

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 St. Charles

John

John* is very well mannered young man that enjoys spending time with his friends and watching movies with his family. He was enrolled in Wraparound March 2014 and is the oldest of his mother's children.

When John enrolled into Wraparound, he and his siblings had been removed from their mother's care and were having inconsistent supervised visits. All siblings were placed separately in the homes of different family members. Ms. Johnson* appeared to be doing her best to meet conditions to have her family reunified. The family is a very resilient family with many positive attributes that Ms. Johnson had lost sight of. With the assistance of the team she was able to recognize the strengths that she appeared to have forgotten. She was reminded that she was a hard working mother, who will do whatever is needed for her children; she was reminded that despite the separation she continued to be a strong advocate for her children. With the assistance of a strong family therapist, that helped the family work through past traumas that they experienced, the family was able to begin to heal. As the family grew stronger, visits were able to go from being supervised to unsupervised, after 4 years. As the family continued to spend time together, the team worked diligently to ensure that they were spending fun quality time together, sometimes in the community participating in activities, other times, helping them to establish family time at home, playing board games, watching movies or conversations with each other. John was also able to build a strong relationship with his crisis stabilizer (who has agreed to continue to be a support after disenrollment). In August 2016, John was returned to his mother's care. Within the next month his 3 other siblings were also reunited. Although their CHIPS order ended in January 2017, the family continued to participate in Wraparound, to make sure that John was able to complete the school year, successfully and graduate from the 8th grade. John is due to graduate and is looking forward to High School. Although he will disenroll from Wraparound, he will continue to have the support of his crisis stabilizer, who has volunteered to remain in his life. The family has made many successful strides; the team is looking forward to celebrating these accomplishments.

**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*



Noah Talajkowski —La Causa, Inc.

Nominated by Megan Key—La Causa, Inc.

During a difficult time, Noah has willing reach out to provide support to the team to ensure a child made it to a safe place. Noah has also been willing to change his plans to meet the needs of the child and family. The team truly appreciates Noah's commitment to the team. Thank you Noah!

Samantha Brock—Human Development Center, Inc.

Nominated by Jessica Hurlebaus—SaintA, Inc.

I can't say enough how amazing of a provider that Sam has been. She consistently goes above and beyond her role to ensure youth and families' needs are met. She especially goes out of her way to fully support a particular youth I work with. Not sure what I would do without Sam's incredible support. Thank you Sam!

Jessica Hurlebaus—SaintA, Inc.

Nominated by Ann Kelley-Kuemichel—Wraparound Milwaukee

For her commitment and leadership to the 2017 Talent Show. Thank you Jessica for taking the lead in facilitating such a positive opportunity for the young people and their families.

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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Care Coordinator of the Month—May: Gabriela Garcia, La Causa

A short excerpt from her nomination: "Despite feeling a lot of pressure, Gabriela remained calm, diligent, positive, and hopeful that she would locate an alternative placement option that would best meet this young mans treatment needs....Gabriela remained true to the Wraparound values, and continues to put those into practice, as the young man has been making progress in his new placement."

Thank you to Gabriela for your continued commitment to children and families!

Upcoming Events & Community Highlights:

Families United & Wraparound Cookout—Thursday, June 22nd, 2017

Join us for an afternoon of food, games and fun! All are welcome at Washington Park, Area 5 from 12:00-3:00pm.

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.

