



Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.
CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO OVERCOME ADVERSITY

WCS Connection

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On the Road Again

A fun and exciting event for all!



From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:

A Debt of Gratitude to Retiring Legal Action of Wisconsin, Executive Director, David Pifer

Many of you are familiar with the old adage that it takes a village to raise a child. The same thing can be said for the nonprofit social services sector and changing lives in our community. It takes many non-profit agencies working together to have a positive impact in our community and achieve successful outcomes. Collaborations are an essential way that agencies are able to focus their collective resources to solve some of the most vexing problems in our community. WCS believes in the power of collaboration and nowhere is this more evident than in our longtime affiliation with Legal Action of Wisconsin (LAW). LAW was founded in 1968 to provide free legal services to low-income individuals who would be denied justice without their help. Today, LAW provides legal services in 39 counties in Wisconsin with the largest concentration in Milwaukee and its surrounding communities. WCS has worked closely with LAW for many decades, thanks to the relationship we have enjoyed with retiring Executive Director, David Pifer. During his long career with LAW, David has worked tirelessly to advance the interests of low income and marginalized individuals across the state of Wisconsin. David is a consummate collaborator and bridge builder who has taken LAW to new levels during his tenure as Executive Director. Our state, and especially southeast Wisconsin, is better for having had David serve as an attorney and Executive Director of LAW. As he moves into retirement this summer and on to the next phase of his life, I hope that many of you will join me in thanking David. Thank him for his dedication and commitment to working collaboratively across organizations to build a better and more sustainable community for everyone.



Clarence Johnson

WCS Provides Restorative Justice Consultation for International Visitors

Last month, the WCS Mediation and Restorative Justice Center (MRJC) in Waukesha was pleased to host a delegation of public safety leaders from Brazil as part of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP). IVLP, a professional exchange program of the U.S. Department of State, is dedicated to cultivating lasting relationships by connecting current and emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through short-term visits to the United States.



The Brazilian delegation wanted to learn more about Restorative Justice as they are looking to expand this practice in Brazil. MRJC staff shared information about their Restorative Justice programming, in particular the Youth Accountability Panels and Face-to-Face Conferencing, which aim to repair the harm caused by crimes by using inclusive processes that engage all stakeholders.

On the Road Again!

On May 30th, WCS hosted our first "On the Road Again" fundraiser. The event aimed to build awareness of the WCS Center for Driver's License Recovery & Employability (CDLRE) program, as well as generate additional funds to help the CDLRE continue to provide their critical services. The CDLRE is a unique program that increases the number of licensed drivers among low-income residents in Milwaukee County with the aim to improve their connection to family sustaining employment opportunities.



The event which took place at Saz's State House, was very exciting and a great time was had by all. It featured a silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and excellent food. The best part of the evening was the fact that more than \$29,000 was raised!

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Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is currently looking for dedicated, outgoing people to fill these positions:

Youth Advocate - Part-Time

This position is for the Community Improvement & Job Training (CIJT) Program. A youth advocate provides guidance and case management services to adolescents and young adults ages 16 to 23. The primary focus of this position is on the personal, social, cultural, and educational development of CIJT participants. Applicants need to have a BA/BS in social work, criminal justice, or social service-related field. This is a part-time position.

Facilities Department Member

A member of the Facilities Department is responsible for the general/grounds maintenance and repairs of various locations at WCS. Applicants must have a knowledge of general painting, plumbing, electrical, carpentry, and building repairs. Working conditions are both indoors and outdoors. Local travel is required.

Program Coordinator

Did You Know?

Since the founding of the CDLR in 2007, the program has helped over 3,670 people obtain their driver's license.

This position is for the Project Excel (PE) program. The program coordinator is responsible for maintaining positive programming and outcomes with the participants in the program. This position coordinates programming and community service opportunities, completes CQI and is responsible to report on all aspects of the program. Applicants must have a BA/BS in social work, criminal justice, or social service-related field and three years of experience working with adolescents and/or their families and knowledge of positive youth development.

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



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