing operating efficiencies and market share, thereby enhancing TAIG's leadership in the community inclusion movement as well as TAIG's ability to support additional individuals."

NHS, as the new parent company, will have combined revenue of over \$440 million and more than 10,500 employees working in over 600 facilities. In addition to the COA accreditation for their opioid services, NHS boasts two national awards for their compliance and ethics program and processes. NHS Human Services, combined with TAIG and Allegheny Valley School, represents the largest non-profit provider of I/DD services in the nation. Senator M. Joseph Rocks, Chairman and CEO of NHS Human Services observed, "This merger will improve our collective ability to provide individuals with choice and the resources to pursue their aspirations, develop and maintain meaningful relationships with family and friends and participate in community life. It will also allow us to advocate more strongly for legislation and funding to support these goals."