

Human Services Director's Report
To the Health & Human Services Board
 January 2019

Activity	Program/ Section	Brief Description	Contact Person	Attach- ment
Dementia-Friendly Community	Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC)	The ADRC's Dementia Care Specialist, along with ADRC Supervisor and two ADRC Advisory Committee members, were recently trained to facilitate Dementia LIVE within our community. Dementia LIVE is a high impact, dementia simulation experience that immerses participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it is like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change. This training, along with other related materials, will be used to train ADRC staff, other county employees, businesses/organizations, students, family/friends and the general public.	Carissa Pagel-Smith 785-6172 cpagel@lacrossecounty.org	No
Children's Long Term Support (CLTS) Program Expansion <i>(monthly update)</i>	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	<p>Background: The current state budget includes an attempt to reduce or eliminate the wait list for Children's Long Term Support services in Wisconsin. La Crosse County had 186 children on our wait list when the expansion began in September of 2017. The state is slated to cover the cost of expansion without additional county contribution, and provided funding for La Crosse to get to a total of 300 children served by the end of 2018.</p> <p>Status update: 302 children are enrolled in CLTS services in La Crosse as of 1-2-19. The state identified target number for our county was 300. All families who were waiting for services in September of 2017 have been contacted; 110 were eligible and opened to services. We continue to outreach to new referrals that have been received since September of 2017.</p>	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org	No
Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Collaboration with La Crosse County School Services	Integrated Support & Recovery Services (ISRS)	The CCS Administrator and Service Director have begun to explore along with various La Crosse County School District Administrators, how CCS service delivery could complement current school services to most effectively meet the mental health and/or substance use needs of children/youth.	Christin Skolnik 785-6019 cskolnik@lacrossecounty.org	No

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Income Maintenance (IM) Funding Study	Economic Support (ES)	The Income Maintenance (IM) Funding workgroup of the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) will be working with a class from the Robert M. La Follette School of Public Affairs to complete an IM Funding study. The purpose of the study is to collect data necessary to determine the full cost of providing income maintenance services that comply with all Federal and State requirements and to accurately process Food Share and Medicaid cases in a timely manner. The study's final report will allow for counties and consortia to have access to standardized information, and the ability to identify differences in cost across counties and consortium members. The final product will allow counties and consortia to accurately and effectively project cost impacts as program modifications occur. The IM Funding study is anticipated to conclude mid-May 2019.	Lorie Graff 785-6061 lgraff@lacrossecounty.org	No