



## From the Director...

### 2007 Annual Reports Now Available

The 2007 Wraparound Milwaukee Annual Report has now been released. Copies are available through the Wraparound Milwaukee Administration Office at (414) 257-7639.

Bruce Kamradt, Director

## Wraparound Success Story...

*John\*, a young man with serious emotional needs, was enrolled in Wraparound Milwaukee after he was adjudicated for sexual assault. John's treatment needs and Court Order required that he could have no contact with any of his siblings until his therapists and the therapists working with his siblings felt that everyone was ready. To meet his initial treatment and safety needs, John was placed in a residential care facility that specializes in sex offender treatment. From the beginning, John had strong family support from his mother, father and grandparents. The child and family team worked together to move toward reunification at a pace that both John and the rest of his family were comfortable with.*

*John invested himself fully in his treatment and worked hard to get to the point where he was ready to see his siblings again and participate in family therapy. John's therapist worked with him to set up a safety plan and John was eventually granted passes to go to his grandparents' home. John also began family therapy with his parents.*

*Through allowing the family to set up a plan at a pace that worked for them, as well as relying on the family's faith and other strengths, John was able to successfully reunify with his family. John has now transitioned back to the community and has the skills and knowledge to keep himself and others safe from sexual abuse.*

(\* Name changed for confidentiality.)

Submitted by AJA Counseling Center

## State News...

### Wisconsin Considering Returning 17-Year-Olds To Juvenile Jurisdiction

In 1996, Wisconsin changed the state's Juvenile Justice laws by excluding 17-year-olds entirely from juvenile court. Now, there is again a movement to reverse that earlier decision and return these 17-year-olds to juvenile jurisdiction. The original decision was based on a belief that we would improve community safety by incarcerating older teens as adults.

Recent studies in Wisconsin and nationally suggest that trying youth under 18 as adults in the adult system actually increases crime and has a negative impact on community safety. A study by the Wisconsin Council on Children and Families (WCCF) reviewing the criminal histories of 1,000 17-year-olds from 2001 to 2007 showed that 70% of the youth reviewed were convicted of a new crime during the period of the study. The most common sentence for 17-year-olds in the sample was a jail sentence followed by probation. While deferred prosecution was infrequently used, it yielded the lowest recidivism rate at 37%. The most frequent sentence, jail, produced the highest recidivism rate at 80%.

However, the return of 17-year-olds to the juvenile justice system has significant caseload and fiscal challenges for the Court, District Attorneys, Probation and even programs like Wraparound Milwaukee. It could increase the juvenile caseloads by 20% or more. And, the cost of additional community and institutional services could exceed \$50 million statewide (over \$25 million in Milwaukee County alone). Wraparound Milwaukee estimates that the additional number of delinquent youth and cost of community services and institutional services such as residential treatment, group home care and treatment foster care could be close to \$5 million for Wraparound enrolled youth.

Assembly and Senate bills to change the law to put juveniles back under Juvenile Court jurisdiction will most likely be introduced in the Wisconsin State Legislature in the coming months.

Wraparound Milwaukee will be monitoring developments on this issue throughout the next year.

Bruce Kamradt, Director





# National Boss Day

October 16th

## National News...

### Mental Health Parity Becomes Reality

After years of efforts from mental health advocates, consumers and professionals, on October 3, 2008, President Bush signed legislation that requires group health insurance plans to provide equal access and cost sharing for physical and mental health treatment.

The increase in funding for treatment of mental illnesses and addictions brought by parity will make the treatment of these disorders more attractive to a wide range of provider organizations and health care systems. More equity in treatment benefits should mean more treatment will occur in employer sponsored health plans and private health insurance.

There should also be an increase in the integration of the treatment of mental illnesses and addictions into the primary care system. As primary care provider organizations see the ability to provide treatment services that are reimbursed by insurers, there will likely be more interest in integrating these services into their practices.

For Wraparound Milwaukee, the affect of the parity legislation will be minimal. Nearly 88% of Wraparound enrollees are covered by Medicaid or Badger Care Plus; however, the parity legislation could help with efforts to reintegrate youth back into their homes by providing families with coverage for their children's mental health needs. This could help Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice agencies.

Information for the above article provided through the publication "Open Minds".

Bruce Kamradt, Director

## Mobile Crisis News...

In September, the Mobile Urgent Treatment Team (MUTT) continued its role with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and numerous community partners on the Safe Schools grant. Now in its second year, one of the main goals of the grant will be impacting suspensions and expulsions.

The MUTT-MPS team has begun developing a behavioral health strengths screen, which may be used in

grant schools. The purpose of such a tool would be to help youth, and those working with them, to focus on tangible resources and activities that help them attain a greater sense of competence, and assist them when they are faced with behavior challenges. Building on students' strengths and interests, this tool would help them redirect their energy on what they are capable of, and can do, rather than on what they can't do.

Dr. Chris Morano, Mobile Crisis Director

## Quality Assurance News...

### Cultural Diversity Committee Update

The Wraparound Milwaukee Cultural Diversity Committee has been busy! Aside from our monthly meetings, redoing our training packet, establishing a training evaluation tool and creating training attendance certificates, we are available to come and provide cultural diversity training to any Provider Network Agency that is interested!

Please give Bill Herd a call at (414) 257-5385 or email him at [billherdjr@gmail.com](mailto:billherdjr@gmail.com), if you are interested in setting up cultural diversity training at your agency.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to give me a call at (414) 257-7608 or e-mail me at [paerdman@wrapmilw.org](mailto:paerdman@wrapmilw.org).

Pamela Erdman, QA/QI Director



### Quality Quote of the Month

*"Every day holds the possibility of a miracle."*

*Elizabeth David*



## Announcements...

### Positive Recognition Awards

The following have been recipients of "Positive Recognition" awards:

#### **Michael Chimelewski – Carmelite Home, Inc.**

Nominated by Jacqueline Eckstrom – Alternatives in Psychological Consultation

*"...for instilling positive change in the lives of the youth at Carmelite... builds strong rapport with the young men..."*

#### **Theresa Dawson – LaCausa, Inc.**

Nominated by Beatrice Sims – Parent



*"...cares about the child and family... puts all of herself into her job... loving and caring person..."*

**London Williams – Human Development Center**

Nominated by Antonio Thomas – AJA Counseling

*"...very reliable, often contacting team members when something needs to be done..."*

**Carlos Scott – Claretta Simpson House**

Nominated by Antonio Thomas – AJA Counseling

*"...very supportive in helping our youth stay in county... willingness to help our youth despite youth's difficult behavior in the beginning of his stay..."*

**Ezzie Washington - Youth**

Nominated by Julie Knorowski – AJA Counseling

*"Ezzie rescued a 60 year-old woman from a burning building this past Saturday."*

**Kinen Fleming – Human Development Center**

Nominated by Antonio Thomas – AJA Counseling

*"...continues to be a good influence for our youth. Special thanks for being available to provide services in times of crisis, as well as preventative measures."*

**Patricia Preston – St. Aemilian - Lakeside**

Nominated by Kate Mewes – BMCW Worker

*"...has done an outstanding job with the child we work with... has a great rapport with this child... has the wisdom and experience to understand this child's exceptional needs... she's amazing.."*

- Nov. 7** 9:00-5:00pm **WRIT Reviews** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Nov. 7** 8:00-12:30pm **Provider Training – Level II** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 416
- Nov. 12** 12:00-1:00pm **Child Psych. Cons. – LaCausa** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Nov. 13** 11:00-1:00pm **High Risk Reviews** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Nov. 17** 4:00-5:30pm **Youth Council Meeting** @ Running Rebels Comm. Org.
- Nov. 19** 12:00-1:00pm **Child Psych. Cons. – MHYH** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Nov. 20** 8:15-10:00am **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting** at Aurora Family Service
- Nov. 20** 11:00-1:00pm **High Risk Reviews** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Nov. 24** 10:00am **Group Home Meeting** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 416
- Nov. 27** **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
Office Closed

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For more information on Wraparound Milwaukee, go to our Website at [www.county.milwaukee.gov](http://www.county.milwaukee.gov) and search using the keywords "Wraparound Milwaukee".

## Upcoming Events...

### NOVEMBER 2008

- Nov. 5** 9:00am **DHHS Centralized QA Mtg.** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 212
- Nov. 6** 8:15-10:00am **Mgmt./Supervisors Meeting** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 212
- Nov. 6** 11:00-1:00pm **High Risk Reviews** BHD-Day Hospital – Room 253
- Nov. 6** 1:00-3:00pm **Monthly Care Coordinator Mtg.** CHP Auditorium



### Greater Milwaukee Major Events

11/16-12/28	Milwaukee Holiday Lights Festival	Downtown Milwaukee	(414) 220-4700
11/21-11/23	Holiday Folk Fair International	Wisconsin Exposition Center	(414) 225-6225
11/22	Milwaukee Holiday Parade	Downtown Milwaukee	(262) 377-5935
TBA	Holiday Craft & Gift Show	Wisconsin Exposition Center	(414) 321-2100
11/23-11/25	The Fresh Coast Basketball Classic	Midwest Airlines Center	(414) 908-6001