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Following a landmark Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MNSCU) facilities agreement, Riverland College has elected to locate an Althing Clinic within the Austin Campus. This first of its kind clinic will serve the health needs of students, staff and the surrounding community; in all languages, literacies, cultures, genders and ages. Augmented and virtual services will concurrently become available at the Owatonna and Albert Lea campuses. Services will include mental and addiction health engagements, wellness, sports physicals, MNDOT physicals, pediatric and adult primary care services.

Mental and addition health concerns have been on a steady rise across the nation and have been of an acute concern in young adults. In colleges and universities, suicide is the second-leading cause of death. In a recent study nearly half of participating college students met the criteria for at least one substance use disorder (SUD), while the 2019 Monitoring the Future survey found the highest rates of illicit drug use, particularly amphetamines, cocaine, hallucinogens, and MDMA, among those of typical college age (early to mid-20s). The breakthrough Althing program has proven a scalable, efficient and effective way to not only identify students at risk but to intervene with immediate qualified help.

The Riverland Clinic will be the first campus based clinic to meet the Civil Rights and ADA vision which will support its mission of inclusion and diversity. The broader Austin region includes over 56 unique languages and a broad range of ages and literacies who will benefit from its Althing location.

About Althing LLC.

Althing is a Minnesota based community services provider with special focus on community health access, education and economic development through modernized service platforms. Althing employs (Novel technology from GeaCom) Phrazer/Kitsune® platform to provide community engagement in any language, literacy, gender and culture. Althing provides proactive mobile health, Community Clinics, education and workforce services that are inclusive, community centric and locally managed. In a recent groundbreaking achievement Althing solutions provided the first ever complete, affordable and effective health services, with realtime provider access, to students between 12 and 18 years of age in a key Minnesota school district. This milestone achievement sets the standard for identifying and mitigating the rising health concerns of today's students.