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Your Recovery & Wellness Newsletter

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Paid for with Pennsylvania taxpayer dollars.

The CARE Center STTARS Program is the recipient of three major grants that will allow for the expansion of sexual violence prevention and outreach services in Washington and Greene Counties over the next four years.

The first project, funded through the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) will significantly expand the Program’s capacity to provide primary prevention education services to the Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled (IDD) Community. Entitled The We Can Stop Abuse Project, these efforts combine traditional prevention curricula with consumer involvement activities to prevent sexual violence within this population.

Funded by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD), the remaining two grants will allow the Program to upgrade technology and safety within its offices, improve outreach to communities of faith and medical services providers, and launch a sexual violence awareness campaign to engage victims who identify as LGBTQ+.

All of these activities follow the STTARS Program’s commitment to provide comprehensive services to survivors of sexual violence, particularly those who may be underserved. More information will be available on each project in the coming months.

For more information on STTARS services or how you can become involved in preventing sexual violence in your communities, please contact the CARE Center STTARS Program at: 724-229-5007.

Mission Statement
To provide quality recovery-based, trauma-informed, integrated services including education, intervention, care management, treatment, after care, and referrals to consumers in Washington, Greene, and Butler Counties.

Our Vision
Every individual served through trauma-informed recovery-based integrated services will have the opportunity for growth and inclusion in their community and have access to culturally competent services and support of their choice. We strive to provide hope, empowerment, and improve quality of life that promotes people reaching their full potential as individuals and productive community members.

STTARS Program Receives Three Major Grants
We Can Project Featured in National Blog

The CARE Center STARS Program’s We Can Project was recently featured in the National Sexual Violence Resource Center’s (NSVRC) Diversity and Inclusion in Prevention Series. The We Can Project focuses on providing sexual violence prevention services and opportunities for consumer engagement in outreach activities for individuals living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Read the blog post at https://www.nsvrc.org/blogs/we-can-project-incorporating-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities-communities.

CARE Staff Participates in Greene County United Way’s Stuff the Bus

On August 14, Greene County United Way held their annual Stuff the Bus event at Lions Club Park in Waynesburg. This fantastic event provided backpacks with school supplies and resource information for 273 children and families. For more information on this and other Greene County United Way events visit their website at www.greencountyunitedway.org.

For more information on the Centers of Excellence, please contact: 1-888-810-8595.

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We Can Project

Chris’s Room was featured by WQED in May 2018. The film segment on Chris’s Room and a separate piece on the CARE Navigators were highlighted in “Battling Opioids: A Project of Pennsylvania Public Media,” which premiered last September on Public Broadcast Stations statewide.

WQED Dedicates Golden Quill Award to Chris’s Room

A little more than a year after Beth Dolinar came to the Centers of Excellence (COE) in Washington to tell the compelling story of Chris’s Room, the WQED producer returned to celebrate a success story. Dolinar and cameraman Paul Ruggieri of WQED recently were awarded a Golden Quill for Excellence in Video Journalism (News Feature as well as the Ed King Memorial Award Video). Dolinar has been documenting Pennsylvania’s opioid epidemic for more than a year. She and Ruggieri spent one day filming in Chris’s Room in May 2018. The film segment on Chris’s Room and a separate piece on COE Care Navigators were highlighted in “Battling Opioids: A Project of Pennsylvania Public Media,” which premiered last September on Public Broadcast Stations statewide.

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