



WCS Connection

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From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:

WCS Driver's License Recovery Program Receives National Award

The Mutual of America Foundation has selected the WCS Center for Driver's License Recovery and Employability (CDLRE) to receive a 2019 Mutual of America Community Partnership Award.

The work of the CDLRE and WCS was selected by the Mutual of America Foundation as one of 10 national winners of the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award. Each year the MOA Foundation sponsors a national competition in which hundreds of organizations demonstrate the value of their partnership to the community. The MOA Foundation then selects 10 partnerships, between nonprofit organizations, public, private, and other social sector organizations, as the best examples of their outstanding contributions made to society. The CDLRE is a partnership involving the City of Milwaukee, Legal Action of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Area Technical College, and WCS. WCS, and the CDLRE partners, are extremely proud to receive this award and value its recognition of the program as a national leader in what public and private partnerships are all about. No one entity, by itself, could be as successful as the work of the four partners together. The award will be officially presented later in 2019, and then a public celebration in Milwaukee will take place in the early part of 2020 hosted by the Mutual of America Foundation.

Since the inception of the CDLRE in 2007, approximately 7,000 individuals have received services with about 68% of those served having their driving privileges reinstated. The primary goal of the CDLRE is to increase the number of licensed drivers among low-income residents in Milwaukee County and their ability to find family sustaining employment. The CDLRE serves individuals who are at a low-income level and have a suspended or revoked license for failure to pay fines largely because of their limited income.

Please join me in celebrating this honor, and the commitment of the Milwaukee community to address a very important issue.



Clarence Johnson



WCS Programs Exceed Standards

Every three years, WCS' Residential Re-entry Center (RRC) programs conduct an audit that is required under the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and the Federal Department of Justice. For the 2019 review, both RRC programs, Joshua Glover and Parsons House, met each of the audit's 36 standards and exceeded five of those standards. The programs exceeded the established standards for working with residents with disabilities and residents who are limited English proficient, as well as helping residents find outside confidential support services. WCS takes PREA training very seriously and trains staff yearly even though the government's standards only require training every two years. WCS maintains a zero tolerance policy regarding sexual harassment, abuse, and assault in all of our facilities. We are extremely proud of our staff members who work hard to ensure that the agency meets and exceeds these important standards in all programs.



Upcoming Public Community Building Workshop



WCS is excited to present a Public Community Building Workshop from September 11th - 13th at the Milwaukee Friends Meeting House. This workshop is a beginning and intermediate level course designed and intended for members of the helping profession, including mental health professionals, psychologists, social workers, licensed professional counselors, teachers, youth development professionals, police officers, and pastors. Through moral and experiential methods, the workshop teaches the Community Building process of group development. Attendees are able to earn 16 hours of Continuing Education credited by Commonwealth Educational Seminars (CES). The fee for CES participants is \$35 per person. For more information about the workshop or to register, [click here](#), or contact James Bartos at 414-290-0472 or Kimberly Miller at 414-290-0479.



Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is currently looking for passionate and enthusiastic individuals to fill these position:

GPS/SCRAM Technician - Part-Time

This is a part-time position in the WCS Electronic Monitoring program. The technician will have the responsibility for

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WCS will be hosting a Mediation & Dispute Resolution Skills Workshop on

installations, technical maintenance, assistance with inventory control, and de-installations of electronic monitoring equipment. Minimal requirements include an associate's degree in the criminal justice or related field, however other case management and offender monitoring experience will be considered.

Case Manager - Waukesha Alcohol Treatment Court

The case manager will provide intensive support, supervision, and monitoring of third and fourth offense drunk drivers who have been adjudicated and are participating in the Waukesha County Alcohol Treatment Court. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, social work, or other related field and an understanding of AODA issues and treatment. Case management experience is preferred.

Group Facilitator - Milwaukee County Day Reporting Center

The group facilitator will present evidence-based programming to program participants, motivate participants to achieve goals, and address unique participant criminogenic needs. They will maintain an assigned group session caseload and conduct group sessions as well as individual sessions when needed. Applicants should have a bachelor's degree in a social service field and a minimum of two years of experience working with participants involved in the criminal justice system is a plus.

Visit our website to learn more and find a listing of additional opportunities!

September 26 and 27. [Click here to learn more.](#)



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