



WCS Connection

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From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:

A New Home for the DRC

In January of 2019, the Milwaukee County Day Reporting Center (DRC), a program operated by WCS, will be relocated to the former St. Anthony's Hospital site located at 1004 N. 10th street. The DRC provides programming for hundreds of individuals on an annual basis who are involved with the criminal justice system. Programming includes cognitive behavioral therapy, substance abuse counseling, parenting education, academic enrichment, employment, and community service.

The building is being renovated into 60 permanent supportive housing units and will have a number of other on-site services including the DRC. The St. Anthony's building was added to the Wisconsin State Register of Historic places in 2017, to help honor its history and prominence in the downtown Milwaukee community. Built by the Capuchins in 1930, the hospital's mission was to serve all creeds and races. In its heyday, St. Anthony's hospital became known as a place for African American doctors and nurses to practice. It was also well-noted as a hospital that improved the health outcomes for Milwaukee's African American population. (Coincidentally, my mother worked as a nursing assistant at St. Anthony's hospital for almost 20 years.) I consider it a big win for our community that the site will be repurposed from the days that it served as a hospital to a project that will provide affordable housing for individuals who might otherwise be homeless and as a location for the Milwaukee County DRC. How appropriate it is that the DRC will be in a location with a rich history of healing and wellness while providing opportunities to overcome adversity.



Introducing CORE Programming

Earlier this month WCS was excited to begin providing a new service called Coordinated Opportunities for Recovery and Empowerment (CORE). CORE is an innovative program which serves children and young adults at the onset of psychosis through a Coordinated Service Team approach. The team is comprised of a clinician/supervisor, care coordinator, and peer support specialist employed by WCS, along with an employment/education specialist and psychiatrist provided by Wraparound Milwaukee. Each team works together to assist up to 14 individuals. CORE is an intensive service model that quickly provides services to a program participant to help support, educate, and stabilize their mental health and life needs. CORE is a service funded through Wraparound Milwaukee and is part of the WCS Specialized Services Division.

CDLRE Biennial Luncheon

On October 17, the Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability (CDLRE) hosted its 2018 Biennial Luncheon. More than 60 people attended the lunch and had the opportunity to hear U.S. Congresswoman Gwen Moore speak as well as listen to a discussion panel featuring Representative David Crowley addressing the challenges facing low income drivers resulting from the mandatory auto insurance law. At the event, City of Milwaukee Alderman Russell Stamper and Annie McGinnity Kubes, from Milwaukee Recreation, were presented with the 2018 Champion Awards. The Champion Award is given to individuals who support the work of the CDLRE locally and legislatively. These individuals are community change agents doing the work needed to increase the number of valid, low-income drivers in Milwaukee County. Also, Herman B. John, J.D. was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his pioneering work with the CDLRE and being an active ally, advocating on all levels of policy reform. The luncheon was sponsored by Mutual of America and M3 Insurance.



Annie McGinnity Kubes received one of the 2018 Champion Awards for her work in Milwaukee Recreation's MPS Drive program. Alderman Stamper was not present at the event to receive his award.



Herman John, J.D. was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work with helping those involved in the justice system and for co-founding the CDLRE.

WCS & Trauma Awareness

Wisconsin Community Services recognizes the holiday season can be a difficult time of year for many struggling to cope with harsh realities and traumatic experiences – abuse, neglect, hunger, dangerous communities and poverty. As an organization we work to understand these experiences from a unique Trauma Informed perspective. WCS ensures staff training and development around trauma awareness and wellness, and continues this focus with each program conducting annual trauma informed assessments so that every aspect of service delivery considers and addresses the trauma that individuals experience. This approach, in conjunction with the agency's core values of respect, integrity, justice and the pursuit of excellence, is reflected in the way we seek to be aware of each individual's experiences with trauma and how we serve these individuals, the way we interact with everyone who walks through the doors of WCS, how we treat our employees, how our trauma informed procedures guide program operations and through the healing environments we provide.

And help make 2019 a great year for WCS. There is a simple way you can do this and that's by making a donation. Your gift will make change possible in the community and benefit those working so hard to overcome adversity. Every gift makes a difference, no matter what the amount. If you are interested in making a donation, please visit the WCS website by clicking on the button below. Besides financial donations, WCS gratefully accepts donated goods to support the agency's services. The WCS website contains wish lists with specific items that help our program participants the most. *All donations are tax deductible.*

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Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is currently looking for dedicated, hard-working individuals to fill these positions:

Court Services & Community Alternatives Administrator

This senior management administrative position oversees all WCS court services programming in Milwaukee, Waukesha, Kenosha, and Jefferson Counties. Some of the programs included are: Milwaukee County Day Reporting Center, Waukesha Pretrial Services, Kenosha Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program, and the Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Treatment Courts. The position is responsible for contract compliance, manages program budgets, and seeks out and responds to funding renewals or new opportunities. The Administrator reports to the WCS Associate Executive Director.

Behavioral Case Manager

The behavioral case manager is responsible for providing case management to the youth in WCS' Residential Care Center. Case management includes involving residents and their families in planning, implementing and coordinating services and resources, and assisting with all aspects of transition planning. Applicants must have a master's degree in a social or behavioral science field.

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Did You Know?

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