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Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division - Child & Adolescent Services Branch

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Celebrating Success!

Success Stories: *"Teamwork makes the dream work." -Bang Gae*



Shared by La Causa, CORE Program

Khalid

Khalid* came to the CORE team after being hospitalized twice in a month's span. Khalid was hospitalized for suicidal ideation, bizarre behavior, paranoia and concerns with drug abuse. His parents expressed their concern with Khalid's lack of progress and the need for him to be hospitalized for a second time. The CORE team started with Khalid and quickly built rapport and learned of his aspirations to graduate high school, continue working at the local McDonalds and attend college.

Upon Khalid's discharge, the family kept a close eye on him and called the CORE team regularly to inform them if Khalid was threatening to stop taking his medication, not following the rules of the home and their concerns with his grades at school. The CORE team was able to provide various services for Khalid and the family. Khalid's employment specialist was able to work with him and see how having a job is important; however, his coworkers at McDonalds were not very understanding of his current condition and continued to encourage him to use drugs. Khalid worked hard to find a new job and eventually was able to work at a job that was better suited for him. His family worked diligently with the school and were able to speak with the principal and come up with a plan to have Khalid graduate on time. Khalid was also provided with knowledge of his diagnosis through his therapist and was given real life examples by his peer specialist, which helped normalize his experience. One of the most important pieces was for Khalid to work closely with his doctor. He continued to share how much he did not like his medication and threatened not to take it, which deeply disturbed his family. Khalid's doctor was able to provide Khalid with education on the medication and at each appointment eventually decreased him down to one medication and kept that one medication at a low dose. Khalid takes his medication to this day.

Khalid was also able to open up to his therapist and share details of how it has been for his family as they assimilate into the culture in the United States of America while also holding onto their own culture and values. He worked through some past and current issues, continued to take his medication and met regularly with team members. Khalid continued to work hard at school, at his new job and with the CORE team. Khalid graduated High School with above a 3.8 GPA, was accepted to multiple colleges and now will attend an out of state University where he has been accepted into their Pre-Dental Program. The family and CORE team are very pleased with Khalid's remarkable progress. The CORE team is sad to bid goodbye to Khalid, but are excited that he could be providing dental care to them in the future!

**Names changed to protect confidentiality.*

Positive Recognition: *"There is no greater joy nor greater reward than to make a fundamental difference in someone's life." - Mary Rose McGeady*



Sam Considine—Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

Nominated by Melissa Glass

For driving 3 hours to see your Wrap youth who is in out of home care and facilitating good team communication. For being easy to reach.

Want to recognize someone for their great work? Submit a Positive Recognition Form, so we can give them a shout out!

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SPECIAL FEATURE—Recognizing individuals within Care Coordination and Mobile Crisis for their extraordinary years of experience. Thank you for dedicating your lives to the children and families of Milwaukee County!

Platinum		
Agency	Worker	Years
WRAP	Margaret Pena	22
PFP	Jennifer Wilder	22
ALT	Rob Bergeson	21
WRAP	Verneesha Banks	20
OYEAH	Theresa Dawson	20
Gold		
Agency	Worker	Years
LaC	Tonia Smith	19
WRAP	Connie Hollinger	18
St. C	Carmen Cunningham	17
MUTT	Theresa Watkins	17
WRAP	Kurt Maurer	16
MUTT	Patricia Cooper	16
MUTT	Ron Kaczynski	16

Silver

Agency	Worker	Years
SEA	Chris Shafer	14
LaC	Aimee Smith	14
FISS	Mandi Green	13
MUTT	Kelly Griffin	13
MUTT	Shalonda LeFlore	13
WRAP	Skyla Banks	12
MUTT	Julie Lubbers	12
MUTT	Kellie Anthony	12
MUTT	Oswald Bwechwa	12
WRAP	Craig Michelson	11
SAINTA	Denise Batton	11
MUTT	Mike Maletis	11
MUTT	Siri Hernandez	11
MUTT	Margaret Gonzalez	10.5
PFP	Denise White	10
AJA	Thavone Munesy-Delgado	10

Bronze

Agency	Worker	Years
WRAP	Ryan Delaney	9
PFP	Ms. Mary Evans	9
PFP	Ms. Judith Harper	9
OYEAH	Shannon Trzebiatowski	9
ALT	Rorey Kroening	9
ALT	Jecoliah Dowl	8
MUTT	Carnelius Russell	9
SEA	Shirley	8
ALT	Krista McNeil	8
AJA	Erma Mosely	8
St. C	Henry Thomas	7
SAINTA	Jessica Key	7
PFP	Ms. Shirley Combs	7
PFP	Dorothy Quattlebaum	7
OYEAH	Nate Lindsey	7
WRAP	Megan Ziegler	6
St. C	Brittany Powell	6
SAINTA	Sarah Dunlap	6
OYEAH	Kelly Pankiewicz	6
LaC	Anna Strnad	6
AJA	Nichole Drummond	6
MUTT	Carisa DiMattina	6
Willow	Mary Jo Joyce	5
SAINTA	Rhoda Jordan	5
LaC	Megan Key	5
LaC	Dane Anderson	5
LaC	Rebecca Wendle	5
LaC	Meghan Miller	5
ALT	Dominique Towns	5
AJA	Melanie Gaynair	5
MUTT	Rolanda Jones	5

Upcoming Events & Community Highlights:

Learn How to Be Your Child’s Champion

Wednesday, October 18th, Sojourner Family Peace Center

9:00am-12:00pm OR 1:00pm-4:00pm

FBA, IEP, BIP...Do you ever wonder what all those letters mean? Do you want to know how to talk to principals and teachers about your child’s needs in school? Do you want to know more about special education laws? Are you interested in learning about your rights as a parent and your child’s rights as a student?

Register with Leanne Delsart at leanne.delsart@milwaukeecountywi.gov or (414) 257-5855

The Boys and Girls Club

Membership benefits include the opportunity to be involved in a number of groups, including groups around “Lead Healthy Lifestyles and Avoid Risky Behaviors”, “Help Teens Graduate from High School Prepared for a Great Future”, & “Foster Good Character and Citizenship”. They also offer “diplomas2Degrees” for adolescents ages 13 and older; it’s a college readiness program. DIY STEM “is a hands-on, activity-based STEM Curriculum which connects youth to science themes they encounter regularly.

<http://www.boysgirlsclubs.org/>

Wraparound Milwaukee Vision:

To help build healthy and strong communities by enhancing children and families’ ability to meet life’s challenges and to foster resiliency and hope for a better future.

