

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

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**DEPARTMENT OF
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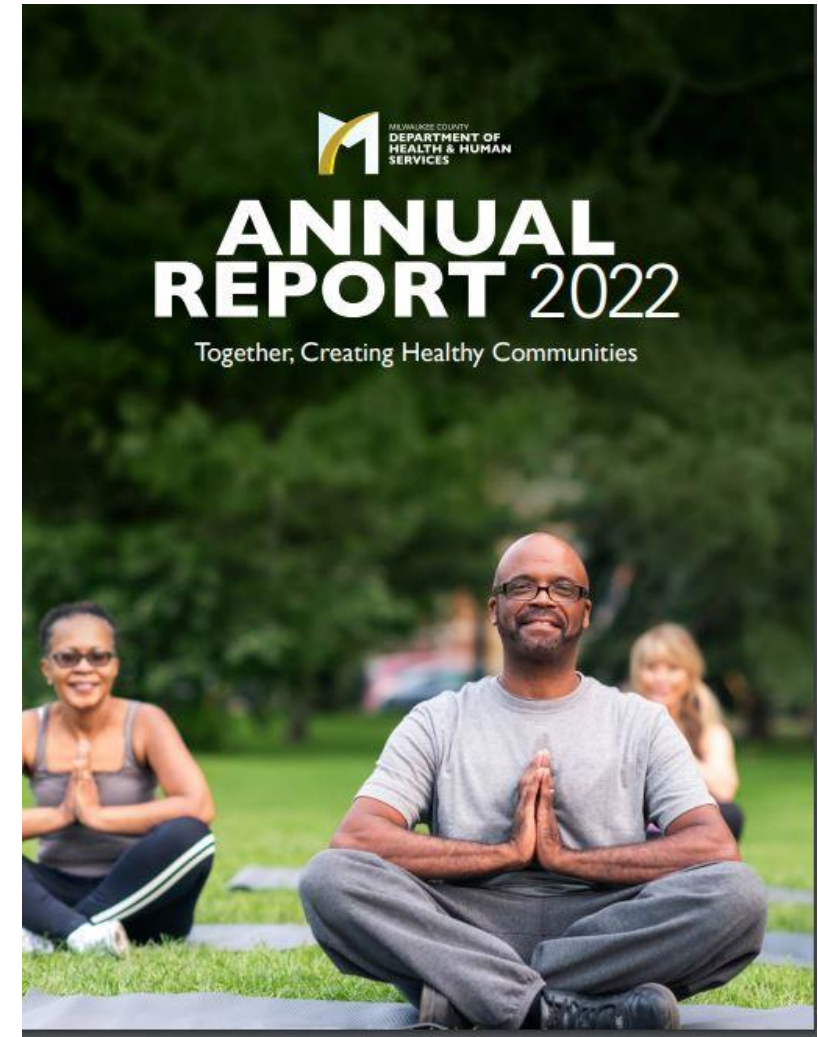
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2022 DHHS Annual Report

- Last year, was a year of great transformation, increased collaboration, and dynamic plans for the future of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services
- We continued to operationalize the strategic plan moving the department closer to the 2025 Future State
- The ongoing implementation of 'No Wrong Door' produced cross-collaboration among service areas, improving customer service
- The Department's journey to achieve racial equity continued with the *Creating Equity Series*
- Major initiatives advanced, including a new Marcia P. Coggs building, Housing developments, redesign of the behavioral health system, increased enrollment, advancement in diversity of service providers, the successful pilot of the Credible Messenger program, and large-scale campaigns with impressive results



DHHS Children's Integration

- Integration is a part of DHHS No Wrong Door model, providing access to quality care for children, youth & families
- Brings together children's disability services & youth justice (CYFS) and children's mental health & Wraparound (BHS)
- Centralized intake & screening process for children & youth for mental health and disability services
 - Three Resource & Referral staff, to include a bi-lingual individual
- One goal is to divert youth from the justice system and set them up for success in their homes and communities
- Assesses children and youth earlier when they are in the youth justice system
 - Multi Disciplinary Staffing & Central Staffing
 - Intake & Assessments for justice involved youth

DHHS Children's Integration

- Increased enrollment in Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) – dual enrollment with CLTS
 - 172 youth are dually enrolled in CCS and CLTS
- 1,414 kids in Birth to Three; enrolled over 300 kids in Q1 2023
- Number of children in CLTS has increased over 40% since 2021
 - Current RFP for 2-3 additional CLTS support & service coordination agencies
 - Hiring additional SSC's
 - Building out the quality & strategic sections
 - Currently over 2,500 kids in CLTS
- Collaboration with Aging & Disability Services to support the transition of youth into adult services
 - Home & Community Based Services grant

Data on Justice Involved Youth

- Currently 1, 115 kids in the youth justice system
- Estimated that 60% of justice involved youth have undiagnosed mental health issue
- Greatest needs identified are around substance use and mental health resources
- There were over 200 justice involved youth served in Wraparound services
- Over 80% of justice involved youth with mental health diagnosis
- Over 89% of justice involved youth had IEP/special education interventions (2021)

Continued expansion of Comprehensive Community Services & Children's Long-Term Support

Launched initiative to increase screening for disabilities in youth who are justice system involved

Over 200 Youth/Mentor Connections Created via Credible Messengers

Over 250 young people from our youth justice, disabilities, and behavioral health programs enrolled in Collaborative Employment Programming in 2021 & 2022

Plans to continue in 2023 with various community partners

Increased coordination and expansion of service provider network to include new services; capacity building for providers

**Expanded
Supports in
Youth Justice**

Community Healing and Family Supports Initiative

1. EXPANSION OF CREDIBLE MESSENGER PROGRAM:

TRAUMA RESPONSE TEAM: Formalize Credible Messengers' capacity to regularly refer to the Trauma Response Team program.

GIRLS: Expand the Credible Messengers program to contract with a community based partner for a new team focused on serving girls. Additional supports for girls focused interventions.

COMMUNITY: Expand the Credible Messengers existing contract to add a new sub-team focused on Community Response & Referrals.

Includes implementation of ADVANCE PEACE: The Advance Peace model to be implemented in collaboration with a community partner.

Community Healing and Family Supports Initiative

2. COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES:

Coordination and overlaps with Children's System of Care effort. This will include positions focused on offering individuals and families in need:

- Housing navigation & economic support
- Parent/family engagement
- Employment/Education-related Support
- Mental health/substance use help

3. COMMUNITY-FACING PREVENTION MESSAGING & PROGRAMMING

Communication & Marketing

Community Trainings & Events

Youth Engagement & Accountability



Secure Residential Care Center for Children & Youth (SRCCCY) Background

- Per Act 185, the State is to fund 95 percent of the design and construction of SRCCCYs with counties contributing the remaining 5 percent
- MKE County submitted an application and received \$15.2million award, which was \$8.4 million short of the requested amount & MKE County deferred acceptance
- DJC daily rate continues to increase with a current rate of \$1,178/day and proposed to increase to \$1,246/day in July 2023
- Legislation was approved to build a Type 1 facility in Milwaukee in April 2022 – **this is the State of WI DOC**
- MKE County met with DOC in July 2022 & DHHS submitted a request for an additional \$15 million for the SRCCCY.
- State of WI reallocated \$13.1 million to MKE County for a total allocation of \$28.3 million in August 2022

Update on State Department of Corrections (DOC) Activities

- **Milwaukee Type 1:**
 - Finalizing interior designs with architects with a deadline for submittal for final design approval by mid-April
 - Gov. Evers, as part of his capital budget, requested additional funding to support the building of the Type 1 in Milwaukee
 - Gov. Evers proposed another Type 1 in the Dane County area.
- **Mendota:**
 - On pace to finalize phase 1 of their expansion by early 2024
 - This will include 20 beds for girls
 - In the Gov. budget, DHS requested funding to staff the expansion which needs approval from the legislature

SRCCCY will serve 32 kids, including up to 4 beds for girls.

The SRCCCY includes area for Administration, 4 Housing units, Admissions/Release, Healthcare & Behavioral Health center expansion, Food service & culinary arts program, Visitation center, Education expansion

Programming & services are focused on the unique needs of youth related to skill building, positive youth growth, community restoration, family engagement, commitment to healing & racial equity.

Secure
Residential
Care Center
for Children &
Youth
(SRCCCY)

SRCCCY Project Schedule

	Sept 2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
DESIGN					
GRANT APPROVAL AND AWARD		APRIL-MAY 2023			
CONSTRUCTION					
OPERATION					LATE 2025

Here is what
we are doing
to bring youth
home from
DJC...

Expansion of Youth Services

- Children's Joint Intake Process
- Prevention & Diversion efforts
- Building out services for kids in detention
- Post dispositional program implementation (currently MCAP)
- Building out services specifically for justice involved girls & other special populations of justice system involved youth
- Reducing the use of secure placements for youth in a safe and equitable manner

ARPA Funding Proposals

- Credible Messenger Expansion: girls specific team & community based team
- Girls & special populations of justice involved youth
- Secure detention & community continuum of care expansion
- Early childhood & family support project
- Participatory Budgeting in early childhood and youth justice areas
- Mentoring Mindsets Project
- Diaper Mission Support

Questions?

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