### Bureau of Youth Services 2018 Brighter Futures Initiative Funded Programs

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Service Area</th>
<th>Program Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Barron County Department of Health & Human Services | Barron County | Barron County Department of Health & Human Services intends to utilize the evidence-based Strengthening Families Program (SFP) For Parents and Youth 10-14. Strengthening Families is an evidence-based parent, youth, and family skills-building curriculum that: prevents teen substance abuse and other behavior problems; strengthens parent/youth communication skills; increases academic success in youth; and prevents violence and aggressive behavior at home and at school.  
**Contact:** Heidi Good, (715) 537-6115, heidi.good@co.barron.wi.us  
**Website:** [https://www.barroncountywi.gov](https://www.barroncountywi.gov) / [https://m.facebook.com/brighterfuturesinitiative/](https://m.facebook.com/brighterfuturesinitiative/) |
| Diverse & Resilient | Milwaukee County | Diverse and Resilient provides supports to LGBTQ youth and gay straight alliances (GSAs) in high schools through evidence-based interventions, site visits and phone consultations with teacher/counselor advisors, statewide conferences, and adult advocate training. Further, community-based programs for teens are supported through health-related messaging to youth via social media, brief interventions at pride events, and semi-annual trainings for youth development specialists. The overall aim of the program is for the targeted teens to thrive, living healthy, satisfying lives in safe, supportive communities.  
**Contact:** Gerry Coon, (414) 390-0444, gcoon@diverseandresilient.org  
**Website:** [http://www.diverseandresilient.org/](http://www.diverseandresilient.org/) |
| Kenosha County Human Services | Kenosha County | The Kenosha County Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS), in partnership with the Kenosha Unified School District (KUSD) and Community Impact Programs (CIP), are implementing evidence-based programming at Hillcrest School which houses two alternative educational programs – the Bridges and TIME Programs. Strategies include the Seven Challenges Program, Aggression Replacement training, Girls Circle and Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support. The goals of Kenosha County’s Brighter Futures Initiative are to reduce delinquent and violent behavior, reduce drug and alcohol use, and increase adolescent self-sufficiency.  
**Contact:** Donna Rhodes, (262) 605-6528, donna.rhodes@kenoshacounty.org  
**Website:** [http://co.kenosha.wi.us/242/Brighter-Futures-Initiative](http://co.kenosha.wi.us/242/Brighter-Futures-Initiative) |
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Service Area</th>
<th>Program Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| La Causa Crisis Nursery & Respite Center   | Milwaukee County    | The mission of La Causa, Inc. is to provide children, youth and families with quality, comprehensive services to nurture healthy family life and stable communities while preventing and reducing the incidence of child abuse and neglect. The services offered through the Crisis Nursery and Respite Center (CNRC) are just one vital part of this mission and addresses the needs of families during times of emergency and crisis.  
**Contact:** Karl Schoendorf, (414) 647-5990, karls@lacausa.org  
| Milwaukee County (Community Advocates)     | Milwaukee County    | Community Advocates’ Milwaukee Brighter Future Initiative (MBFI) works with several different networks of organizations and individuals who are devoted to creating effective prevention strategies to reduce the incidence of child abuse and neglect, youth violence, teen pregnancy, teen alcohol and drug abuse, and educational and vocational unpreparedness among Milwaukee’s youth. Programs include:  
- Comprehensive Child Abuse Prevention  
- Comprehensive Teen Pregnancy Prevention and AODA Prevention  
- Foundations for Adolescent Well-Being  
- Milwaukee Start Right  
- Neu-Life Student Advocate Program  
- One-to-One Mentoring Program  
- PEACE Program  
- Trauma-Informed Services for Transition-Age Youth  
- Young Professionals Academy  
**Contact:** Elysse Chay Wageman, (414) 270-6936, EChay@CommunityAdvocates.net  
**Website:** [http://ppi.communityadvocates.net/prevention_services/milwaukee_brighter_futures_initiative/](http://ppi.communityadvocates.net/prevention_services/milwaukee_brighter_futures_initiative/) |
| Outagamie County Health & Human Services   | Outagamie County    | Functional Family Therapy will provide evidence-based family therapy services to children, youth and families involved in or at risk of involvement in the youth justice and child protection systems. The target audience for the program will be youth (age 12-18) identified in the Children Youth and Family (CYF) division with a first time referral to juvenile court intake with the intent to prevent further child abuse allegations and deeper penetration in the youth justice system. For youth already open in Youth and Family Services (YFS), priority will be given to youth who are dually involved with both divisions, youth who receive their first referral for delinquency prior to the 11th birthday and youth with an overall risk level of moderate or high on the YASI assessment. Services may also be provided to families involved in the mental health crisis system.  
**Contact:** Heather Lawrence, (920) 832-4915, heather.lawrence@outagamie.org  
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Service Area</th>
<th>Program Description</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Red Cliff Family and Human</td>
<td>Red Cliff Tribe</td>
<td>The Red Cliff Brighter Futures Initiative will prevent and reduce youth violence and other delinquent behavior, alcohol and other drugs, and increase adolescent self-sufficiency. The initiative will implement four prevention/intervention programs: Stand Up &amp; Speak Out; LifeSkills Training; Discovery Dating, and Money Management to Red Cliff youth ages 12-18 who reside in the Red Cliff Reservation.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| and Human Services Division  |                               | **Contact:** Rebecca Benton, (715) 779-3706 ext. 1272, RBenton@redcliff-nsn.gov  
**Website:** [http://redcliff-nsn.gov/divisions/FamilyServices/bfi.htm](http://redcliff-nsn.gov/divisions/FamilyServices/bfi.htm)                                                                                           |
| Washington County Human      | Washington and Waukesha County| The Washington/Waukesha Counties Substance Use Prevention Initiative will assist youth in achieving their maximum potential by using a community-based, positive youth development approach to prevent and reduce the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use and abuse. This collaborative application for Brighter Futures Initiative funding spanning two counties is a creative solution to bridge gaps in current services. Leadership from Washington and Waukesha Counties have publicly committed to working together to enhance services for their residents. This Brighter Futures grant award will provide opportunities for the counties to collaborate in the area of youth substance use prevention. Both counties are interested in learning more about their neighboring county’s efforts to improve their systems and expand community-based substance use prevention. |
| Services                      |                               | **Our primary objectives will focus on:**  
● Increasing community awareness and promoting action;  
● Decreasing access to prescription medications through promotion of medication security, collection and disposal;  
● Enhancing the knowledge of educators and law enforcement through drug identification/recognition training;  
● Increasing access to research-based education for middle school students;  
● Increasing access to evidence-based programming for high school students. |
|                              |                               | **Contact:** Sandy Hoefert (262) 335-4639, sandy.hoefert@co.washington.wi.us  
**Website:** [http://www.co.washington.wi.us/](http://www.co.washington.wi.us/)                                                                                                                                  |