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## ADDICTION TREATMENT SERVICES – 10 YEARS OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

**Traverse City, MI, November 12, 2019**– Addiction Treatment Services has been growing to meet community and client needs since it's doors first opened in 1974. Since 2009, the face of addiction has changed, largely due to the opioid epidemic. In that time, ATS has worked to meet needs of clients by expanding programming like their detox center, which has expanded from six to 15 beds in 10 years. Programs like Dakoske and Phoenix have expanded their client needs and operate as stand-alone programs. Outpatient has grown to meet the needs of clients as well, offering up to eight different programs for clients. On 2017, ATS opened a Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Clinic, and just this fall launched their Recovery Community Center, The PORCH, at 1010 S. Garfield.

*"The opioid crisis changed the footprint of addiction, and in order to best serve people, we had to change, expand and grow to better meet needs. We're an optimistic organization, and that has contributed to the expansion and array of services we offer – we need to meet clients where they are to truly help them. We're proud of the work we have done and the ways we have grown to continue to offer more and more options that help people truly recover,"* says Chris Hindbaugh, ATS CEO.

Much of this growth and change can be contributed to the 10 years that Chris Hindbaugh, CEO, has dedicated to the organization. In 2009, Hindbaugh moved to Traverse City, bringing with him a wealth of administrative, program development, and business skills to the organization. In 2012, Hindbaugh was honored with an award from SAMHSA for his organization's efforts to promote recovery principles in the region. Thus, Hindbaugh now serves as a National Recovery Month planning partner facilitated by SAMHSA in Washington DC. In January of 2015, Hindbaugh was invited along with other "leading experts in the field" to the first ever *Office of National Drug Control Policy Forum: Access, Recovery and the Affordable Care Act* held at White House hosted by The White House Office of Drug Control Policy. In March of 2016, Hindbaugh accepted yet another National Award on behalf of ATS from the National Council of Behavior Health who bestowed their "Change Maker" award on the organization at its annual conference.

Since taking over ATS, the organization has more than tripled in size and is now the region's largest treatment provider, increasing their annual budget from under 2 million to 5 million in 10 years. ATS continues to work to meet community needs and recently completed a three-year strategic plan that will work to combat addiction and support a recovery-focused community.

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**Addiction Treatment Services** is committed to helping those with substance abuse disorders reach their full potential. ATS makes sure clients' individual needs—both mental and physical—are addressed with unique, evidence-based care, providing a full range of services from detox to residential programs, to transitional housing to outpatient services, and more. For more information, visit [www.addictiontreatmentservices.org](http://www.addictiontreatmentservices.org)