

WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division - Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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Celebrating Success!



Success Stories: *"Teamwork makes the dream work." -Bang Gae*



Shared by St. Charles

Miah

Upon enrollment into Wraparound, Miah* was placed with a foster family after her and her brother were removed from their father's home due to allegations of physical abuse. Her biological family had an extensive history with the Department of Milwaukee Child Protective Services and Miah and her brother were exposed to significant trauma and instability throughout their lives. Miah struggled with self-regulation, suicidal thoughts, and runaway behaviors. She had a difficult time being away from her brother and was angered by her parent's inability to be consistent supports in her life. This created barriers for Miah and made building trusting relationships with others difficult. She ended up bouncing around from extended family to different foster homes, and eventually was placed at a group home. Miah's mistrust and anger led to further system involvement after picked up delinquency charges.

Although Miah's road was long and full of ups and downs, she has finally found a stable, loving home. This past August marked Miah's year anniversary with her foster family. During one of the most difficult points in Miah's journey a wonderful foster family decided to take a chance on her, despite all her "behaviors" and concerning placement history. She immediately bonded with the foster parent and was accepted by her foster siblings, who she now refers to as her brothers and sisters and won't have it any other way. Being in a trusting, loving environment has allowed Miah to invest in treatment and work through her past traumas. Miah has since made significant personal growth. She is able to utilize healthy coping skills, can express herself without anger, and is excelling at school. She no longer receives regular suspensions or calls home from teachers and has stopped fighting with peers. She is getting good grades, on track to graduate high school, and recently found employment in the community. In addition, Miah's foster parent and team have made significant efforts to coordinate with her brother's foster parent to ensure regular visitations. She is able to visit him anytime she likes and has even formed a positive relationship with his foster family. Overall, Miah has become part of a family and is doing very well in her new home. The Child and Family Team are working toward making placement with her foster family permanent, and for the first time Miah reports seeing a future for herself.

**Names changed to protect confidentiality.*

Positive Recognition: *"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life." - Mary Rose McGeady*



Paula Greenlaw — Servant Manor Strategies

Nominated by Melinda Anderson, St. Charles

Thankful for Ms. Paula for her continued care and guidance for a young lady we are working with. Ms. Paula goes above and beyond and advocates wholeheartedly for this young lady and her newborn son. Thank you Ms. Paula for your passion and heart for the kids we are privileged to walk alongside with!

Melanie Fleischmann — Wraparound Administration

Nominated by Melinda Anderson, St. Charles

Thank you Melanie for lending a listening ear and being a voice of reason for me when I needed it! :)

Paula Nash — Myles Logistics

Nominated by Johnny Mailloux, Alternatives

Paula is an incredible communicator and seems to always find a way to make sure that our youth stay safe and get to appointments, visits or other important meetings on time. Paula answers the phone very cheerfully and is great at problem solving and being flexible. On top of this, her drivers really care about the kids and build positive relationships with the youth on the way. This is a reliable transportation service! Families need this!

Katrina Black — Willowglen

Nominated by Jaclyn Volz, Willowglen

At Willowglen Academy the CORE program has just assembled an additional team, Team #2. As the CORE program is still in its infancy and developing everyday Katrina Black has gone above and beyond her duties as the Clinician for CORE Team #1. She not only supports her team but also Team #2 on a daily basis. She has made herself available to assist with CCS trainings, provide additional support when meeting new enrollees, and answer questions when they arise. She was the force that began finding temporary resolution to Team #2 vacant Psychiatry need. In addition, she has created documents with helpful reminders and tips to navigate through Synthesis as a CORE provider. Katrina's leadership, forward thinking, and creative approach at Willowglen has been truly appreciated and worthy of recognition.

Jovan Goodman and the SaintA Ongoing Team

Nominated by La Causa Wrap Team

Jovan and the SaintA team were instrumental in assisting with a late night placement crisis, including their after-hours responsiveness, creative brainstorming, and helpful collaboration to ensure that a young lady was able to be placed in a TFC home where she felt safe and comfortable. Thank you for the support and collaboration!

Austina Watson & Cassie Henry—CHW

Nominated by Meghan Miller, La Causa

Austina and Cassie were extremely helpful during a placement crisis, and took a collaborative approach to ensure the child's safety and well-being were prioritized during a difficult and sudden transition. Thank you for your support and assistance!

Chris Rios — La Causa, Inc.

Nominated by Ryan Delaney

Chris has jumped into a challenging situation with both feet, accepted a tremendous amount of direction and feedback and never hesitated once. Chris easily communicates with all system partners while always working towards the youth and family's vision and treatment goals. He is willing to always meet at the family's digression and has quickly gained their trust in a situation that has been marred by challenges. Chris' ability to connect with this family has benefited the overall community-based plan and completely represents the true meaning of the Wraparound process.

Want to recognize someone for their great work? Submit a Positive Recognition Form, so we can give them a shout out!

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Upcoming Events & Community Highlights:

Featured Community Resource: Literacy Service of Wisconsin

What We Do - LSW provides literacy education to motivated adults through the dedication of our volunteers, the support of the community, and the use of specialized curricula to meet individual and community needs.

- *Adult Basic Education
- *GED Preparation
- *English Language Learning

<https://literacyservices.org>

Owen's Place—Employment

Stop into Owen's Place every Tuesday between 3:00pm-6:30pm for Staff/Peer Support assistance with completing applications. Owen's Place Outreach Coordinator has direct leads to help young adults obtain jobs at Wendy's (multiple locations), Walgreen's, Times Square, and Office Max.

For more information regarding community resources, please contact Owen's Place Staff at (414) 977- 4249.



Wraparound Milwaukee Vision:

To help build healthy and strong communities by enhancing children and families' ability to meet life's challenges and to foster resiliency and hope for a better future.

