

WRAPAROUND MILWAUKEE

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 Willowglen

Brianna

Brianna* enrolled in Wraparound while in out of home care as part of a CHIPS order. Initially services and passes were in place and geared towards a transition for her to move in with her father and step-mother, whom she had never lived with. Therapy was happening consistently until the family had to unexpectedly move to Texas due to the father's job; Brianna was not allowed to move with them at the time. Communication became sparse and it became increasingly difficult to provide the services that she desperately needed. The team then tried to reconnect with her mother's side of the family, but strained relationships prevented this from being successful. Hope was dwindling for Brianna. The team struggled to maintain a stable placement as she was acting out of frustration due to losing multiple family members and relationships. Then a miracle occurred which answered Brianna's prayers. A distant family relative, Tasha, came forward and wanted to take Brianna in. Tasha advocated strongly in court to take placement and provide her with a home. Currently, DMCPS is just weeks away from Tasha obtaining subsidized guardianship. Brianna has turned a corner in her path to success and is attending school daily, engaging in services and is able to be a happy teenage girl as she bonds with her "sister", Tasha's daughter who is the same age. The team is over the moon with happiness that Brianna has been able to find a family that loves her unconditionally and takes care of her in the way that she needs.

Mitchell

Mitchell* was enrolled in Wraparound in July 2014 on a Delinquency order for a number of serious charges. Legal parties were concerned that his impulsivity and fantasy thinking created a significant risk for the community. As a result, Mitchell spent a great deal of time in out of home care. Mitchell worked diligently with the team and showed extreme commitment in regards to his treatment. Members of the Child and Family Team met frequently to review progress, and discuss formal interventions such as therapy, medication management, crisis stabilization, and tracking services to ensure everyone was on the same page and working towards a common goal. Increased family support was another significant factor in his success, as relatives worked to increase resiliency through relationship building. Mitchell was finally able to return home in June of 2017 and has continued to show tremendous progress. Presently, Mitchell is on track for early high school graduation, has bridged gaps with his family, and is involved with a mentoring program for young children who struggle with behaviors. He is entirely focused on being the best version of himself. Mitchell completed his Probation order in December 2017 and will be successfully disenrolling from Wraparound on December 31, 2017 as the Child and Family Team feels the family is ready to navigate any future challenges and successes with their network of support. He now aspires to help other youth who have mental health needs and/or behavioral challenges in a school or community setting.

**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 McGeedy*



Libby Foster — CHW Community Services

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann

Libby exhibits great communication and partnering during moments of crisis for our young people. Her accessibility is appreciated, as is her great compassion for the difficult road many of our young people are on. Thank you Libby!

St. Charles REACH, Wraparound, and O'YEAH Teams

Nominated by Dana James

They have consistently kept up to date on entering, submitting, and responding to Critical Incidents. I appreciate the diligent efforts that have been made to keep Wraparound Milwaukee aware of situations that may arise in a timely fashion. Keep up the great work!

Kate Angers — CHW Community Services

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann

Kate looks at each situation thoroughly and objectively. She's a great parent to brainstorm with as she brings a wealth of knowledge to the table regarding family dynamics and Milwaukee resources. Thank you Kate!

Michelle Geiger—La Causa, Inc.

Nominated by Jenna Reetz

Michelle has demonstrated a high level of tenacity in looking a placement for a young man that is at high risk for going to adult corrections. She has used creative problem-solving, advocacy skills and persistence in accompaniment with the Wraparound Process to help a family during a challenging time, and a court process that has dragged out for several months. Thank you for your steadfast commitment Michelle and showing a "Never Give Up" attitude!

Lynne Tolstyga—Willowglen

Nominated by Anonymus

Lynne is a great Care Coordinator. She never folds under pressure, even with dealing with high risk youth. Lynne is always on time for meetings, and is very informative with tons of information about the community.

Katie Peterson — CHW Community Services

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann

Katie is ever the optimist , who is always ready and willing to help! Katie is always able to find strengths with our young people. Thank you Katie!

Geralyn Welsh—Alternatives

Nominated by Parent

I wanted to send you a message to let you know how extremely happy I am with the training, experience and service that I have been receiving from Geralyn Welsh, my Parent Assistant. She is an exceptional employee and has been a true asset to me and my son.

I am forever grateful for everything she has provided to me, sometimes of which is just being a good listener, but often is being a great advocate for me. She has been a huge ray of hope for me personally as a single parent of a special-needs child. She deserves as many platitudes as you can provide her because she truly is an exceptional employee and a true asset to you and your company!

Jessica Reese & Sara Collath —SaintA

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann

Thank you for your endless, late night partnering for the FJ* Family. You're very much appreciated!

Kurt Maurer & Henry Thomas — Wraparound Admin/St. Charles

Nominated by Leanne Delsart

Kurt works tirelessly to locate and collect items for families, which has allowed Care Coordinators to bring toys, clothing and household items to families in times of need, and seasons like this when being able to offer a gift is an extra appreciated gesture. Henry's kindness and generosity has allowed families to receive larger items as well. Their donation of time and transportation is a testament to their shared commitment to the families we serve and the Wraparound spirit.

La Causa Leadership Team

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann

We have had lot of late nights/weekend work in the last 6 months. I'm forever impressed with how calm your response is! You always keep your focus on the family and support your staff extremely well. I appreciate you!!!

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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Upcoming Events & Community Highlights:

Featured Community Resource: Silver Spring Neighborhood Center

Our Mission: To build a safer, stronger neighborhood and community on Milwaukee's northwest side

Programming for every age, every stage. Childcare, meal programs, anti violence, teen pregnancy prevention, academic and personal development programming, athletics, education/vocational development (for adults).

Check out their website, or their facility, for additional information!

<http://www.ssnw-milw.org/>

Featured Community Resource: Sojourner Family Peace Center

Sojourner and Children's Hospital of Wisconsin formed a unique partnership to create one of the first co-located child advocacy and family violence centers in the country. The new Family Peace Center is one of the first in the nation to provide comprehensive services for victims and families impacted by domestic violence. Using a proven, collaborative model, which combines co-located service providers in one easily accessible location, victims of domestic violence and their families have access to more integrated, streamlined and cost efficient services.

In addition to Sojourner programming (crisis housing, system advocacy and individual support), the Family Peace Center accommodates a number of co-located and visiting partner organizations and service providers. These organizations include Children's Hospital of Wisconsin as well as the Milwaukee Police Department Sensitive Crimes Unit, Milwaukee Public Schools, the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, Aurora Healthcare Abuse Response Services and others. Families receiving services at the Family Peace Center have access to a wide array of services to support their efforts to achieve healing, self-sufficiency and freedom from abuse.

Sign up and take a tour! <https://familypeacecenter.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.



