



WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

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From the Director...



County Executive

Acknowledges Wraparound Milwaukee

In his State of the County Address on January 12th, County Executive Scott Walker acknowledged the Wraparound Milwaukee program. His comments, which are published in his Address on the Milwaukee County website at www.county.milwaukee.gov were as follows:

“Milwaukee’s Wraparound program for emotionally disturbed youth was chosen as one of six programs – from over 700 applicants – to receive Harvard University’s prestigious Innovation in American Government award.” The Annie E. Casey Foundation said “Wraparound Milwaukee is leading the nation with a more effective response to treating emotionally disturbed youth.”

We thank the County Executive for recognizing Wraparound Milwaukee in his comments about the County’s accomplishments in 2009.

Bruce Kamradt, Director



Wraparound Milwaukee and Delinquency Services Collaborate on Two Grant Projects in 2010

For 2010, Wraparound Milwaukee will be collaborating with Delinquency Services on two grant projects. The first of these is a diversion initiative through the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance – Disproportionate Minority Contact, and will target first offender youth with serious mental health needs. This grant will allow screening and access to the Wraparound REACH program and services for youth with mental health problems to avoid the need for the formal filing of a delinquency petition due to service access barriers. This project would allow youth with serious mental health problems an equal chance at being diverted through a deferred prosecution agreement as youth without serious mental health problems. The same pool of youth considered for the First Time Offender Program will be considered for REACH.

Intake workers at Children’s Court may refer youth to a Wraparound REACH worker for an assessment to determine eligibility for REACH and consider those results (i.e., planned enrollment in REACH) in making disposition recommendations to the

District Attorney’s office. As with the regular First Time Offender Program, youth who successfully complete the conditions of the deferred prosecution agreement will not have any charges filed. This program will target up to 50 youth in the calendar year 2010.

The second grant project through the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program of the U.S. Department of Justice supports six months of planning and 24 months implementation of comprehensive aftercare services for youth with severe emotional disorders and/or co-occurring substance abuse disorders with nonviolent charges, returning to Milwaukee County from juvenile correctional institutions. This project will be a joint effort not only between Delinquency & Court Services and Wraparound Milwaukee, but also with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

It is clear that a significant number of youth committed to the State Corrections system have mental health needs that result in these youth spending more days in secure detention and staying for longer periods in the State Corrections system. The goal of this grant is to identify those youth committed to State Corrections who present with mental health and AODA conditions that would benefit from the services of Wraparound Milwaukee and Delinquency & Court Services, and using existing community service delivery systems have a more successful re-entry into the community. This grant project that runs through June 30, 2012, will target 25 to 30 youth.

Both of these innovative initiatives will require considerable coordination across the juvenile justice and mental health systems, but both will reach new target groups of youth who will really benefit from the more comprehensive array of services and support.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

Wraparound Success Story...



As of December 1, 2009, Keith became a permanent part of a family, as his adoption was finalized. Keith has been enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee since 2004, and has made amazing strides in the last few years. Keith is now 16 years old and is doing outstanding in all areas of his life. Upon enrollment in Wraparound, Keith struggled greatly*



with his behavior in home and school. He has been with his adoptive family for the duration of his enrollment. Despite his struggles, his treatment foster family stood by him and helped him to succeed. There were times when new foster families were looked at and more restrictive settings considered; however, with hard work and dedication Keith remained with his adoptive family. Keith has extended biological family out-of-state that he visits on a regular basis, who are a steadfast and consistent support for Keith and instrumental in his outstanding accomplishments

Keith's child and family team were active in his success. He had a mentor that supported and guided him over several years and will continue to remain in contact with Keith as an informal support, as Keith progresses in life after Wraparound. With the assistance of his Bureau worker, Treatment Foster Care worker and Wraparound Care Coordinator, the treatment foster family received support and guidance, and Keith received the help he needed to succeed. Keith built a great rapport with his therapist and will continue to turn to him for support over the years to come.. Keith participated in tutoring and was able to turn around his struggles in school and even achieve additional credits. Keith was active in basketball and utilized community supports to help him succeed.

Keith's outgoing nature and ability to persevere is amazing. He has a bright and promising future ahead of him and he will have a special place in the hearts of each of his team members. He showed everyone that with persistence and focus on the vision, success is possible.

(* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by Willowglen Community Care Center

complex needs. Two of our new staff have worked with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) in the past and all bring enthusiasm and commitment to families. We are pleased to have them and their expertise.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Director

Announcements...



Positive Recognition Awards

The following have been recipients of "Positive Recognition" awards:

Guy Simo – Sebastian's Family Services

Nominated by Tavita Martinez - LaCausa

"Guy is awesome! Reliable, empathetic and effective. Just wanted to say thanks!!."

Carlos Lopez – Human Development Center

Nominated by Tavita Martinez - LaCausa

"Reliable, works well with youth, communicates well. Outstanding!"

Kristin Parulski, Jennifer Bosch, Dr. Christina Diorio and Dr. Amanda Heins – Family Options Counseling

Nominated by Amy Mantey – Aurora Family Service

"I have had the pleasure to work with all four of you and I just wanted to recognize you for all the hard work you do with the youth we serve. You make yourselves available to your clients and their family, other team members, and you are very well organized, timely and above all great people to work with. Thank you all so much!"

Upcoming Events...



FEBRUARY 2010

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| Feb. 1 | QA Executive Committee Mtg. |
| 10:00-12:00pm | WM – Room 212 |
| Feb. 3 | DHHS Centralized QA Mtg. |
| 9:00-11:00am | WM – Room 212 |
| Feb. 4 | Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting |
| 8:15-10:00am | WM – Room 416 |
| Feb. 4 | High Risk Reviews |
| 11:00-1:00pm | WM – Room 253 |
| Feb. 4 | Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg. |
| 1:00-3:00pm | CHP Auditorium |
| Feb. 10 | Child Psych. Cons. – St. A's |
| 12:00-1:00pm | WM – Room 253 |
| Feb. 11 | High Risk Reviews |
| 11:00-1:00pm | WM – Room 253 |

Mobile Crisis...



This month, the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) welcomed Marlow Fowlkes-Ware, Carissa DiMatina and Courtney Matthews to the team. These new staff have a primary responsibility to assist youth in treatment foster care through crisis intervention and team consultation. All come to us with several years of experience in helping children and families with

Feb. 18 High Risk Reviews

11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 24 Child Psych. Cons. – R-AJA

12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 24 New Care Coord. Trg. – M1-1

8:30-4:00pm WM – Room 416

Feb. 25 High Risk Reviews

11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 26 New Care Coord. Trg. – M1-2

8:30-4:00pm WM – Room 416

Feb. 27 Family Orientation

11:00-12:30pm WM – Cafeteria

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For more information on Wraparound Milwaukee, go to our Website at www.county.milwaukee.gov and search using the keywords "Wraparound Milwaukee".



Greater Milwaukee Major Events

2/11-2/14 2010 Realtors Spring Show
2/13-2/14 Cedarburg Winter Festival
2/20-2/28 Greater Milwaukee Auto Show

Wisconsin Exposition Center (414) 778-4929
Historic Downtown Cedarburg (800) 237-2874
Midwest Airlines Center (414) 9086001