

Human Services Director's Report
To the Health & Human Services Board
January 2021

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Transportation Services	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	<p>The ADRC is an annual recipient of Specialized Transportation Assistance funds as authorized by Wisconsin Statute 85.21. Any unspent funds are held in a trust for future expenses or the acquisition or maintenance of transportation equipment. Given the balance of the trust, the ADRC sought applications/requests from local non-profit service providers to assist with the purchase or maintenance of equipment used for specialized transportation. As a result, the ADRC was pleased to grant funds to three local agencies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,700 to Aptiv for various equipment/maintenance • \$5,200 to Benedictine Living Community for wheelchair lift • \$2,125 to Lakeview for various equipment/maintenance 	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Caregiver Support	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	<p>The ADRC is excited to announce a new program to the area, Savvy Caregiver. This six-week program focuses on helping family/friend caregivers of people living with dementia to acquire and strengthen knowledge, skills and attitudes that are appropriate for the community-based caregiving role they have undertaken. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 9:30 - 11:00 AM, February 9-March 16. Register by February 4 by calling the ADRC at 608-785-5700.</p>	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
FoodShare Update	Economic Support (ES)	<p>In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is continuing to suspend most FoodShare interviews. The suspension, which would have ended December 31, 2020, will now continue through June 30, 2021. Applicants who only provide a name, address, and signature when they apply will still need to complete an interview. DHS is able to continue this suspension as a result of provisions in the federal Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act. When renewals resume for FoodShare, interviews may again be required.</p>	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Grant Award	Justice Support Services (JSS) – System of Care	Youth System of Care Administrator Bridget Todd-Robbins was awarded a grant in the amount of \$3,286 from the Department of Justice to support the use of a consistent Youth Assessment Tool (Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale – CAFAS) and database across several youth serving agencies within the community including: La Crosse System of Care, La Crosse Family YMCA, The Good Fight, and Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse. By utilizing a shared assessment tool across youth serving agencies, it is expected that the needs of youth, especially youth of color, will be better identified and met, resulting in less involvement with the youth justice system.	Mandy Bisek 792-4275 mbisek@lacrossecounty.org Bridget Todd-Robbins 386-7264 btodd-robbins@lacrossecounty.org	No
Media Praise	Justice Support Services (JSS) – System of Care	Youth System of Care Administrator Bridget Todd-Robbins was highlighted in the La Crosse Tribune as a local “hometown hero” for her work to bring Christmas cheer to teens in the La Crosse area. Link to article here: https://lacrossetribune.com/news/local/hometown-heroes-update-making-sure-students-get-gifts-this-year/article_18a9968e-7909-58f1-8c83-63d46806e4b3.html?fbclid=IwAR3n8kUKMA2e5gJ2Yu2jCjoR-PJdIztLM7d9kNar3pj_HDNTw3e3X3PVIH8	Mandy Bisek 792-4275 mbisek@lacrossecounty.org Bridget Todd-Robbins 386-7264 btodd-robbins@lacrossecounty.org	No