

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 SaintA

Elizabeth

Elizabeth* is a super sweet and intelligent young lady who was enrolled in the Wraparound REACH program in April 2017 due to concerns regarding her behaviors, that were severe enough, that the DMCPs was looking to place her in a residential facility out of state. Elizabeth was provided an extensive team, including three crisis stabilizers, to help work towards stabilization.

Since her enrollment, within the first few weeks she was placed in three different foster homes, totaling more than 10 different placements within her very young life. When initially placed in the latest foster home with Sarah*, Elizabeth struggled in managing her behaviors during times of transportation, sleeping, eating, and listening to directions all within the home, with providers, as well as at school. She would often get physically aggressive towards other people, as well as property, even at one point trying to climb out of a car window while the car was moving. Elizabeth also struggled on a near daily basis getting ready in the morning, causing much stress on her placement providers. She also was unable to accept compliments, where she would get upset by them or deny that the compliment was true and counter it with something negative.

Sarah worked diligently to provide consistency and stability for Elizabeth and within weeks, Elizabeth was starting to show vast improvements. Sarah and Tiffany*, Elizabeth's mother, both work exceptionally well together providing stability for Elizabeth in showing her that they are on the complete same page. Although David*, Elizabeth's father, has unfortunately missed the majority of her life, he has shown that he wants nothing more than to be involved in providing support and stability for Elizabeth when he is able to. Within one month, Elizabeth went from needing three crisis stabilizers, to just one; whom she has built a very strong connection with. She has been able to consistently earn incentives that are in place within the home, and has been able to show her affection towards others, such as by giving hugs, which Elizabeth appeared to feel unsafe doing before. She has also been able to successfully accept compliments, and has even learned how to give others compliments. Elizabeth has been able to spend time out in the community, with her family and providers, and has been able to do very well. She has gone through a lot in her young life, but the support she has in her life as proved the importance and benefit of how positive relationships can help someone overcome trauma. This particular Child and Family Team are thrilled to work with Elizabeth and are so very proud of the progress she has been able to make. She is one special young lady.

**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*



Emily Risser, Megan Key and Meghan Miller —La Causa, Inc.

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann—Wraparound Administration

For their eternal optimism and dedication to helping a specific family who's crisis often go well into the evening/after hours. We thank you!

Krista Pollack —Willowglen

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann—Wraparound Administration

Thank you for writing a great court letter for TD*! You were quite thorough and respectful! You are appreciated!

New Care Coordinator Group —Multiple Agencies

Nominated by Leanne Delsart—Wraparound Administration

New Care Coordinators exemplify the Wraparound Process amongst themselves. After a group of new CCs from across agencies came together to explore community resources in Milwaukee, they decided rally together and support each other in the process of growth and learning in their new roles. These CCs have engaged in saying HELLO to each other and the city. They have committed to using their resources to HELP each other as colleagues, as well as the families they serve. This group of new CCs has further committed to support each other on their professional journey of helping families HEAL; and in doing so, are offering HOPE for a successful transition into their new role of creating hope amongst those we serve.

Caitlin Williams-Uecker —La Causa, Inc.

Nominated by Melanie Fleischmann—Wraparound Administration

Thank you for your professional, empathetic, and trauma informed perspective when working with families and documenting their stories in court letters! You are appreciated!

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:

PEARLS for Teen Girls

PEARLS is a unique leadership development program serving girls middle school through high school, and beyond, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. We empower girls to live out the PEARLS values: Personal Responsibility, Empathy, Awareness, Respect, Leadership and Support.

<https://www.pearlsforteengirls.com/>

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.

