



# WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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## *From the Director...*



### **Wraparound Milwaukee to Present at SAMHSA – System of Care Training Conference in Chicago**

Wraparound Milwaukee has been invited to present a workshop on Developing and Sustaining Collaboration Across Child Serving Systems and Agencies at the summer Systems of Care Meeting being held July 19-21, 2011, in Chicago. The meeting is sponsored by the Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Program. Mary Jo Meyers, Margaret Jefferson and I will present the workshop to help new U.S. systems of care grant communities to build collaborative partnerships, particularly with child welfare and juvenile justice.

This will also be an opportunity to show the PBS video on Wraparound Milwaukee to other communities.

### **President's Budget Maintains Funding for Systems of Care**

President Obama's 2012 Budget requests continued funding for the Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Program. This is the grant program that originally funded Wraparound Milwaukee in 1995 to 2000. The total available funding proposed for this program in 2012 is \$121 million. Support of this program is important to continue the national momentum for development of systems of care.

### **Federal SAMHSA Study Shows Young Adults Present Highest Risk of Suicidal Thoughts and Behavior**

According to a recent report from SAMHSA's National Survey on Drug Use and Health, young adults age 18 to 25 were more at risk than older age groups in three categories - serious thoughts about suicide, suicide plans and suicide attempts. This is why transitional programs like Project O-YEAH are so important to this community.

The rate of young adults age 18 to 25, who actually attempted suicide was 1.2 percent, as opposed to .5 percent among those age 26 to 49 and .2 percent for those age 50 or older.

The full report can be found at [http://store\\_samhsa.gov/product/NSDUH10-1221](http://store_samhsa.gov/product/NSDUH10-1221).

### **The Project O-YEAH Clubhouse is Now Open**

We are pleased that the Wraparound Milwaukee – Project O-YEAH Clubhouse at 9201 Watertown Plank Road is now open. Gwen Anderson, our new Clubhouse Manager, has been doing an outstanding job in getting the Clubhouse operational and working alongside Owen Felix, Brian McBride and others to create an inviting place for youth and young adults to come to. Here are some of the specifics about the Clubhouse:

- The Clubhouse is open Monday thru Thursday from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday from 1:00 to 9:00 p.m.
- If youth are enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee, or have been in the Wraparound or REACH program, they are welcome to come and utilize the resources the Clubhouse has to offer.
- The Clubhouse is set up to serve young adults ages 15 to 25, but, with supervision, some younger youth are also welcome.
- The Clubhouse is a resource center for job opportunities, education, and learning basic life skills that will help our young adults to be successful while they are transitioning. The Clubhouse is designed to help our youth and young adults build relationships with others within the community. The Clubhouse also offers an outlet for youth if they need some recreation and interaction with other youth, as they can access the gym, bowling alley and other facilities.
- The Clubhouse Manager, Gwen Anderson, can offer support and resources for the young adults who may need a little guidance and direction. She has already engaged youth in groups to deal with peer pressure, respect, education and job readiness, just to name a few.
- For the month of May, Gwen arranged for several speakers to come and talk with our youth. Debra Fields from Sojourner Family Peace Center was there on May 19<sup>th</sup>, to talk about teen violence within relationships and anger management. Lance Parks from U.S. Bank came on May 25<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the importance of money management, long term financial goals, and basic budgeting. Mr. Parks was able to help youth learn how to set up savings and checking accounts. Omar Barberena from Job Corps was here May 26<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the different options the Job Corps has to offer.



- The Clubhouse also has a Facebook page called “Project O-YEAH the Clubhouse”. So please log on and see what the Clubhouse has to offer. You can also find the Clubhouse on Twitter at “DA Clubhouse @ Twitter”. This is a site where you can find out about the upcoming events and speakers the Clubhouse has coming in the future. The Clubhouse will also be posting a calendar monthly on its Facebook page.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

## Wraparound Success Story...

*Billy\* was enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee in September 2010, related to his addiction to pain medications. He was subsequently placed in an out-of-county residential care facility to stabilize his behavior and assist him in developing the skills and strategies to stay clean and sober. Billy had been dealing with AODA issues for some time. Along the way he received numerous municipal citations as a result of poor decision-making. Billy’s addictions had also resulted in an expulsion from his home school district. Additionally, Billy’s father had been incarcerated, and therefore, was not available to support Billy and his family as he once had.*

*Billy’s mother proved to be very supportive and encouraging of Billy’s participation in treatment services and willingly engaged in family therapy with her son to better their communication and rebuild trust. Billy was also actively engaged in opportunities available at the facility. He worked hard in therapy sessions and was motivated to participate in other paid and volunteer experiences available at the residential care facility. Billy started taking medications during this time to assist him in managing his ADHD, as well as stabilize his mood. After a thirty day stabilization period at the residential facility, Billy was able to begin home passes. During these home passes, Billy was able to spend positive time with family and friends who supported his decision to not use. He and his mother would also take time to visit with his father, so they could be together as a family. While Billy was at the residential facility, he used his earnings to pay off several of his municipal tickets. In January 2011, the Child & Family Team transitioned Billy back to the Milwaukee area. He continued to actively participate in individual and group AODA therapy sessions. He also worked hard in school to maximize his academic accomplishments. Billy did struggle with avoiding cigarette smoking, but was able to end his habit with the support of his friends, therapists and, most of all,*

*his mother. His mother used her community connections to assist Billy in gaining positive employment at a local restaurant. Billy continues to be clean and is on track to graduate from high school in the winter of 2011.*

*Billy and his mother are clear examples of how Wraparound can assist youth and families in making the necessary changes that will support their success in the future. Billy and his mother have learned to get along and relate positively without outside intervention. They now have the confidence to continue their efforts toward sustaining their success and living happily together in the home.*

(\* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by LaCausa, Inc.



## Youth Council ...

### Youth Council Annual Talent Show

WOW! Over 400 people attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Wraparound Milwaukee Youth Council Talent Show! Another year where there was standing room only and limited seating. Those that came had the opportunity to see performances ranging from Opera to African Dance. The young adults that performed began working on the show back in December 2010. They committed to weekly rehearsals and put their hearts into the show. They have every right to be proud of themselves for all the hard work, energy and time they committed. The new addition this year was the selling and viewing of young adult art work. Before, during intermission, and at the end of the performances, the audience had the opportunity to view the art work and bid on it. Proceeds will be divided among the artists and the Youth Council. The money donated toward the Youth Council will be used to help create leadership opportunities and monthly activities. Many volunteers made this event an overwhelming success. Individuals involved in this process were able to see how a vision can become a reality with the help of a strong team. Thanks to everyone that helped make the event such a rewarding one for the young people we serve.

Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel, My Home, Your Home





## Announcements...

### Positive Recognition Awards

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

#### **Linda Youngblood – Community Support Resource Center**

Nominated by Tasha Gross - Parent

*"She is a good role model for me and my family. Very hard working, caring person."*

#### **Andrew Lauric – Integrity Family Services**

Nominated by Dana Lessard - Parent

*"...an outstanding Crisis Stabilizer... works so well with my child and family... the only person who can bring my son to calm down and get him to listen... I thank Andrew from the bottom of my heart... he is the best..."*

#### **Brian McBride – St. Charles Youth & Family Svcs.**

Nominated by Rob Bergeson – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

*"Brian's quiet leadership with the Youth Council Talent Show has been an excellent example of thoughtfulness and caring for the youth involved."*

#### **Ann Kelley-Kuehmichel – My Home, Your Home**

Nominated by Rob Bergeson – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

*"Ann's energetic style of leadership with the development of the Youth Council Talent Show has again created a sustainable and invaluable experience for the youth involved. Thanks."*

#### **Joe Gladney – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation**

Nominated by Rob Bergeson – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

*"Joe has always been able to successfully connect with the youth he helps. His participation and attendance to the team that he helps is greatly appreciated."*

#### **Tonia Smith - LaCausa**

Nominated by Daryl Brown - Parent

*"For all the time I worked with Miss Smith I would like to thank her for that."*

#### **Elijah Ndon – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation**

Nominated by Kristy Giljohann – Willowglen Community Care

*"...has been an excellent crisis stabilizer for the youth he works with... is always available in a crisis situation, as well as able to provide transportation for home passes, even out of county."*

#### **Harper House Group Home – Nehemiah Project**

Nominated by Kristy Giljohann – Willowglen Community Care

*"...staff are very involved with the youth they care for... They keep youth accountable for their actions... are very good at keeping team updated and really understand the youth's needs."*

#### **Juan Gibson – TLC Group Home**

Nominated by Becky Horwitz – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

*"Juan went above and beyond to revamp his entire group home structure to accommodate a special needs youth. He has advocated for the youth and provided unconditional care... The team appreciates the hard work and open mindedness..."*

#### **Mike Artery – Uncle Harry's**

Nominated by Melissa Glass – My Home, Your Home

*"Mike donated the custard for the celebration in honor of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. Thank you, Mike and the Uncle Harry's staff!"*



*Have a Safe & Happy Memorial Day!*

## Upcoming Events...

### JUNE 2011

|               |                                      |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Jun. 1</b> | <b>New CC Training</b>               |
| 8:30-2:00pm   | WM – Room 416                        |
| <b>Jun. 1</b> | <b>QA Meeting</b>                    |
| 9:00-11:00am  | WM – Room 212                        |
| <b>Jun. 2</b> | <b>Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting</b>     |
| 8:15-10:15am  | @ St. Charles Youth & Family         |
| <b>Jun. 2</b> | <b>High Risk Reviews</b>             |
| 11:00-1:00pm  | WM – Room 253                        |
| <b>Jun. 2</b> | <b>Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.</b> |
| 1:00-3:00pm   | "Cancelled"                          |
| <b>Jun. 3</b> | <b>New CC Training</b>               |
| 9:00-3:30pm   | WM – Room 416                        |
| <b>Jun. 6</b> | <b>REACH Agencies Meeting</b>        |
| 11:00-12:30pm | WM – Room 253                        |



**Jun. 7**      **ARB Meetings**  
 9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 7**      **Achenbach Trg. – MHYH/WG**  
 9:30-11:00am WM – Room 212  
**Jun. 8**      **New CC Training**  
 8:30-12:00pm WM – Room 416  
**Jun. 8**      **Child Psych. Cons. – Parents**  
 12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 9**      **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 10**     **Picnic Planning Meeting**  
 10:00-11:00am WM – Room 212  
**Jun. 13**     **Achenbach Trg. – St. Charles**  
 1:00-2:30pm WM – Room 212  
**Jun. 14**     **New CC Training**  
 8:30-4:00pm WM – Room 416  
**Jun. 14**     **ARB Meetings**  
 9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 15**     **New CC Training**  
 8:30-11:30am WM – Room 416  
**Jun. 15**     **Achenbach Trg. – LaCausa**  
 10:00-11:30am WM – Room 212  
**Jun. 16**     **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**  
 8:15-10:15am @ St. Charles Youth & Family  
**Jun. 16**     **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 20**     **New CC Training ??**

**Jun. 20**     **Achenbach Trg. – AJA**  
 9:30-11:30am WM – Room 212  
**Jun. 21**     **New CC Training ??**  
**Jun. 21**     **ARB Meetings**  
 9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 22**     **New CC Training**  
 9:00-11:30am WM – Room 416  
**Jun. 22**     **Child Psych. Cons. – R-LaCausa**  
 12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 23**     **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253  
**Jun. 24**     **New CC Training**  
 8:30-3:30pm @ Children’s Court Center  
**Jun. 28**     **New CC Training**  
 8:30-1:00pm WM – Room 416  
**Jun. 29**     **New CC Training**  
 9:00-4:00     WM – Room 416  
**Jun. 29**     **Achenbach Trg. – Alt.**  
 10-11:30am WM – Room 212  
**Jun. 30**     **High Risk Reviews**  
 11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

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 Website at [www.county.milwaukee.gov](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov) and search using the  
 keywords “Wraparound Milwaukee”.

**Greater Milwaukee Major Events**

|           |                                  |                              |                |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 6/2-9/28  | Jazz in the Park                 | Cathedral Square Park        | (414) 271-1416 |
| TBD       | Verge                            | Henry Maier Festival Grounds | (800)745-3000  |
| 6/4       | Scottish Festival/Highland Games | Hart Park, Wauwatosa         | (414) 422-9235 |
| 6/5       | Miller Lite Ride for the Arts    | Downtown Milwaukee           | (414) 276-RIDE |
| 6-/8-8/24 | River Rhythms                    | Pere Marquette Park          | (414) 276-6696 |

