



WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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From the Director...



Wraparound Milwaukee Announces New Staff Appointments

Wraparound Milwaukee is very pleased to announce the appointment of several staff for positions within Wraparound Milwaukee.

- Stacy Kozel, former QA/QI Coordinator, has been selected to fill Pauline Spencer's Program Coordinator position in charge of the Family Intervention Support Services program (FISS) and will also be continuing some existing responsibilities in Wraparound.
- Wes Albinger has been selected to fill Jeannie Maher's Program Coordinator position in charge of the Provider Network. Wes comes to us from Milwaukee County Contract Administration.
- Celeste Milanowski has recently joined Wraparound Milwaukee as a Fiscal Specialist by filling Joan Hall's position in our Finance department.
- Colin Fitzgerald joined the Wraparound team on 7/13/11, working in the IT department as one of our new Synthesis developers. Colin is located in Room 231.

Please congratulate and welcome our new staff. Next month we hope to have some additional staff appointments to announce.

Wraparound Milwaukee to be Host Learning Center for New and Continuing Federal Grant Sites

The Technical Assistance Partnership (TAP), the technical assistance agency for the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) – Comprehensive Children's Mental Health Program, will be utilizing Wraparound Milwaukee as a host training center for new and continuing grant sites through the fall of 2011. System of Care programs receiving federal funding can choose to visit Wraparound Milwaukee for visits of up to 2.5 days or have a Wraparound Milwaukee team provide the TA at the grant site. TAP is covering all of the costs of these visits for grant programs, including a fee to the host site program (Wraparound Milwaukee) for providing the technical assistance.

Some of the areas in which Wraparound Milwaukee would offer grant sites assistance include:

- governance and organization.
- financial.
- mobile crisis.
- care coordination, supervision and training.
- provider network and benefit design.
- quality assurance/evaluation.
- clinical oversight.
- information technology.

At this time, it is not clear how many sites may avail themselves of these technical assistance services, but Wraparound Milwaukee is pleased with having been selected to be a training site and resource.

Wraparound Milwaukee to Participate in Upcoming IIMHL Leadership Exchange

Wraparound Milwaukee will serve as a host site September 12-13, 2011, for one of the International Mental Health Leadership Exchange programs. The Exchange is an opportunity for mental health leaders in the United States, Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, New Zealand and Australia to choose to visit a mental health program in the country hosting the annual IIMHL Conference. This year that Conference will be held in San Francisco September 14-16.

Currently, Wraparound Milwaukee will have four visiting mental health leaders:

- Erica Lee – Executive Manager of Child & Youth Mental Health Services in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
- Peter Jenkins – Clinical Director of Eastern Health Child & Youth Mental Health Services in Victoria, Australia.
- Titia Sprague – Assistance Director for Clinical Policy & Service Development, Mental Health – Kids in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
- Paul Ingle – Chief Executive for Pathways Health, Ltd. in Manuku City, New Zealand.

We are still hoping to have some additional participants for the two days in Milwaukee. Wraparound Milwaukee will be putting a program together for the two day visit to include participation by some of our managers, providers and other system partners.

Bruce Kamradt, Director



Wraparound Success Story...

Star was enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee to assist her and her family in reunifying in the home. Star had been placed in several foster homes from 2006 until 2009. During those years she struggled with expressing her needs in a way that others could understand. In July 2009, Star moved to a foster home and Wraparound Milwaukee modified services that were in place for the family. She began to have visits with her mother and brothers more frequently. Star's mother moved into her own home and began to take large strides in a positive direction. The family worked with all team members on a consistent basis.*

Star transitioned to her mother's home in June 2010. Her brothers also transitioned back to the home. Wraparound Milwaukee and the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) continued to modify services to best assist the family so that the children could remain in the home with their mother. Star's mother's strengths became very evident as she began to reach out to the community parish, the Latino Community Center and UMOs. Her mother made sure that the children participated in Community Learning Center programming every day, resulting in Star doing well in a school setting. Informal supports in the neighborhood were identified, such as neighbors, former foster parents, church members, that could assist Star and her family. The Child & Family Team encouraged the use of these informal supports as much as possible, given that they would be the individuals who remained after Wraparound was completed.

The family made remarkable progress and strengthened their relationships throughout the first year of being together in the home. Star will be participating in a week-long overnight summer camp. Also, at the beginning of the 2012 school year, she will be in her appropriate grade level. The Child & Family Team strongly believes that the family will continue to succeed based on their resourcefulness and most importantly their commitment to one another. Star and her family successfully disenrolled from Wraparound Milwaukee at the end of June 2011. Their hard work and determination is truly reflective of what the Wraparound process can do as it relates to fostering strengths and creating plans that families can continue to use.

(* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by LaCausa, Inc.

Mobile Crisis...

In July, the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) met with the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (BMCW) to review the workings of our support for youth in foster care. BMCW will continue to identify more youth who could benefit from MUTT and MUTT-FF (for foster families) assistance. Aside from general duties around child support, MUTT also assists several agencies and programs. Every week MUTT sees youth in Children's Hospital of Wisconsin – emergency services, who may have mental health needs as well. MUTT helps youth recently detained by the BMCW by conducting mental health assessments, in conjunction with the Child Protection Center (CPC). In June, MUTT evaluated 10 such youth for CPC.

MUTT also works with Children's Court Probation to help determine the mental health needs of youth newly placed on court supervision. Each week MUTT sees several youth on probation and reports to Children's Court staff on their functioning.

MUTT was pleased to be a part of the Re-Unification Day at Children's Court in June, which emphasized the value of working with families to maintain care of their children.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Services Director

Announcements...

Positive Recognition Awards

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

Dana Fry – REACH - St. Aemilian-Lakeside

Nominated by Margaret Serres - Parent

"Dana has done a wonderful job in helping to find the right people, right personalities. With her help and contacts, our son has been diagnosed, treated correctly... She has been and continues to be a great asset to our whole family. Great job, Dana!"

Lisa Rizzo – St. Charles Youth & Family Services

Nominated by Mrs. Percyclious Blake - Parent

"Lisa has met our need – took time out to understand what would make my son and family comfortable... She really got to the root of the problem... Thanks, Lisa – we appreciate you!"

Marcus Harris – St. Charles Youth & Family Services

Nominated by Kellie Anthony - MUTT

"MUTT appreciates his hard work and dedication to children and families. He always communicates with MUTT in a positive and professional manner."

Gwen Anderson – Project O-YEAH

Nominated by Kellie Anthony - MUTT

“Gwen has displayed the ability to work with children in a positive manner. She has provided them with an opportunity to express themselves, learn job skills and develop better coping skills. She is really dedicated to her position with the O-YEAH program.”

Upcoming Events...

AUGUST 2011

Aug. 2 **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 3 **QA Meeting**
9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212

Aug. 4 **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:15am @ St. Charles Youth & Family

Aug. 4 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 4 **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.**
1:00-3:00pm CHP Auditorium

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

Aug. 10 **Child Psych. Cons. – LaCausa**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 10 **Youth Council Meeting**
4:00-5:00pm 9201 Watertown Plank Road

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

Aug. 16 **ARB Meetings**
9:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 17 **Youth Council Skating Event**
TBA Butler Skateland

Aug. 18 **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting**
8:15-10:15am @ St. Charles Youth & Family

Aug. 18 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 23 **Synthesis Training**
9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212

Aug. 24 **Child Psych. Cons. – R-AJA**
12:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 24 **Synthesis Trg – CC Adm. Staff**
9:30-11:00am WM – Room 212

Aug. 25 **High Risk Reviews**
11:00-1:00pm WM – Room 253

Aug. 26 **Synthesis Training**
9:00-11:00am WM – Room 212

Aug. 27 **FAMILY ORIENTATON**
11:00-12:30pm 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”.



Happy Independence Day

Greater Milwaukee Major Events

7/23-7/26	NASCAR	Road America, Elkhart Lake	(800) 365-7223
7/25-7/31	EAA AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI	(920) 426-4800
7/28-7/31	German Fest	Henry Maier Festival Park	(414) 464-9444
7/29-7/30	Gallery Night and Day	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 273-1173
TBD	African World Fest	Henry Maier Festival Park	(414) 291-7959
8/4-8/14	Wisconsin State Fair	Wisconsin State Fair Park	(800) 884-FAIR

