



Bureau of Youth Services 2019 Brighter Futures Initiative Funded Programs

Agency	Service Area	Program Description
Ashland County Health & Human Services	Ashland County including Bad River Tribe	<p>Ashland County Health & Human Services is utilizing evidence based Botvin LifeSkills Training (LST) and Sources of Strength programming along with providing group mentoring to middle and high school students across Ashland County. The goal of the programming is to prevent youth ages 12-18 from using substances by fostering positive youth development and creating positive outlets for expression and energy both in school and via afterschool programs.</p> <p>Contact: Terry Barningham, (715) 682-7004, terry.barningham@co.ashland.wi.us</p> <p>Website: https://co.ashland.wi.us/</p>
Bad River Social & Family Services Department	Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa	<p>Biizindadedah “Listening to One Another” curriculum is being utilized by Bad River Social & Family Services Department while working with American Indian youth ages 12-17 to strengthen communication skills among youth and families. The goal of their program is to decrease at-risk behaviors and reduce substance use throughout middle and high school aged tribal youth.</p> <p>Contact: Esie Leoso-Corbin, (715) 682-7111 ext. 1411, socserdirector@badriver-nsn.gov</p> <p>Website: http://badriver-nsn.gov/</p>
Barron County Department of Health & Human Services	Barron County	<p>Barron County Department of Health & Human Services is utilizing the evidence based Strengthening Families Program (SFP) for parents and youth 10-14 and Botvin LikeSkills Training (LST). SFP 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. LST is in middle and high schools throughout Barron County, and at the Boys and Girls Club. The goal of this programming is to build drug resistance, personal self-management, and social skills needed to reduce substance use.</p> <p>Contact: Heidi Good, (715) 537-6115, heidi.good@co.barron.wi.us</p> <p>Website: https://www.barroncountyiwi.gov/ / https://m.facebook.com/brighterfuturesinitiative/</p>

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Community Advocates, Inc.	Milwaukee County	<p>Community Advocates Inc.'s Milwaukee Brighter Futures Initiative (MBFI) works with several different networks of organizations and individuals who are devoted to creating effective prevention strategies. By contracting with direct service providers such as: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Milwaukee Christina Center, Neu-Life Community Development, Pathfinders, PEARLS for Teen Girls, The Parenting Network, and United Community Center, MBFI is working towards preventing and reducing the incidence of youth alcohol and other drug use for Milwaukee youth ages 12-21. Evidence Based Programs being utilized includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Botvin LifeSkills Training • One-to-One Mentoring Program • Strengthening Families Program <p>Contact: Kari Lerch, (414) 270-2950, klerch@communityadvocates.net Website: https://ppi.communityadvocates.net/policy-projects/milwaukee-brighter-futures-initiative.html</p>
Diverse & Resilient	Milwaukee County	<p>Diverse & Resilient, in partnership with GSAFE, 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, adult advocate training, and LGBTQ youth leadership development. 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 LGBTQ youth to thrive living healthy and satisfying lives in safe and supportive communities.</p> <p>Contact: Kristen Ramirez, (414) 390-0444, kramirez@diverseandresilient.org Website: http://www.diverseandresilient.org/</p>
Dunn County Department of Human Services & Arbor Place, Inc.	Dunn County	<p>Dunn County Department of Human Services in partnership with Arbor Place, Inc. is administering two different programs, One Voice Youth Empowerment and Prime for Life, aiming to educate 12 to 15-year-old youth on the risks of methamphetamine and opioid use and to empower them to make healthy, low risk choices. One Voice Youth Empowerment is used to guide the implementation of a youth-led drug prevention program. This program involves youth leaders in planning and providing a variety of safe and fun recreational activities that allows students to take an active role in drug-prevention initiatives. In addition, Prime for Life is a curriculum-based program that is presented to students in their school environment during Health class.</p> <p>Contact: Kristin Korpela, (715) 231-2750, kkorpela@co.dunn.wi.us Website: https://www.co.dunn.wi.us/</p>

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Employ Milwaukee & Boy and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee	Milwaukee County	<p>Employ Milwaukee in partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee (BGCGM) provides a Career Plus Program to serve at-risk students in four Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) high schools: Barack Obama School of Career and Technical Education, Lynde & Harry Bradley Technology and Trade School, North Division High School, and Bay View High School. Eligible youth are identified as at risk of dropping out of high school, truant, and/or have been involved in the youth justice system. The goal of Career Plus is to increase adolescent self-sufficiency by encouraging high school graduation, vocational preparedness, improve social and other interpersonal skills, and responsible decision making.</p> <p>Contact: Robert Cherry, (414) 210-1721, Robert.cherry@employmilwaukee.org</p> <p>Website: https://www.employmilwaukee.org/Employ-Milwaukee.htm / https://www.bgcmilwaukee.org/</p>
Kenosha County Human Services	Kenosha County	<p>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 providing 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.</p> <p>Contact: Donna Rhodes, (262) 605-6635, donna.rhodes@kenoshacounty.org</p> <p>Website: http://co.kenosha.wi.us/242/Brighter-Futures-Initiative</p>
La Causa Crisis Nursery & Respite Center	Milwaukee County	<p>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.</p> <p>Contact: Karl Schoendorf, (414) 647-5990, karls@lacausa.org</p> <p>Website: http://www.lacausa.org/programs/crisis-nursery-and-respite-center</p>

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Outagamie County Health & Human Services	Outagamie County	<p>Functional Family Therapy provides 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 are 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.</p> <p>Contact: Scott Kornish, (920) 832-5672, Scott.Kornish@outagamie.org</p> <p>Website: https://www.anufs.org/programs/parent_coaching/ / http://www.outagamie.org/index.aspx?page=1219</p>
Racine County Human Services Department & Focus on Community	Racine County	<p>Racine County Human Services Department (RCHSD) in partnership with Focus on Community are delivering the LifeSkills Training curriculum in the Racine Unified School District (RUSD) to youth ages 13-15 (6th and 7th grades). This partnership allows for Focus on Community to widen the scope of services and ensure that the students they are serving build drug resistance, personal self-management, and social skills needed to reduce substance use.</p> <p>Contact: Kerry Milkie, (262) 638-6511, kerry.milkie@racinecounty.com</p> <p>Website: https://racinecounty.com/ / http://www.focusracine.org/</p>
Red Cliff Family and Human Services Division	Red Cliff Tribe	<p>The Red Cliff Brighter Futures Initiative utilizes LifeSkills Training curriculum for Red Cliff youth ages 12-18 who reside on the Red Cliff Reservation. The goal of this initiative is to prevent and reduce youth violence and other delinquent behavior, alcohol and other drug use, and increase adolescent self-sufficiency.</p> <p>Contact: Rebecca Benton, (715) 779-3706 ext. 1272, RBenton@redcliff-nsn.gov</p> <p>Website: http://redcliff-nsn.gov/divisions/FamilyServices/bfi.htm</p>

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Running Rebels & Express Yourself Milwaukee	Milwaukee County	<p>Running Rebels in partnership with Express Yourself Milwaukee operates a preventative Community Mentoring Program to address the social, emotional and educational needs of low-income, primarily African American, youth ages 12-17. The goal is to provide participants with the skills, resources, and support they need to make positive life choices that lead to educational and workforce success.</p> <p>Contact: John Rakowski, (414) 550-3458, John.Rakowski@RunningRebels.org</p> <p>Website: https://runningrebels.org/ / https://www.exyomke.org/what-we-do/</p>
Rusk County Health & Human Services Department	Rusk County	<p>Rusk County Health & Human Services in collaboration with Indianhead Community Action Agency and Rusk County Youth Council administer two programs: Reality Tour Drug Prevention Program and One Voice Youth Empowerment Model. The One Voice Youth Empowerment Model was established to increase a youth's own perception of harmful behaviors to others and self, increase feelings of self-efficacy and empowerment, increase knowledge of the influence of media, increase feeling accepted by non-using peers, and increase engagement in prosocial activities. Youth participating in the One Voice Youth Empowerment Model and other youth recruited partake in the Reality Tour Drug Prevention Program. Reality Tours presentations are where parents and children 'witness' the effects of substance abuse. The overarching goals of these programs is to decrease youth substance use and delay the age of first use.</p> <p>Contact: Dawn Brost, (715) 532-2299, dbrost@ruskcountywi.us</p> <p>Website: https://ruskyouth.org/ / www.facebook.com/RuskCountyYouthCouncil/ / www.facebook.com/WACAttack2/</p>
Washburn County Health & Human Services	Washburn County	<p>Washburn County Health & Human Services is delivering a Positive Action Program to youth ages 12-17, within four schools districts, during school hours. A Positive Action teacher teaches Positive Action lessons within the classroom during a specified time. Lessons are centered around: self-concept, positive actions for your body and mind, managing yourself responsibly, treating others the way you like to be treated, telling yourself the truth and improving yourself continually. Program goals are to improve academics and behavior by building resilience, and to reduce the risk of youth substance use through increasing protective factors and decreasing risk factors.</p> <p>Contact: Jim LeDuc, (715) 468-4747, jleduc@co.washburn.wi.us</p> <p>Website: http://www.co.washburn.wi.us/departments/health-human-services/</p>

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Washington County Human Services & Elevate Inc.	Washington & Waukesha County	<p>Washington County in partnership with Elevate provides substance use prevention programming in Washington and Waukesha counties. Their program assists 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.</p> <p>Primary objectives focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. <p>Contact: Coral Kline, (262) 335-4639, coral.kline@co.washington.wi.us / Mary Simon, (262) 677-2216, msimon@elevateyou.org</p> <p>Website: http://www.co.washington.wi.us/ / https://elevateyou.org/</p>
Wood County Human Services Department	Wood County	<p>Wood County Human Services Department in partnership with CW Solutions have taken a two- pronged approach to increasing resiliency in youth ages 14-21. The two components of their prevention program are: 1. Classroom course of the Life Ecology Organization (LEO), and 2. Ongoing case management and mentorship to assist participants with the implementation of the tools and strategies presented in the LEO course. The LEO course’s primary goal is to help participants develop tools and strategies to use different parts of the brain to achieve lower stress, better memory, more creativity and increased resiliency.</p> <p>Contact: Thomas Prete, (608) 732-3888, prete@changewithin.net</p> <p>Website: https://www.co.wood.wi.us/Departments/HumanServices/BrighterFutures.aspx</p>