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HORTON GRADUATES FROM COLLEGE OF DIRECT SUPPORT

WHITFIELD—Eddie B. Horton, an Active Treatment Technician/Shift Leader at Mississippi State Hospital, has recently graduated from the College of Direct Support, a web-based learning curriculum used by more than 35 states and three countries.

Horton is a Pearl native who has been employed with Mississippi State Hospital for almost 18 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science in psychology from Jackson State University.

The College of Direct Support courses are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, which allows professionals to learn at their own pace and convenience. The long-distance learning program is designed to enhance the skills of individuals who serve in direct care positions with patients. The curriculum is also updated constantly so that participants have access to the most up-to-date information. Some of the courses offered include Direct Support Professionalism, Documentation, Introduction to Medication Support and Working with Families and Support Networks.

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. Accredited by the Joint Commission, MSH is the largest hospital in Mississippi and the largest public psychiatric facility in the United States.

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