

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

July 2022

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Disability Awareness	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Disability Pride Month occurs every July to listen to and amplify voices of people with disabilities. The month was chosen to recognize the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) into law by President George Bush on July 26, 1990. Locally, the Disability Action Network (DAN) will host their 4th annual La Crosse Area No Limits: Ability Awareness Week the week of July 23-30th. New this year, Disability Pride Fest will be held at Copeland Park on Saturday, July 23rd from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. There will be music, food, art, activities, fun and resources. For more info and event updates, follow DAN on Facebook @disabilityactionnetwork or contact the ADRC by calling 608-785-5700 or emailing adrc@lacrossecounty.org.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Falls Prevention	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Save the Date: Falls Prevention Awareness Day is September 22, 2022, and this year, the La Crosse County Falls Prevention Coalition, and the ADRC, is excited to host Dr. Zorba Paster! Held at the Black River Beach Neighborhood Center, the day will include free health screenings, demonstrations, and resources starting at 9:00 AM and conclude with 1:00 PM "How to Live a Long Sweet Life" presentation by Dr. Zorba. For more information, visit www.lacrossestopfalls.org or call (608-785-5700) or email (adrc@lacrossecounty.org) the ADRC.	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Community Economic Support Specialists	Economic Support (ES)	The two new community Economic Support Specialists will begin working in the community beginning Tuesday July 5 th . Staff will be spending time at the Reach Center and other community organizations, meeting in-person with customers to process applications, troubleshooting eligibility issues for the Food Share, Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, Wisconsin Shares Child Care Assistance and Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP).	ES Manager Lorie Graff 738-2410 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No
Procurement of Fentanyl Test Strips to be made available community wide	Outpatient Clinic/ Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	Fentanyl test strips are used to reduce the harm associated with drug use by offering people in the community the option of checking their drugs for the presence of fentanyl. This allows people to make informed decisions on if and how they proceed to use a substance with fentanyl present. Attached is the insert that will accompany each bag of 5 strips. Additionally, there is a QR code on each insert that links to a site with more detailed instructions. REACH, Coulee Recovery Center and Gundersen Mobile Medical unit have also been supplied with these strips.	ISRS Manager Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org ISRS Assistant Manager Anneliese Skoda askoda@lacrossecounty.org	Yes
Funding	Justice Support Services (JSS)- Youth Justice	The Department of Children and Families (DCF) has granted La Crosse County Community Intervention Program (CIP) funds in the amount of \$56,866. These funds go to off-set costs for our intensive supervision program.	JSS Manager Tonya Van Tol 785-5815 tvantol@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Funding	Justice Support Services (JSS)- System of Care (SOC)	Women’s Fund of Greater La Crosse awarded a grant of \$3,300 to La Crosse County Human Services SOC to support the Southside/Northside Moms United group for the funding year 2022-2023	JSS Manager Tonya Van Tol 785-5815 tvantol@lacrossecounty.org Human Services Supervisor Bridget Todd-Robbins Btodd-robbins@lacrossecounty.org	No
Training	Justice Support Services (JSS)- Youth Justice	Phil Stegemann has completed a Youth Assessment and Screening Instrument (YASI) Coach certification course. This will allow him to further support and develop staff in use of the statewide youth strength and risk assessment.	JSS Manager Tonya Van Tol 785-5815 tvantol@lacrossecounty.org Youth Justice Supervisor Phil Stegemann 386-6048 pstegemann@lacrossecounty.org	No
Housing	La Crosse Area Family Collaborative (LAFC)	La Crosse County has been selected by the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families (DCF) to participate in an initiative designed to eliminate the lack of access to safe housing as a reason for children in the child welfare system to be separated from their parent(s) or reunified. The initiative, which includes two other counties (Marathon and Wood) will bring funding and technical assistance to develop and support local solutions to this issue. It is estimated that 10 percent of CPS child removals occur due to unsafe and inadequate housing and no other viable options. LAFC Director Isaac Hoffman is our local project manager for this initiative and has pulled together a design team that includes the following individuals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ann Berendes (Board Member, Shelter Development) - Barb Pollack (Case Manager, Couleecap) - Audra Martine (Director, La Crosse County Health Department) - Erin Malak (Supervisor, La Crosse County CPS Initial Assessment) We look forward to sharing more about this exciting opportunity in the coming months.	JSS Manager Tonya Van Tol 785-5815 tvantol@lacrossecounty.org LAFC Director Isaac Hoffman 792-1617 ihoffman@lacrossecounty.org	No