Center of Excellence Hosts Chris’s Room Dedication

Pictured above are family and friends of Chris Walls at the dedication of Chris’s Room.

On March 20th, the Center of Excellence (COE) at the Washington location of the SPHS CARE Center, hosted an Open House and the dedication of Chris’s Room. This room is designed to be an oasis for those struggling with addiction, and was made possible through donations designated for the CARE Center following the passing of Christopher Walls in 2016. Clients of the Center of Excellence are often in the early stages of recovery and are not only seeking support for their addiction issues, but for mental health and other needs as well. Having a haven such as Chris's Room, where assistance from COE staff is readily available, can make a huge difference in an individual's recovery.

Support from the community has been overwhelming, as additional donations have been made to support the COE's work, and inquiries continue to be made about how to become involved in supporting those grappling with addiction.

For more information on services available through the Center of Excellence, please call: 1-888-810-8595.
Proclaiming Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Each year, April is designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The theme for 2018 was "Embrace Your Voice."

The STTARS Program would like to thank the County Commissioners in both Greene and Washington Counties for issuing proclamations honoring sexual violence survivors and encouraging prevention efforts in our communities. We would also like to thank our volunteers and community partners who assisted in awareness month activities and who continue to support our mission to End Sexual Violence in our Communities!
CARE Center Hosts Regional Meeting of Governor’s Opioid Command Center

On May 2, the CARE Center’s Washington location was host to the first regional meeting of Governor Wolf’s opioid command center. The purpose of the meeting was to share data collected from addiction prevention and intervention initiatives across the state, as well as learn more about the successes and challenges providers were experiencing in this area. The visit also included a tour of the Center of Excellence, which has the sole purpose of supporting individuals struggling with addiction to achieve and maintain recovery.

Other state officials that attended the meeting were Rachel Levine, Secretary of the Department of Health, Rick Flinn, Director of the PA Emergency Management Agency, and Ellen DiDomenico, Deputy Secretary for the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

STTARS Staff Present at Prevention Showcase

STTARS Program staff were among 5 rape crisis centers selected to present for a Prevention Showcase at the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) offices in May. Representatives from the PA Department of Health (DOH), The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and other rape crisis center staff were in attendance. The presentation highlighted the work done by the Program’s We Can Stop Abuse Project, which provides comprehensive prevention education services to the intellectually and developmentally disabled (IDD) communities in Greene and Washington Counties.

The STTARS Program has identified working with the IDD community on sexual violence prevention and advocacy, as a top priority in our area. While great strides have been made toward this goal in recent years, there is still work to be done. If you or your organization would like more information on how you can bring this project to your consumers or students, please call the STTARS Program at 724-229-5007.
STTARS Program Launches Workplace Sexual Harassment Prevention Program

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Preventing Sexual Harassment at Work was developed by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR), and encourages local employers to implement a holistic approach to preventing sexual harassment. This approach utilizes customized training and consultation to:

- Assess workplace climate related to sexual harassment prevention and policy
- Strengthen workplace policies and procedures
- Build employees' knowledge of sexual harassment and skills as engaged bystanders
- Enhance the abilities of managers, supervisors, and human resources professionals to respond to reports of harassment, and promote a safe and respectful workplace.

For more information on bringing this program to your workplace, contact The CARE Center STTARS Program at 724-229-5007.
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Prevent Sexual Violence in Our Workplaces
Mission Statement

To provide quality recovery based, trauma informed, integrated services including: education, intervention, case 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 supports of their choice. We strive to provide hope, empowerment, and improved quality of life that promote people reaching their full potential as individuals and productive community members.

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