



WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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From the Director...



Looking Back and Forward – What We Accomplished in 2010 and Hope to in 2011

Looking back at 2010, Wraparound Milwaukee had many accomplishments as a program – here are a few:

- In 2010, Visionaries, Inc., under the auspices of funding from the Harvard University – Innovation Award, was able to produce a 30 minute video on Wraparound Milwaukee for Public Television. The first airing of the video was on October 8, on Channel 10 and the video has now been distributed around the country.
- The Youth in Transition program, called Project O-YEAH, completed its first year under the \$2.4 million, five-year federal grant. The first three Transition Specialists were hired in May and by the end of 2010 the program had achieved its initial goal of enrolling the first 30 young adults.
- Wraparound Milwaukee, Delinquency Services and the Division of Corrections collaborated to initiate the design, development and implementation under a federal Justice Assistance Grant of a juvenile re-entry program. That program targets the successful return to the community of youth with serious emotional and mental health needs, currently incarcerated in a state correctional facility. After much planning and training, the first 5 youth were identified for enrollment in the Project.
- In 2010 Wraparound Milwaukee negotiated an agreement with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) to offer them a full-time educational advocate through Families United. Elena Montes, our new advocate, began providing services to BMCW this past fall.
- To expand needed crisis 1:1 stabilization services, Wraparound Milwaukee has brought in four new community service providers - LaCausa, New Horizons, Southwest Key and the Latino Community Center. The additional agencies will give families more choice of providers and expand the number and availability of crisis 1:1 stabilizers.
- The Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) approved an extension of the dedicated mobile crisis team for the

schools, as well as our Safe Schools Liaison position.

- Wraparound Milwaukee was able to secure some permanency as to its office space, including obtaining additional office space on the 2nd floor of what was referred to as Day Hospital. We were able to secure new tenants for the 9201 building and were very excited to have two of our Care Coordination Agencies - My Home, Your Home and Willowglen - move into this building. We were also pleased to have St. Charles take over the day treatment area for its day treatment program and help us secure a site for the new Youth/Young Adult Clubhouse.
- In addition to adding a new educational advocate, Families United of Milwaukee coordinated a number of orientation sessions for new families and helped many families to advocate for themselves. Family members were trained on how to effectively communicate with system partners on behalf of their families. Over 400 individuals participated in these orientation sessions, in facilitating training or in family support activities sponsored by Families United.
- During 2010, the Youth Council held 18 planning meetings and numerous events. Among the events organized by the Youth Council were a Bowling event, Milwaukee Bucks game, the annual Talent Show, a Cultural Food Night, annual Bake Sale, a Summer Picnic, a Milwaukee Brewer's Game, catering a Thanksgiving Dinner and an Ice Skating event.

In next month's issue, we will talk about some of the goals for 2011 and what we hope to accomplish this year.

Wraparound Milwaukee

Welcomes New Safe Schools Liaison

As Wraparound Milwaukee enters the 4th year of its relationship with the Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) system – Safe Schools/Healthy Students Federal Grant Initiative, we are pleased to announce that Margaret Oulahan has replaced Mara Youngbauer as our new Safe Schools Liaison to MPS for the Wraparound Milwaukee program. Margaret, who has recently finished her MSW, has five years experience as a Care Coordinator and comes to us through LaCausa, Inc.



Margaret will assess youth from MPS Safe Schools for the REACH program, attend CST meetings and work to identify youth in MPS Safe Schools who can benefit from Wraparound Milwaukee, REACH and mobile crisis (MUTT) services.

Public Hearing on New Foster Care Rules

The Public Hearing on the new Foster Care Rules – DCF56, issued as an Emergency Rule on January 11, 2011, will be held February 15, 2011 at the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) at 6111 N. Teutonia Avenue. The rules provide for; 1) the new levels of care that a licensed foster home can provide, 2) establish use of the CANS tool as the standardized assessment to assess the needs of a child placed or to be placed outside the home and to help determine the level of care that is required to meet those needs, 3) provide rates of reimbursement for foster care that are commensurate with the level of care, including rates for supplemental payments for special needs, and 4) establishes a monthly retainer fee for foster homes that agree to maintain openings for emergency placements.

Anyone interested in testifying on the new rules can do so on that day, prior to implementation of the final new rule on Foster Care.

Bruce Kamradt, Director



Wraparound Success Story...

Sonya is an upbeat and positive person who is pleasant to be around. After dealing with the death of her mother and grandfather, and experiencing other traumatic situations in her 16 years, Sonya has made a great deal of progress. School is one of the top things on her list of priorities, along with becoming a nurse.*

This young lady came into Wraparound Milwaukee after residing at Milwaukee Academy because of some poor choices she made. She realized that this wasn't where she wanted to be and wanted to make some positive changes in her life. The Child and Family Team came together to talk about what would help this family overcome some of the hurdles they were being faced with. The family therapist is helping Sonya and her grandmother build a healthier relationship and helping Sonya cope with some of the stressors in her life. There is a mentor in place who is assisting Sonya to prepare for her ACT's and keeping her involved in positive community activities. PEARLS for Teen Girls is another community resource where

Sonya is interacting with her peers in a positive atmosphere.

Sonya was successfully transitioned home and has been making progress ever since. Her grandmother has been there from day one and has been a tremendous support system for Sonya. Sonya has a dedicated team and positive community resources that help guide her in the right direction. With the accomplishments that Sonya has made thus far, her mother and grandfather would be very proud.

(* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by AJA Counseling Center



Mobile Crisis...

This month the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) has continued its auditing and documentation guidance work with stabilization agencies, group homes and treatment foster care providers. With the advent of new Crisis 1:1 providers, it is important to reiterate some basic expectations: 1) Agencies are required to give master's level supervision to staff offering Crisis 1:1; 2) Supervision should be given about one hour per week, per service provider and can occur in a group; and 3) Documentation needs to be connected to the Plan of Care. If there are any questions concerning these or other parameters regarding the crisis audits, please contact MUTT staff assigned to your agency, or me.

Recent data from the American Association of Suicidology shows that suicide among teens and young adults in the United States has declined 22% in the last 20 years. Suicide attempts by youth have also declined by 28% from 2001 to 2009. This is good news, yet any suicide is one too many. We should continue to support and improve vital community programs, like Wraparound Milwaukee, its partners and families, who are key to addressing this very real problem.

MUTT wishes all a happy and healthy 2011!

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Services Director



Announcements...

Positive Recognition Awards

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

Mary Hortman - Alternatives in Psychological Consultation



Nominated by Juliette Haven – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

“Mary Hortman is a fantastic crisis stabilizer. She goes out of her way to help the team as often as possible, in addition to her actual responsibilities. She truly goes above and beyond and is exceptionally helpful and wonderful to have on a team.”

Upcoming Events...

FEBRUARY 2011

Feb. 1 **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 2 **QA Meeting**
9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212

Feb. 2 **Partnership Council Meeting**
11:30-1:30pm WM – Room 212

Feb. 3 **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am TBD

Feb. 3 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 3 **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.**
1:00-3:00pm CHP Auditorium

Feb. 4 **Benchmark Coaching Session**
8:00-12:00am WM – Room 416

Feb. 8 **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 9 **Child Psych. Cons. – R-AJA**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 10 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 11 **Credentialing Committee Mtg.**
9:00-10:00am WM – Room 253

Feb. 14 **QA Executive Committee Mtg.**
10:00-12:00pm WM – Room 212

Feb. 15 **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 16 **New Vendor Orientation**
9:00-12:00pm WM – Room 212

Feb. 17 **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:00am TBD

Feb. 17 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 23 **Child Psych. Cons. – Willowglen**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 24 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Feb. 26 **Family Orientation**
11:00-12:30pm WM – Room 416

Feb. 28 **Group Home Meeting**
10:00-12:00pm WM – Room 416

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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”.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 17th

Greater Milwaukee Major Events

1/21-1/22	Gallery Night and Day	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 273-1173
1/21-1/30	Milwaukee Boat Show	State Fair Park	(800) 328-6550
2/5-2/6	Cedarburg Winter Festival	Hist. Downtown Cedarburg	(414) 237-2874
2/26-3/6	Greater Milwaukee Auto Show	Frontier Airlines Center	(414) 908-6001

