



## WCS Connection

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### Message from the WCS Executive Director - Clarence Johnson

I am pleased to present you with the first edition of a new, online newsletter publication from Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS). We believe that the services and programs that WCS provides are cost-effective, impactful, and that they help to promote and maintain community safety. Above all else, they promote the value of human dignity and provide alternatives for many people who lives might otherwise be filled with hopelessness and despair. Since 1912, WCS has helped to support individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system in their efforts to successfully reintegrate back into the community. We have done this with a myriad of programs and services that are designed to help individuals overcome the adversity which accompanies involvement with the juvenile and adult criminal justice systems. The programs and services that WCS provides in southeast Wisconsin have evolved over the past thirty years, and they have grown significantly since our humble beginnings as the Society for the Friendless. Today, WCS provides a myriad of services and programs that serve the needs of many allowing them to remain actively involved in recovery, find work to support their families, successfully return to their communities, make a successful transition from youth to adulthood and do many other important things that will have a positive impact on our communities.

So, please join me throughout the rest of the year by reading the WCS Connection and find out about the many different ways that WCS is having a positive impact on many Wisconsin communities. An impact that can be seen through helping one person at a time to make achievements in their lives they did not know they were capable of making, and being a positive force for creating safer and healthier communities.



### Celebrating One Year!

Glover Residential Reentry Center (RRC) in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. The RRC serves 36 gentlemen at a time with an average stay of three to six months. Each



participant has an individualized service plan which is created with the input of the resident, DOC Probation Officer, AODA Counselor/Case Manager, and Mental Health Counselor. This plan is utilized to assist the resident in accomplishing his goals while at the Joshua Glover RRC. The plan usually includes many of the following: case management, substance abuse and/or mental health counseling, cognitive intervention groups employment counseling, fatherhood group, a Community Building Workshop, mindfulness, nutrition, Hero's Journey, computer instruction, and financial literacy. The goal of the program is to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and promote a successful transition back into the community.

*"I became more aware of my feelings and my thought process along with what and how I needed to change my thinking to increase my chances of more positive interactions"*  
-Joshua Glover  
RRC Resident



## WCS on WNOV Radio



WCS was recently a guest on "The Rise and Shine Morning Show" on WNOV radio. WCS Executive Director, Clarence Johnson, Community and Reintegration Services Administrator, Artis Landon, and Project Liaison and Lead Mentor, Torre Johnson, spoke with host Jermaine Reed and his listeners about WCS' history, mission and programming. The lively on-air discussion provided a unique opportunity for WCS to answer questions about the new Residential Treatment Center for youth, as well as, current and upcoming employment opportunities at WCS.



## WCS at the Table: A Look at the Current Opiate Crisis

Daniela Imig, WCS Court Services & Community Alternatives Administrator, attended a special round table discussion on the opiate problem in Waukesha County on March 21st. She was one of 13 panelist who examined what is currently working in Waukesha County to stop this growing epidemic. The panel, which included United States Department of Health & Human Services Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan and Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, discussed President Trump's opioid initiative and how it can help Waukesha County, as well as other communities in Wisconsin. Daniela emphasized the success of the Waukesha Drug Treatment Court, Waukesha Day Reporting Center, and the Waukesha Pretrial Supervision Program and now those programs helping to address the opiate crisis.



## Community Building Milwaukee



Thirty residents and neighborhood stakeholders primarily from the Amani, Metcalfe Park, and East Sherman Park neighborhoods participated in the April 26 to 28 Community Building Workshop at the Wisconsin Black Historical Society sponsored by the City of Milwaukee Office of Violence Prevention. This was the first of four Community Building Workshops that the Office of Violence Prevention hopes to sponsor over the next 4 to 5 months for residents and stakeholders in the ten targeted neighborhoods in the Office of Violence Prevention Blueprint for Peace. Community Building is seen as a strategy to help bring about healing, greater understanding and collaboration within and among the ten neighborhoods. At the conclusion of the Community Building Workshop, participants told David Muhammad, Program Director for the Office of Violence Prevention who also participated in the workshop, that they would like more Community Building in the future.

*If you'd like to be involved in Community Building: WCS has upcoming Community Building Workshops on May 30 to June 1 and September 12 to 14. Please click on the link below to learn more!*

[Community Building Milwaukee](#)

## Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is currently looking for fabulous people to fill these fantastic positions:

### Community Support Program Case Manager (Full Time)

CSP Case Manager delivers ongoing assessment and treatment planning, case management, supportive psychotherapy, symptom management, medication monitoring, and crisis intervention to participants of the Community Support Program. These participants have serious and persistent mental illness and co-occurring substance use.

### Forensic Specialist (Full Time)

Forensic Specialist offers ongoing service coordination, monitoring, treatment planning, and advocacy to individuals who are committed under WI Stat 971.17, Not Guilty by Reason of Mental Disease or Defect, and OCRP (Outpatient Competency Restoration Program).

### Youth Care Worker (Part and Full Time)

Youth Care Worker provides supervision of the youth placed in the WCS shelter care program. This employee is responsible for implementing the daily schedule of activities, providing group educational activities and recreational activities, following up individually with youth, and serving as a mentor and role model.

## Did You Know?

**WCS programming is comprised of five divisions:**

**Behavioral Health Services**

**Community & Reintegration Services**

**Court Services & Community Alternatives**

**Milwaukee Youth Services**

**Specialized Services**

Visit our website to learn more!



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