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**Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health Launches
S.T.A.R. Military and Veteran Wellness Program**

(Macon, GA) – Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health has launched the S.T.A.R. (Stress, Trauma, Addiction, Recovery) Military and Veteran Wellness Program at Coliseum Medical Centers. The S.T.A.R. Program was created as a resource for service members and veterans who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, transition issues, drug or alcohol addiction, or other mental health issues. The S.T.A.R. Program is the first of its kind in the middle Georgia area.

The S.T.A.R. program will allow qualified service members and veterans to receive treatment in their own dedicated unit. The ten-bed unit provides 24-hour care for both personal mental health issues and combat-related trauma. The S.T.A.R. program offers board certified psychiatrists, licensed therapists, nurses and mental health technicians with military experience and specialized training in working with soldiers and veterans.

Jessica Hatcher, Assistant Vice President for Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health, said, "Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health served over 180 active duty military and service veterans in 2016 and we are honored to partner with our military and veteran providers to offer this new service. The STAR program was developed in response to requests from providers in our community and to meet the needs of our service men and women who have served our country."

For more information about the S.T.A.R. program at Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health, call Life-Line at (478) 741-1355 or (800) 548-4221. Life-Line is a 24-hour, seven days a week service offering information, assessment, referral and crisis intervention at no cost.

About Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health

Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health is a full service mental health and addictive disease facility. Inpatient and outpatient programs are available for people with emotional, behavioral, psychiatric and substance abuse problems. Coliseum Center for Behavioral Health has been serving middle Georgia clients for over 30 years, and has successfully treated thousands of patients who have been able to return to normal daily living.

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