**Human Services Director’s Report**

**To the Health & Human Services Board**

November 2024

| **Activity** | **Program/**  **Section** | **Brief Description** | **Contact Person** | **Attach-**  **ment** |
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| National Family Caregiver Month | Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) | Caregiving is incredibly common and often nearly invisible. According to a 2023 AARP report, there are 580,000 family caregivers in Wisconsin who provide a staggering $540 million in unpaid family care. In fact, 1 of out 5 Wisconsinites is a family caregiver and 1 in 8 expect to become a caregiver sometime in the next two years! *National Family Caregivers Month*, celebrated each November, is a time to recognize and honor family caregivers across the country. Celebrating *National Family Caregivers Month* enables all of us to raise awareness of family caregiver issues, celebrate the efforts of family caregivers, educate family caregivers about self-identification, increase support of family caregivers, and reduce feelings of isolation. The ADRC of La Crosse County provides several ongoing supports, educational opportunities, and resources for local caregivers. To learn more, visit lacrossecounty.org/adrc or call the ADRC at 608-785-5700. | ADRC Manager  Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172  [cpagel@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org) | No |
| Dementia Care | Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) | Join the ADRC for the viewing of *Wine, Women, & Dementia*, an intimate look into the human side of dementia from the lens of the family caregiver, at the Rivoli Theater on Thursday, November 14th at 2 pm. This documentary follows the journey of former dementia family caregiver as she embarks on a cross-country RV adventure with her friend. To register, call the ADRC at 608-785-5700. | ADRC Manager  Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172  [cpagel@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:cpagel@lacrossecounty.org) | Yes |
| Program Spotlight | Justice Support Services (JSS)  System of Care | At the Women’s Fund Fall Luncheon, the La Crosse Mom’s United group, which is supported by the Youth System of Care Program, was spotlighted. Two women from the group were invited on stage to give an overview of the group, their accomplishments and how the group has impacted their lives. It was a moving and powerful moment for these ladies. | JSS Manager  Tonya Van Tol 785-5815  [tvantol@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:tvantol@lacrossecounty.org)  JSS Supervisor  Bridget Todd-Robbins  [Btodd-robbins@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:Btodd-robbins@lacrossecounty.org) | No |
| Technical Assistance | Justice Support Services (JSS) | Justice Support Services was selected to receive targeted technical assistance from Advancing Pretrial Policy and Research (APPR) to enhance the use of the public safety assessment (PSA) at no charge to the county. This opportunity will allow for us to review current practices, develop robust QA, and educate criminal justice stakeholders on the proper use of the PSA to enhance the administration of pretrial justice. | JSS Manager  Tonya Van Tol 785-5815  [tvantol@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:tvantol@lacrossecounty.org) | No |