



WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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From the Director...

HAPPY
HOLIDAYS

Best Wishes for the Holidays

We would like to express our thanks to all of our staff, Providers and most of all to all of our families for your contributions and commitment to the Wraparound Milwaukee program and the values it embraces.

It is that commitment to providing what families need, recognizing the strengths of our youth and families, providing care for children in their own homes and in the context of their own families that seems to ring most true at this time of year.

So, Happy Holidays to all of you and our best wishes for a great New Year!

Bruce Kamradt, Director
Mary Jo Meyers, Deputy Director

Joseph takes great pride in not having to rely on the medication, acknowledging that in the past they were helpful, but that over time “the meds were holding me back, instead of letting me move forward”.

Joseph has also made some incredible strides academically. He has gone from a day treatment setting to being almost completely mainstreamed into regular education. In this new setting, Joseph has been getting good grades, with 100% attendance in all of his classes and without a single behavioral referral since the start of the school year. Joseph is now focused on going to college and is spending time looking into scholarships. He is very excited about attending college and is looking forward to being in an independent, education setting.

Joseph has also been involved with private Spanish tutoring while pursuing his interests in the Latin culture, and has maintained a job at McDonald’s for 6 months now, with very positive reports from the manager on his timeliness, reliability and positive work ethic. Being the modest person that he is, Joseph also gives credit to others who have supported him over the years, saying “my foster-mom, my social workers, my mentor, they all kept pushing me to do what I was supposed to, ‘til I got it right.”

(* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by Willowglen Community Care



Wraparound Success Story...

For the past several years, Wraparound Milwaukee has worked with Joseph, a 16 year old African American youth, who was placed in out-of-home care when he was six years old due to abuse. From age 6 to 12, he had been placed in two residential facilities, a group home, several shelter care placements, inpatient and multiple foster homes. Almost 5 years ago, when he turned 12, he was placed in a foster home with an extremely skilled, highly supportive foster parent. Despite the challenges Joseph presented, his foster parent patiently and persistently “rode out the storm” and almost 5 years later, Joseph successfully remains in her home, having smoothly blended in with the rest of the family.*

Joseph had also been on several medications over the years for a mood disorder and ADHD. Two months ago he expressed to his Child & Family Team that he wanted to be taken off the medications. Although team members were reluctant (as he had relied on the meds for so long), a trial run without medication was tried after consulting with his prescribing psychiatrist. Two months later, completely off his medication, Joseph has shown that he has been able to do well at home, school and in the community.



Mobile Crisis...

The Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) has recently experienced an increase in referrals from the Center for Protection of Children (CPC), as well as more requests for consultation from Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. CPC has been collaborating with MUTT for consultation on the mental health needs of youth being evaluated there, and who are entering the child welfare system. Children’s Hospital calls on MUTT to assess children who present there with complex mental health and medical needs.

Also, I have had the privilege of talking with students from Ottawa University this month around the ethics of community treatment. Community mental

health service created ethical challenges not often faced in tradition approaches, and providers must be aware of these challenges. Dr. Dykstra and Patti Cooper also met with new crisis stabilization staff at LaCausa to discuss strategies in emergency mobile mental health services.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Services Director



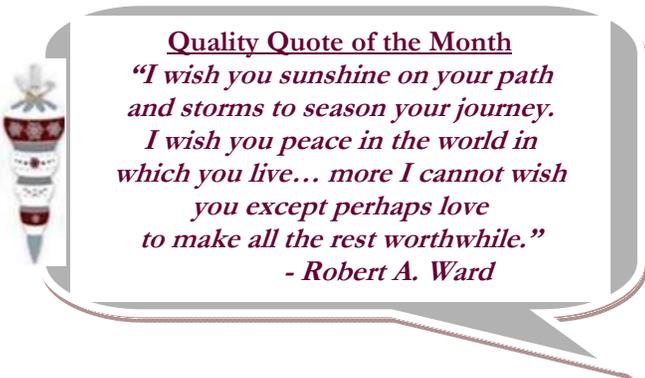
Quality Assurance...

Wraparound Cultural Diversity Committee

The Wraparound Milwaukee Cultural Diversity Committee would like to extend our greetings for a Happy Holiday Season! May you and your family celebrate with open hearts, eyes and arms, and may the New Year bring you good health, peace and joy!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call at (414) 257-7608 or email me at pam.erdman@milwcnty.com.

Pamela Erdman, QA/QI Director



Quality Quote of the Month

*"I wish you sunshine on your path
and storms to season your journey.
I wish you peace in the world in
which you live... more I cannot wish
you except perhaps love
to make all the rest worthwhile."
- Robert A. Ward*

Andrew Lauric – Integrity Family Services, LLC

Nominated by Dana Lessard - Parent

"Andrew is a perfect match for my son, he's remarkable and has so much patience with my son... Andrew deserves a medal for the work he does for all the children...!"

John - E & V Transportation, LLC

Nominated by Dana Lessard - Parent

"John has a lot of patience for my son and is very good to him. He is an awesome person who has a heart of gold when it comes to children with disabilities."

Kattie Vytlacil – Integrity Family Services

Nominated by Melody Laughlin - Parent

"Kattie has really helped my step-daughter to change her ways... is always so pleasant... [my step-daughter] has bonded with Kattie and has changed her attitude to a more positive one...!"

Melissa Arvelo – Integrity Family Services

Nominated by Melody Laughlin - Parent

"Melissa has been more than understanding and helpful with my step-daughter... calls to check in with [my step-daughter] on a regular basis and has been there for us during crisis times."

Kathy Frank – Sebastian Family Psychology Practices, LLC

Nominated by Melody Laughlin - Parent

"Kathy has been a lifesaver for me as our family therapist... Kathy has been available to help us either in person, on the phone or through text or email... Kathy is the first person through everything that has been truly worried about me..."



Upcoming Events...

JANUARY 2011

Jan. 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan. 4	ARB Meetings
9:00-1:00pm	WM – Room 212
Jan. 5	DHHS Centralized QA Mtg.
9:00-11:00am	WM – Room 212
Jan. 6	Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting
8:15-10:00am	WM – Room 416
Jan. 6	High Risk Reviews
11:00-1:00pm	WM – Room 253
Jan. 6	Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.
1:00-3:00pm	CHP Auditorium
Jan. 11	ARB Meetings
9:00-1:00pm	WM – Room 212



Announcements...

Positive Recognition Awards

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

Ariel Johnson – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

Nominated by Olivia Jackson - Parent

Lisa Lonergan – Applied Therapies and Wellness Center, S.C.

Nominated by Dana Lessard - Parent

"Lisa is a remarkable person...made my son extremely comfortable and explains things to him... she has helped me understand things with my son that I didn't know and helping me to help my son for a better future..."

Jan. 12 **Child Psych. Cons. – St. C’s**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
Jan. 13 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
Jan. 15 **Family Orientation**
11:00-12:30pm WM – Room 416
Jan. 18 **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 212
Jan. 18 **APR Meetings**
8:30-3:30pm WM – Room 253
Jan. 19 **APR Meetings**
9:30-11:00am WM – Room 212
Jan. 19 **Partnership Council Meetings**
11:30-1:30pm WM – Room 212
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1:30-3:00pm WM – Room 212
Jan. 20 **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am WM – Room 416
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Jan. 20 **APR Meetings**
12:00-3:00pm WM – Room 212
Jan. 21 **APR Meetings**
10:30-12:00pm WM – Room 212
Jan. 24 **Provider Network Meeting**
1:00-2:30pm at St. Aemilian-Lakeside
Jan. 25 **FOCUS Meeting**
10:15-12:00pm WM – Room 212
Jan. 26 **Child Psych. Cons. – R-St.A’s**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253
Jan. 26 **Cultural Diversity Meeting**
1:00-2:30pm WM – Room 212
Jan. 27 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

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