



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

Friday, April 9, 2021

1:00 PM

Virtual Zoom meeting

### **Green County Development Corporation (Cara Carper)**

- Childcare is essential for workforce and children's social-emotional and academic development. Green County is a childcare desert.
- Average cost for childcare in Green County is \$14,088 per year. This means that if a family makes the median income in Green County, they are spending 22.3% of their income on childcare.
- Green County has 35 regulated childcare facilities (15 centers and 20 in-home facilities).
- Green County Development Corporation has both short-term and long-term goals related to childcare in Green County and is already working with childcare providers to offer educational opportunities, mental health consultation, and professional mentoring.

### **YRBS Discussion (Kathy Comeau)**

- It would be helpful if all schools in Green County selected the drug-free communities module on the YRBS this fall, as this helps Green County to qualify for certain grants.
- Schools also need to agree on which grade levels to survey, as this helps us to have more uniform county data.

### **Mentors for Youth**

- Ellie stated that kids who receive CST services often lack "natural supports". Many could benefit from working with mentors.
- CST could house a referral process and training for mentors and could partner with other agencies to get mentors.

- Volunteers for subcommittee: Krista Bethke (SARP), Stephanie Butts and Natasha Morgan (Greenhaven), Katie Weber (Green County Truancy Program), Kathy Comeau and Megan Altfillisch (Better Brodhead), Shannon Kaszuba (Big Brothers Big Sisters)

### **Reality Day**

- First step will be reaching out to schools to see if they are interested in participating.
  - Should we offer this every year or every other year?
  - What grade levels would be involved?
  - What follow-up activities can we offer to make sure this event has an impact and is more than a “one and done” activity?
- Subcommittee will do some preliminary discussion/planning and then reach out to schools.

### **Intentional Networking**

#### **FAITH Addiction Awareness**

- FAITH is hoping to offer some type of 5K/community event this summer, but they are still deciding what this will look like this year.
- Reach out to Mary if you are interested in FAITH bringing a speaker/presentation to your school next year.

#### **Greenhaven**

- Sponsoring activities for Children’s Day
- Mother’s Day plant sale
  - Pre-orders due April 30
  - In-person sale Friday, May 7 (9:00-6:00) and Saturday, May 8 (9:00-12:00)

#### **SARP**

- April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. See the SARP website and Facebook page for details about all events.
  - April 9: Virtual art show of survivors
  - April 10: Denim Day kit handouts @ Monroe and Brodhead libraries
  - April 12: Denim Day kit handouts @ Monticello library
  - April 23: Take Back the Night Hike @ Putnam Park in Brodhead
  - April 28: Denim Day (many area schools collaborating with Krista for awareness activities)

- April 30: Virtual “What Were You Wearing?” event

### **Better Brodhead**

- Safe Space Training (FREE)
  - April 28 (virtual)
  - Email Megan if you would like to attend

### **Green County AODA Program**

- Still searching to fill substance abuse counselor and mental health navigator positions

### **UW-Extension**

- 4-H is able to schedule more in-person meetings and activities for this month than they have been able to in recent months.