

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

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Emergency Broadband Benefit Program	Administration	A new program is available to assist the public with broadband access The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program (getemergencybroadband.org) . We are encouraging staff and partners to be aware of the opportunity to receive assistance to help people in our community who may still be struggling to access information, services and care following the transition to tele-service during the pandemic.	Deputy Director Audra Martine 785-6108 amartine@lacrossecounty.org	No
Dementia Care Services	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	The ADRC has redesigned their Memory Café to offer the same fun and activities along a drive thru route beginning in May! Offered monthly through September, these drive thru Memory Cafés are for people living with memory loss, Alzheimer's and other related dementias and their care partners to enjoy regular, social interaction. Participants will circle a designated route until all activity spots have been visited and then sent on their way with a take home activity. Duration at the café will vary, dependent on attendance at the given time, but on average 20-30 minutes. The first café will be held May 18, 2021 at 10:30 am in the parking lot of First Free Church (123 Mason Street in Onalaska). For a list of future dates and locations, call the ADRC at 608-785-5700 or visit us at www.lacrossecounty.org/adrc	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Healthy Aging Summit June 3-4	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	Registration is now open for the 2021 Healthy Aging Summit hosted by the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging (WIHA). This year's summit will be held virtually on June 3 and 4. The Summit is designed to explore the ways the pandemic has challenged our priorities and approaches to healthy aging. To learn more or to register, go to Healthy Aging Summit (wihealthyaging.org)	ADRC Manager Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Outpatient Clinic	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	The ISRS Outpatient Clinic has been meeting with our county partners at both Hillview Health Care Center and Lakeview Health Center these past few months in an effort to collaborate in serving those who may have mental health challenges while residing at Hillview for care. We are hopeful to begin having Advanced Practice Nurse Prescribers join the Hillview team soon and look forward to sharing with the Human Services Board how our collaboration is going in the future.	ISRS Manager Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Foster Care Event	Family & Children's (FC)	<p>May is foster care awareness month. We have several events planned throughout the month to show our appreciation to the caring and compassionate foster care providers that serve children and families in the community. On May 19, 2021, we will be holding a "Bingo Night at the Park". This will be a great way to have some fun, while still being able to safely socially distance, as we spread out on the lawn with a picnic dinner while playing a couple rounds of Bingo with chances to win prizes. On May 27, 2021, we are holding a "We have dinner covered" pizza night where families can grab a pizza to go and a tote bag full of new beach towels, sunscreen and summer activities courtesy of the Bethany Free Church who is sponsoring the appreciation gifts this year. Every May we take time to say thank you to all foster, relative and respite care providers as their commitment to providing a safe place for a child is the key to family preservation. Coming up June 17, 2021, we will be at Spring Grove Park in La Crosse for our annual Foster Care Picnic; all board members are welcome to attend.</p>	<p>FC Assistant Manager Lila Barlow 792-0630 lbarlow@lacrossecounty.org</p>	No
Visit from Governor Evers	Justice Support Services (JSS) – Diversion Program	<p>On April 15 Governor Evers, Representative Billings and Senator Pfaff visited La Crosse County to highlight Treatment Alternative and Diversion (TAD) funding. Governor Evers' budget proposal requests additional funds to provide needed diversionary services and treatment courts throughout the state of WI. La Crosse County Justice Support Services receives \$209,000 annually to support our pre- and post-charge diversion services, assisting first time, non-violent offenders to be diverted from traditional court processes. Kim Joki, JSS Diversion Coordinator, was able to share direct impacts these programs have on the clients served.</p> <p>A link to the livestream video can be found HERE</p>	<p>JSS Manager Mandy Bisek 792-4275 mbisek@lacrossecounty.org</p>	No
Stakeholder Collaborations	Justice Support Services (JSS) – Youth Justice and System of Care	<p>At April's Criminal Justice Management Council, Captain Avrie Schott of La Crosse Police Department, Mandy Bisek of JSS, System of Care Administrator Bridget Todd-Robbins, and Youth Justice Supervisor Phil Stegemann presented initial conversations and collaborations in regards to shifting philosophy of working with youth and families in the community to one of the "lightest touch." The concept embraces connecting youth to needed resources and interventions from a prevention and early intervention approach rather than a traditional system approach. News coverage regarding these conversations can be found here:</p> <p>Tribune Coverage News 8 Coverage News 19 Coverage</p>	<p>JSS Manager Mandy Bisek 792-4275 mbisek@lacrossecounty.org</p>	No