



WCS Connection

June 2021

THANK YOU TO THE WCS STAFF

From the desk of the WCS Executive Director:

Taking Time to Recognize Our Employees

Each year in June, Wisconsin Community Services holds an Employee Recognition event to congratulate and thank staff who have reached various years of service with the organization. Individuals who have reached 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 years of employment are recognized for their contributions to WCS. Individuals at 3 and 5 years are recognized and thanked for spending enough time with the agency to have made a sizeable contribution to the work and mission of Wisconsin Community Services. Individuals at 10 years and beyond are recognized and thanked for having spent a good portion of their careers with the organization and clearly demonstrating a commitment to the mission of the agency. Of course, a special designation is reserved for those who have spent 30 years and beyond with the organization. These individuals in most cases have spent close to or their entire career with WCS, demonstrating a lifetime commitment to the work of the organization. WCS is approaching 500 employees and during our June 23rd Employee Recognition event, we highlighted 80 individuals for their various years of service to the agency, including one individual who has been with the agency for 30 years and another for 35 years. WCS was founded in 1912 as the Society for the Friendless. We have always been an agency that understands it is the staff who really make the organization what it is. Each individual staff member is vital to the success of the organization, its positive impact on the community and the thousands served by the agency every year. We cannot say thank you enough to those we honored and all of the employees of WCS. I owe a tremendous debt to all of the employees of WCS, those who have previously served the organization, those who are currently serving and those yet to come.

"In the end, though, maybe we must all give up trying to pay back the people in the world who sustain our lives. In the end, maybe it's wiser to surrender before the miraculous scope of human generosity and just keep saying thank you, forever and sincerely, for as long as we have voices."

**Elizabeth Gilbert, author of
*Eat, Pray, Love***

Clarence Johnson





Thinking for a Change Facilitator Training

WCS is excited to offer Thinking for a Change Facilitator Training in July. Thinking for a Change (T4C) is an integrated cognitive behavioral change curriculum developed by the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) that concentrates on changing the criminogenic thinking for justice involved individuals. In fact, T4C is the best evidence-supported cognitive intervention program for justice involved individuals in the United States, having proven through controlled studies and meta-analyses that its curriculum reduces recidivism to a statistically significant degree.

WCS has been delivering the T4C curriculum to its participants for several years and has made the investment to send several staff to NIC's T4C Train the Trainer program to ensure the agency has the internal capacity to train facilitators both internally and externally. WCS will be offering a hybrid T4C Facilitator Training in July with six virtual and three in-person sessions. Virtual sessions will be held Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, July 13 to 22, from 8:00 am to 10:30 am, while in-person sessions will be Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 28 to July 30, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The trainings will be held at the WCS Administrative Building, 3732 W. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee. The cost is \$625 per person which must be paid in advance. To register, please [click here](#). For more information, please contact Denise Rawski at 262-896-6806.



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Career Opportunities at WCS

WCS is looking for considerate and capable people for the following positions:

Care Coordinator - Adult Comprehensive Community Services

As a Care Coordinator you will help participants understand, navigate, and progress in their rehabilitative recovery. You will meet and work with service providers

Did You Know?

June is
National
Post-Traumatic
Stress Disorder
(PTSD)
Awareness

and other supports while working on the participant's individualized recovery plan. Clinical knowledge and skills to work with the mental health recovery population as well as experience in working with individuals in recovery who have mental illness and/or substance use issues is required. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree in social work or a related field; a master's degree is preferred.

Case Manager – Treatment Alternative Program (TAP)

Case Managers in the Treatment Alternative Program are an important part of providing services for a participant with substance use treatment needs and criminal justice involvement. You will work with and help the participant attain their goals and improve their chronic conditions through specific individualized comprehensive care plans. As a TAP Case Manager, you will have contact with incarcerated individuals, correctional staff, probation and parole staff, and AODA and recovery and support services staff. Minimal requirements for the position include a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, social work, or human services and three years of related experience.

Youth Care Worker – Youth Shelter Care Program

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. A Youth Care Worker will need to work full time on weekends. Applicants must have a minimum of three years of experience working with teenagers and a high school diploma or GED/HSED.

Month. The month is intended to raise public awareness about issues related to PTSD and reduce the stigma associated with the condition. Many participants at WCS have experienced PTSD. Programming assists them in dealing with this barrier in their lives.



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