



## **Uplifting Every Voice: Honoring Minority Mental Health Awareness Month**

This month offers an important reminder: healing begins with empathy. In my latest blog, I reflect on the power of culturally responsive care and the need to break down stigma, especially in communities of color. Everyone deserves the support and opportunity to thrive.

Read the full blog on our LinkedIn page to learn more about how WCS is working to support healing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Clarence Johnson'.



[Read Full Blog Here](#)

## **Announcing Our New Board President: Dr. Staci A. Young**

Wisconsin Community Services is proud to welcome Dr. Staci A. Young, PhD as the new President of our Board of Directors.

Dr. Young is a respected leader, advocate, and connector whose career is rooted in equity, service, and partnership. She currently serves as Professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, Senior Associate Dean for Community Engagement, and Director of the Office of Community Engagement at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Throughout her work, Dr. Young has championed the power of community-driven solutions—bridging institutions and neighborhoods to advance health equity and opportunity.

As WCS continues to grow its impact across Milwaukee and beyond, we are honored to have Dr. Young's leadership guiding our Board of Directors. Her vision and deep understanding of systems change will be a vital force as we expand access to justice, wellness, and belonging.

**Please join us in welcoming and celebrating Dr. Young!**



## Event Recap



## Featured Spotlight: BMAC Community Resource & Job Fair

On Wednesday, July 30, the WCS North Campus opened its doors to job seekers, families, and neighbors for the BMAC Community Resource & Job Fair, and the response was incredible. More than 150 community members attended, engaging with over 40 participating employers and resource providers offering pathways to meaningful work, housing support, healthcare access, and more.

This year, we were proud to partner with **Employ Milwaukee** for the first time to co-host this impactful event, which also included a joint Earn & Learn experience. Through this program, youth and adults gained early career exposure and built valuable skills like workplace communication, punctuality, and job readiness.

Throughout the day, guests connected with employers offering real opportunities and found support in areas that strengthen individuals and families. Events like this show what's possible when we come together with purpose and care, for the good of our communities.

We also want to extend a special thank you to our generous food sponsors, **Palermo's Pizza** and **Rupena's Fine Foods**, who provided enough lunch for every volunteer, vendor, and attendee.

### Here's what made the day special:

- On-the-spot interviews with local employers



- Free access to essential resources
- A welcoming space designed to empower individuals and families through opportunity, connection, and well-being

#### Participating Partners Included:

Employ Milwaukee, Medical College of Wisconsin, Revitalize Milwaukee, UMOS, Inc., Milwaukee Public Schools Enrollment, Lad Lake, Maximus, Next Level CDL Institute, CFI, Nextdoor, Sam's Club, UPS, Outpost Natural Foods, United States Postal Service, Senior Helpers, Metcalfe's, U-Haul, We Energies, and many more.

To every employer, resource partner, volunteer, and attendee, **thank you**. Your presence made a difference.

Together, we're building stronger communities, one opportunity at a time.



## BluTender: An Evening of Connection and Purpose

On July 8th, WCS was honored to welcome our supporters, partners, and friends for a special evening at Blu, hosted at the Pfister Hotel. Together, we gathered not just to celebrate, but to strengthen our shared commitment to restorative justice and community well-being.

With the incredible energy and generosity of everyone in attendance, including our guest bartenders Gaulien "Gee" Smith II and Pedro Guerrero, we raised vital awareness and resources to support the work we do every day.

We're especially grateful to Mutual of America for generously hosting the evening and for their ongoing partnership in support of our mission. We are deeply grateful to all who attended and to the broader community whose ongoing support makes our mission possible. Your commitment fuels our efforts to restore dignity, reduce barriers, and create meaningful change.

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- Visit us online at [wiscs.org](http://wiscs.org)

Thank you for being part of this important journey with us

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## We Are Looking for People to Join the WCS Team!

The dedicated staff at WCS works with individuals to overcome adversity by providing access to a continuum of support services. Our efforts give individuals the opportunity to improve their quality of life, empowering them to lead independent lives and experience self-efficacy. In turn, WCS has transformative power in strengthening our community as a whole. We invite you to be a part of that change.

### Major Gift Officer

Build meaningful donor relationships and advance our mission of community well-being. Join us in fueling programs that transform lives and strengthen our neighborhoods.

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### Youth CCS Care Coordinators

Support youth and families using the Wraparound Model of Care—trauma-informed, strength-based, and community-connected. Help young people navigate challenges and build brighter futures.

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### Case Manager - Community Support Program (CSP)

Provide ongoing assessment and treatment planning, case management, supportive psychotherapy, symptom management, medication monitoring, and crisis intervention including after-hours hotline coverage to clients with serious and persistent mental health needs and co-occurring substance use.

[\[Apply Here\]](#)

Visit [www.wiscs.org/careers](http://www.wiscs.org/careers) to view a full list of current job openings at WCS.

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## WCS in the Media

We're proud to share recent media appearances that highlight the work and impact of Wisconsin Community Services:

- **The Upswing Podcast with Jeff Sherman: The Communities Sleeping Giant** — [Listen here](#)
- **FOX6 Interview with Aaron Maybin** — [Watch here](#)

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