

#### WCS Connection February 2019



From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:

# 2018 By The Numbers

Community impact is an important measure for nonprofits. It is an indicator of the degree to which the organization effectively improves the quality of life for individuals served, meets meaningful outcomes, and uses its resources and funds as they are intended. As a nonprofit organization that was founded over 100 years ago, WCS has had a tremendous impact on the communities of southeast Wisconsin, serving hundreds of thousands of individuals over decades of service.

WCS is proud of the participant-centered services that we offered to so many community members this past year. In all, we served more than 18,000 participants during 2018. While some individuals were served over a short period of time, many participated in a WCS program for the entire year. The intensity of our programming varies from 24/7 residential services, to a one-time mediation session which lasts just a few hours. Through the support of our funders, we were able to impact the following number of lives in each programming area:

- Court Services and Community Alternatives 9,328
- Behavioral Health Services 3,162
- Electronic Monitoring 2,723
- Community Reintegration Services 1,908
- Specialized Services 634
- Milwaukee Youth Services 501

Each WCS program area has distinct outcomes that demonstrate program effectiveness and participant progress. For example, at our Parsons House Residential Reentry Center, which serves Federal Bureau of Prisons inmates who are within six months of their sentence completion, 96% of the 135 individuals who were discharged from the Center successfully completed the program. A successful program completion significantly improves the probability that the individual will not recidivate and will lead a productive life. This is just one example of the many ways that WCS positively impacts our shared community.



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WCS is very excited to have a new tenant and partner at our 37<sup>th</sup> Street location, 160 Driving Academy. 160 Driving Academy provides training for Commercial Driving Permits, as well as the behind the wheel course needed to obtain a Commercial Driver's License. They have been a partner of WCS for several years, providing training through our own Employment and Training Center. The Academy is committed to the participants of WCS and to helping individuals obtain a secure career in the trucking industry. They have excellent connections with major employers, such as Schneider, Coca Cola, and Amazon. These employers often sponsor Academy participants and offer immediate, familysustaining employment opportunities for those who successfully complete the training and obtain their Commercial Driver's License. As an agency, WCS strives to offer innovative opportunities for individuals to overcome adversity and to become contributing members of their family and the communities in which they reside. If you have any questions, please call the WCS Employment and Training Center at (414) 224-0763.



## **Career Opportunities at WCS**

WCS is currently looking for energetic, hardworking individuals to fill these positions.

<u>Certified Peer Specialist - Office of Consumer Affairs</u> A specialist provides peer support to adults who have mental health issues, substance abuse, or co-occurring needs. This position is responsible for the support,

## Did You Know?

In 2017 WCS received funding from 34 different sources, including the Greater education, and mentoring of adults who are in need of and would benefit from peer support services. Only applicants with current Wisconsin certification as a Certified Peer Support Specialist can be considered for these positions.

#### Resident Care Worker - 3rd Shift

This is a full-time position at the new WCS Residential Care Center for youth ages 12 to 17. A care worker is responsible for the direct care, nurturing, and supervision of the Center's residents. Applicants must be at least 21 years old and posses a high school diploma or equivalent.

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



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