



WCS Connection

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From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:

Something that Everyone Can Celebrate

It has been 50 years since the city of Milwaukee has celebrated a professional sports championship. That changed on July 20th with the Milwaukee Bucks winning the National Basketball Association (NBA) championship. This is something that the team has been close to accomplishing the last couple of years, but this year they managed to make it happen. Winning a professional sports championship in a small market city (like Milwaukee), and in an age where large market and warm weather cities are usually preferred by star athletes, is no easy feat. So, the fact that the Milwaukee Bucks, with their star athlete, were able to accomplish this feat is truly remarkable and a memory that this city will hold onto and cherish for many years to come. What was also remarkable about winning the 2021 NBA title was the way that it brought the metro Milwaukee area together over a long period of time in the run up to the championship. For several weeks the Milwaukee Bucks and the Deer District were featured on national sports shows. With each series victory, the crowds at the Deer District grew in size and by the time the team reached the championship round estimates of crowd sizes gathered in the Deer district plaza were upwards to 60,000 people. You could not help noticing the diversity of the crowd in terms of race, gender, age, and ethnicity, and observing that everyone seemed to be enjoying being in the same space collectively cheering the Milwaukee Bucks on to victory.

Milwaukee has been described as one the most segregated cities in the country with numerous challenges. Police relations with the Milwaukee area community have also been strained during the last several years (Who can forget the situation involving former Milwaukee Bucks basketball player Sterling Brown four years ago?) By all accounts the presence of the Milwaukee Police Department at the Deer District and surrounding businesses was excellent and they did an outstanding job merging the duties of crowd control and maintaining good relations with those in attendance. There is always the concern that when you combine large crowds, warm summer weather, adult beverages and nighttime atmosphere that things can go south in a hurry and that was not the case during the last several weeks.

So perhaps the NBA championship has brought with it more than expected - a tremendous opportunity to bring diverse groups of individuals together to enjoy all that the championship victory has to offer. This is something that we can build upon in the future as we work to make the Metro Milwaukee area (and the state of Wisconsin) a community that values inclusion, celebrates differences and where everyone can see that they belong.

Clarence Johnson





New Hub and Spoke Health Home Program



In June of 2021, launched the Hub and Spoke Health Home program. The program is a new and innovative Medicaid benefit program focused on serving people with primary substance use needs and co-occurring mental health or physical health needs. WCS has been working closely with the State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services to develop, plan, and implement this exciting new program. The Hub and Spoke Health Home program creates a seamless system of care for people and is uniquely designed to address individualized life needs.

As the “hub” of the program, WCS engages individuals and provides coordination of care through a team of Peer Specialists, Care Coordinators, and Assessment/Benefits Specialists. WCS has assembled a large network of “spokes” including treatment providers, health systems, residential centers, Medication Assisted Treatment providers, and outpatient treatment providers to holistically meet the needs of the people being served by the program.

The program is off to a great start enrolling 12 people in less than two weeks of operation and continues to receive multiple referrals daily. WCS welcomes all the new Hub and Spoke team members and their excitement and passion for helping others!



WCS Career Fest

Are you looking to make a real difference in someone’s life? Then join WCS and become part of the team! Attend the very first WCS Career Fest and learn how you can make that difference. WCS is always looking to hire individuals who are committed to providing person-centered care and services. Currently, we have openings for Case Managers, Certified Peer Specialists, Employment Specialist, Foster Care Specialist, Security Technicians, and Youth Treatment Specialists. If any of these positions sound interesting to you, then join us on Wednesday, August 18th from 11am to 3pm at 2620 W. North Avenue in Milwaukee. Please bring copies of your resume and dress to impress. We hope to see you there!

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To apply for positions or learn more about WCS, please visit www.wiscs.org. You can also e-mail WCS at HRA@wiscs.org.



Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is looking for hardworking and committed people for the following positions:

Care Coordinator – Comprehensive Community Services (CCS)

We are looking for a kind and compassionate team player for this full-time position. As a Care Coordinator, you will work with participants in CCS, a psychosocial rehabilitative program, to help them understand, navigate, and progress in their recovery. Qualified candidates must have at least a bachelor's degree in social work or a related field (master's degree preferred). At least two years of experience working in the mental health and substance use field is preferred.

Case Manager – Targeted Case Management (TCM) Program

As a TCM Case Manager, your work will have a significant impact on those who are often overlooked and underserved. The position encompasses the care of people experience mental health concerns. Under supervision, the individual in this position will develop and implement treatment plans and provide the necessary follow-up, case management, and intervention. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in a behavioral science (master's degree encouraged) and the ability to work with individuals living with mental health concerns.

Youth Care Worker

As a Youth Care Worker, you will provide the essential supervision of the youth placed in the WCS Youth Shelter Care Program. This includes implementing the daily schedule of activities. You will also serve as a mentor and role model for the program's youth. A Youth Care Worker will need to work 12 hour shifts on weekends. Applicants must have a minimum of three years of experience working with teenagers and a high school diploma or GED/HSED.

Did You Know?

The last time the Milwaukee Bucks won the NBA Championship was in 1972 and at the time WCS was known as Wisconsin Correctional Services, employed less than 20 individuals, and had an annual budget of less than \$100,000.



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