



Green County United Prevention Professionals for Youth (GUPPY) Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 9, 2020

1:00 PM

Virtual Zoom meeting

Vitality Youth Services (Kristy Schindler)

- Provide respite, parent/caregiver education, daily living skills, supportive home care, community integration, and other services to kids ages 3-18; will be expanding to offer mental health services in January
- Currently partnering with county human services programs to serve kids who participate in these programs; this is their primary referral source at this time, but they hope to be able to accept referrals directly from schools or other agencies in the near future
- All services are in-home or virtual
- Currently serving Green, Lafayette, and Rock Counties; goal of expanding to additional counties in Southwest Wisconsin
- Staff of 10
- Recently opened in former Fireside Bookstore location
- Contact info: info@vitalityyouth.org or kristys@vitalityyouth.org;
https://www.facebook.com/vitalityyouth/?ref=page_internal

Youth Mental Health (Stephani Butts)

- The pandemic can have profound and long-lasting effects on youth mental health. Social isolation and change in routines can impact children significantly.
- Many students receive mental health services partially or entirely through their school; access to these services can be reduced when schools are meeting virtually.
- Greenhaven is offering regular services on a virtual basis including virtual groups and community outreach.

Intentional Networking

- **Better Brodhead:**
 - Diversity, Inclusion, and Privilege Training is being held virtually on Wednesday, October 21 from 1:00-3:00; email Megan (maltfillisch@betterbrodhead.org) for virtual meeting link
- **Green County Human Services:**
 - Completing grant to hopefully fund mental health navigator position
 - Has been working with area schools to do NARCAN training; email Marsha (mljohnson@gchsd.org) to register
 - House of Hope (sober living home for women) is accepting applications and first residents will be moving in next month
- **Blackhawk Tech:**
 - There is an upcoming referendum for the public safety and transportation center. VOTE!
- **UW-Extension:**
 - [Taking Care of You](#): upcoming stress management program for adults
- **Greenhaven:**
 - Cultural Humility Training is being held virtually on Monday, October 12 at 4:00 (registration info on GUPPY Facebook page)