Wisconsin County Efforts – Working with Community Partners

Wisconsin Counties Association
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A Little About Us

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31 years with La Crosse County

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Early Intervention, Youth Justice, Juvenile Detention & Adult Criminal Justice Programs
17 years with La Crosse County
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

• What do we mean?
Community Partnerships

- Support from the County Board and County Administration
  - Greater La Crosse Area Diversity Council
    - Financial support
  - Waking Up White Symposium
    - Community Conversations
    - La Crosse County book club
  - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Event
    - Financial support
    - County board support
  - Peoplefest
    - Financial support
County Board Supervisor
Maureen Freedland

- Active in the community
- Active on the La Crosse County Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Team
  - Involved since its inception
- Known advocate

County Administrator
Steve O’Malley

- Supportive of community organizations
- Initiated the La Crosse County Diversity Team
Community Participation

- Hmong New Year
- Pridefest
- Juneteenth
- MLK Day (internal)
- Diversity Internship Program
- Juvenile Justice DMC Report
La Crosse County
Juvenile Justice Arrest and Disproportionate Minority Contact Task Force:

Full Report

September 9th, 2014

Submitted by Co-Chairs:
Monica Kruse, Chair, La Crosse County Health & Human Services Board
Pam Foegen, School District of La Crosse

Task Force Participants:
- Cecil Adams, CEO-Founder, African American Mental Assistance Network
- Minnet Block, Supervisor, La Crosse County Juvenile Justice Unit
- Mike DeMond, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse
- Honorable Ransom Gourley, Presiding Judge, La Crosse County Court
- Tim Greenlee, District Attorney, La Crosse County
- Thomas Harris, Assistant Director, UWL-La Crosse Office of Multicultural Student Services
- Shawn Kudrera, Captain, City of La Crosse Police Department
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La Crosse County Juvenile Justice Arrest and Disproportionate Minority Contact Task Force Report
Gathering Stakeholders
DMC Ratios
2012-2015
25% of all juvenile arrests are at a La Crosse Public School address

15% of all juvenile arrests are at an alternative school, residential or group home address (operated by the Family and Children’s Center)

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Taking Action

- Creation & Commitment to A New Way System of Care & MOU
- Learning & Growing TOGETHER
- Remaining Data Driven
System Focused

Criminal Justice Focused

Youth Justice Focused

Learning and Growing Together

Racial Justice Train the Trainer - YWCA Madison
Creation & Commitment to A New Way

La Crosse County System of Care & MOU

LA CROSSE COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE JUVENILE JUSTICE BEST PRACTICE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Internal Support and Self-Reflection Opportunities

• Book club
• MLK Day
• Compassionate County
• Signage
• Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
• Racial Justice Trainings
• Measuring results
Spotlight – Our Journey
Questions?