

Human Services Department Report to County Board July 2021

AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER (ADRC)

Dementia Care Services

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 was 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.

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S (FC)

Foster Care Grant and Activities

The Erickson sisters, through the La Crosse Community Foundation, have awarded the La Crosse County Foster Care program a \$2,800 grant. This grant is aimed at supporting youth who are in foster care to maintain normalcy activities and to aid foster parents in enrichment of youth in care. This is the third year that the Erickson sisters have recognized the needs of youth in out-of-home care by providing support. It is truly wonderful to have the ability to help with additional needs that foster youth have and support our foster families.

INTEGRATED SUPPORT & RECOVERY SERVICES (ISRS)

Outpatient Clinic

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.

JUSTICE SUPPORT SERVICES (JSS)

Visit from Governor Evers

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.

A link to the livestream video can be found [HERE](#).

Stakeholder Collaborations

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:

[Tribune Coverage](#)

[News 8 Coverage](#)

[News 19 Coverage](#)