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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 AJA

Mark

This young man enrolled, he was living with his adoptive mother and brother having already been separated from his biological family. His needs had increased and his mother felt she was no longer able to meet them. Mark* was later placed in a residential facility. He struggled with being able to express himself, engaging in healthy relationships and understanding the dynamics of his family. His adoptive mother was very outspoken, supportive and desired for this young man to receive the best care possible. It is not ideal for a youth to be placed in a residential facility; unfortunately, this young man was in various residential facilities for nearly 4 years. He was not able to return to his family home.

Earlier this year, one of his biological aunt's came into his life. She was interested in getting to know Mark and possibly have him to come and live with her. This gave him hope. He begun to make positive changes. The number of critical incidents decreased; he was able to use some of the coping skills he learned and was making an effort in school. In order to support this transition, the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services and Wraparound collaborated closely to ensure appropriate community resources and therapeutic supports were arranged near his aunt's home. After a few more barriers were eliminated, Mark moved out of state to live with his aunt and is doing well. The Child and Family Team made sure to celebrate all of his successes prior to the move by sharing pizza and cake with him. He is elated to now have his own room with a king-size bed, flat screen TV and a puppy, along with homemade southern cooking by his aunt. Now Mark not only has the support of his aunt, but receives encouragement from several other relatives living the area.

Titus

Smart, adventurous, thoughtful and caring are just a few words to describe Titus*, who I had the pleasure of working with since April 2017. Titus is in elementary school and has been raised in Milwaukee. He is very talented in art and enjoys drawing, his drawings are especially detailed. Titus exemplifies great talent as an artist and does great story telling in his artwork. He enjoys creating stories with fantasy characters from movies such as Frozen, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Spiderman, The Princess and the Frog, and more.

Titus currently lives with his mother and younger sister, who is 5 years old. His mother is a single parent, who is very loving, caring, and encouraging. She pushes him and his younger sister to not only explore their talents, but do and be the best that they can be. In the past, there were some struggles with his academic and behavioral issues. Titus would curse and use inappropriate language towards his mother and academic supports, throw objects, and damage property when upset. He struggled in reading, spelling, and math which helped explain his frustration in an educational setting.

Titus has overcome so much since last year; this year he has made significant progress at school. Although, he was retained in the 2nd grade, he has not allowed that to deter his success. With the support from his teachers and Wraparound REACH team, Titus has progressed in reading and math, as well as with his behaviors at school. For example, he has been more involved in completing his assignments, become the line leader in his class, and socialized more with others. This has all stemmed from his increased ability to manage his emotions and frustrations at home and school due to the support and structure offered by his team. His mother and the rest of the family support system have been able to provide him with positive redirection and encouragement. Through this support, he has also been able to advocate more for himself. All of this effort has supported the family in moving towards their over-arching Family Vision.

**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*

LaDonna Gentry-Wright—St. Charles

Nominated by Parent

Since LaDonna became my family's care coordinator, just a few short months ago, she has been a warm caring and very helpful person to us. She goes above and beyond to try to meet my family's needs and when times are tough in our family she is encouraging and reassuring. She is such a hard worker and always finds an answer of solution to our problems, in a prompt manner. We feel very fortunate to have her on our team. She deserves to be recognized for all her hard work! Wraparound is also very lucky to have her on staff.

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: Milwaukee Public Museum

Learn new things! Explore! Spend time together!

Admission is always free on the first Thursday of every month for all visitors, thanks to a partnership with Kohl's. Residents of Milwaukee County always receive a \$2.00 discount on access to the permanent exhibits everyday. Adult residents must present valid photo identification showing Milwaukee County residency, and children must be accompanied by an adult showing proof of residency to receive this discount.

General Hours:

The Museum is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., on Sunday from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., and from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month for Kohl's Thank You Thursday.

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.

