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Phoenix, AZ -- Successful Journeys Integrated Care (SJIC) this month announced the hiring of Lee A. Underwood, Psy.D as the consulting Chief of Clinical Operations.

Successful Journeys Integrated Care (SJIC), a community-based, multi-service organization providing treatment and support to individuals impacted by mental illness by offering adult behavioral health residential treatment and rehabilitation services for transitional community living.

“Successful Journeys is excited about the addition of Dr. Lee Underwood to our team,” said Sekou Jackson, Executive Director/Owner of SJIC. “Dr Underwood is nationally recognized in the field of clinical psychology, and his talents and skills will enhance the outstanding quality of care provided to those seeking treatment and support services through SJIC.”

Said Dr. Underwood: “I am pleased to be on board with SJIC, whose mission and values align with my philosophy of employing an integrated healthcare model to help individuals seeking help to develop skills to succeed in life. I look forward to being a part of this organization and to making an impact in the quality of behavioural health care in Arizona.”

Founded in 2008, Successful Journeys a Behavioral Health Residential Agency rebranded in 2016 to focus its effort on an integrated care model hence SJIC was created. SJIC has offered a myriad of opportunities for people to participate in integrated community-based activities, with Rehabilitation and Residential Programs in Northern Arizona and the Greater Phoenix area.

For more information about Successful Journeys Integrated Care, visit [ww.sjicare.com](http://www.sjicare.com) or call (844) 240-6366.

Bio with Photo:



**Lee A Underwood, Psy.D.** is a licensed clinical psychologist in several states and certified sex offender treatment provider and is affiliated with Successful Journeys Integrated Care and Regent University School of Psychology and Counseling. He is nationally recognized for his training programs, books, and articles on treating culturally diverse adolescents and adults who have sexually abused others, treating victims of sexual abuse and treating the needs of clients with severe mental illness. He has 30 years of experience treating adolescents and adults and has published over 60 professional articles in refereed journals, 20 scholarly activities including monographs, technical reports and training manuals and has authored two books on Adolescents. His written work has focused on the needs of mentally ill clients, juvenile sex offending, substance use, trauma needs of females, forensic and cultural needs of persons involved in the criminal justice and mental health systems, as means of distributing the findings of his research. He has served as an executive clinical officer for several large residential treatment, juvenile justice and criminal justice programs for adolescents and adults. Dr. Underwood has been recognized by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), American Institutes for Research (AIR) and the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) as one of the leading program innovators for juvenile justice and community treatment programs. Dr. Underwood has held a number of policy oriented research, academic, clinical and consulting positions over his career with federal, state and private agencies for research, program design, development, implementation and evaluation of services.

Dr. Underwood performs training activities, develops treatment curricula, designs programs and performs program evaluations for private and public organizations throughout the country. He consults with the Federal Department of Justice's civil rights division regarding fair and equitable treatment for clients in systems of care. He served as a Senior Consultant with the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice, an affiliate of Policy Research Associates. Dr. Underwood has provided support to the forensic psychology program at Argosy University, served as an affiliate faculty for Louisiana State University Health Science Center and visiting lecturer with Rutgers University Criminal Justice program. Dr. Underwood serves on the editorial board of *The Juvenile Mental Health Report* and *The International Journal of Behavioral Consultation and Therapy*.