

La Crosse Area Family Policy Board

“Systems and providers aligned for better outcomes”



**Monthly Meeting
December 2nd, 2019**



La Crosse County Human Services Department

Our Mission: Enhancing self-sufficiency and quality of life with respect for the dignity of the person served.



Family Policy Board:

*2020 Human Services Budget
Highlights*



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Discussion Outline



- I. **Community Needs Backdrop of the 2020 Request**
- II. **2020 Budget Highlights**
- III. **Other Issues to Watch in Coming Year**

I. Community Needs Backdrop of the 2020 Budget Request



- Impact of drug epidemic across our service areas
- Cases with increasingly complex mental health and basic need factors
- Increasingly involved in issues involving dementia

II. 2020 Budget Highlights





*Human
Services
Department*

2020 Budget

1. Staying Within Limits

2019 Levy: \$13.5 Mil

2020 Levy: \$13.5 Mil

Additional State funding boost for Child Protective Services: \$700K+ Impact

2. Increasing Capacity to Respond to Community Challenges

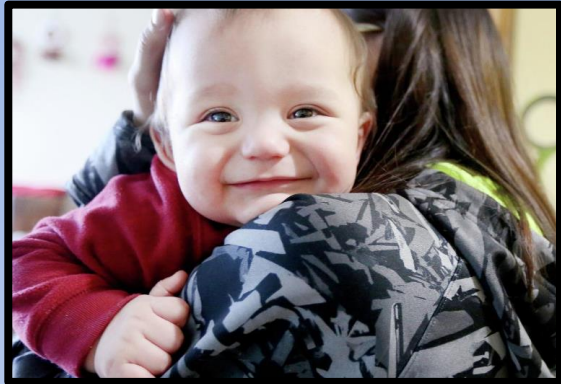
Moving Forward



1. Targeted Response for Families Suffering from Drug Addiction
New Resources to Implement Family Drug Treatment Court **(Treatment Court Coordinator)**
2. Flipping the System
3. Increasing Service Access

La Crosse County Child Protective Services:

- Approximately 50 percent of children in out-of-home care have been in care 15 months or more
- In 2018, Over 50 percent of children entering out-of-home care were under 5 years-old
- Many of the above cases are drug involved *(Wisconsin Department of Children and Families estimates that more than 80 percent of open CPS cases are either driven or complicated by drug and alcohol abuse.)*



Promising Child Welfare Practices

In the age of opioids and meth

a. Family Treatment Courts

Treatment works, but only if those who need it get the support and motivation needed to enter the doors in the first place.”

Meth and Child Welfare: Promising Solutions for Children, Their Parents and Grandparents (Page 24)

“Family drug courts are among the most effective programs for inducing parents to enter and complete substance abuse treatment, improving other outcomes and savings public funds.”

Child Welfare Opiate Engagement Project (Sep. 2014, p. 2),



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What they do

- Concentrate on meeting the **treatment and recovery needs** of parents
- Bring together stakeholders into a **coordinated process** (judges, lawyers, substance abuse treatment professionals and child protection agencies)
- **Intensive and supportive** check-ins and benchmarks

What it takes

- A funded **coordinator position** to:
 - **bring together** local stakeholders
 - **facilitate** the development of processes
 - coordinate what are **mostly existing resources**.

Encouraging results

- **Higher treatment completion rates**, fewer days in out-of-home care, higher family reunification rates, and cost savings for agencies
- Children in Florida's Family Treatment Court reached **permanency** on average **143 days faster**
- **\$13,104 savings per family** in Marion County, Oregon



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For an example of this approach and more information:

Safe Babies Court Team™

<https://www.zerotothree.org/our-work/safe-babies-court-team>

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2. Flip System

Increased Resources to Serve Screened-Out CPS Families **(Family Stabilization Specialists)**

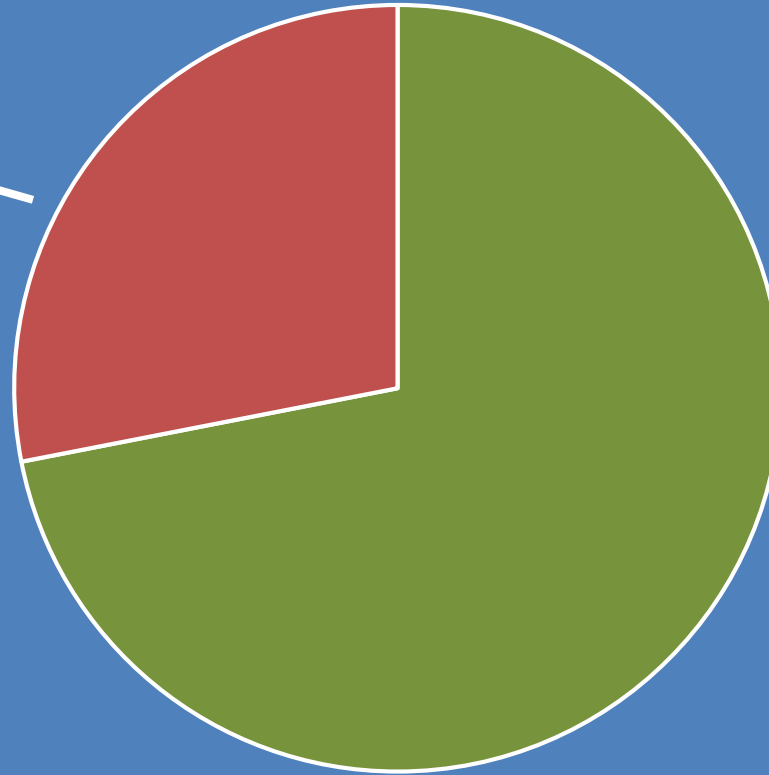
3. Increase Service Access

La Crosse County Child Protective Services:

2018 Referrals

(1,123)

First Time Referrals
261 (23%)



Second or More
Time Referrals
862 (77%)

1.5 New FTE Social Worker Positions under the Programs & Prevention Supervisor (Isaac Hoffman) will provide intense and flexible case management, service connections similar to, and connected with the La Crosse Area Family Collaborative

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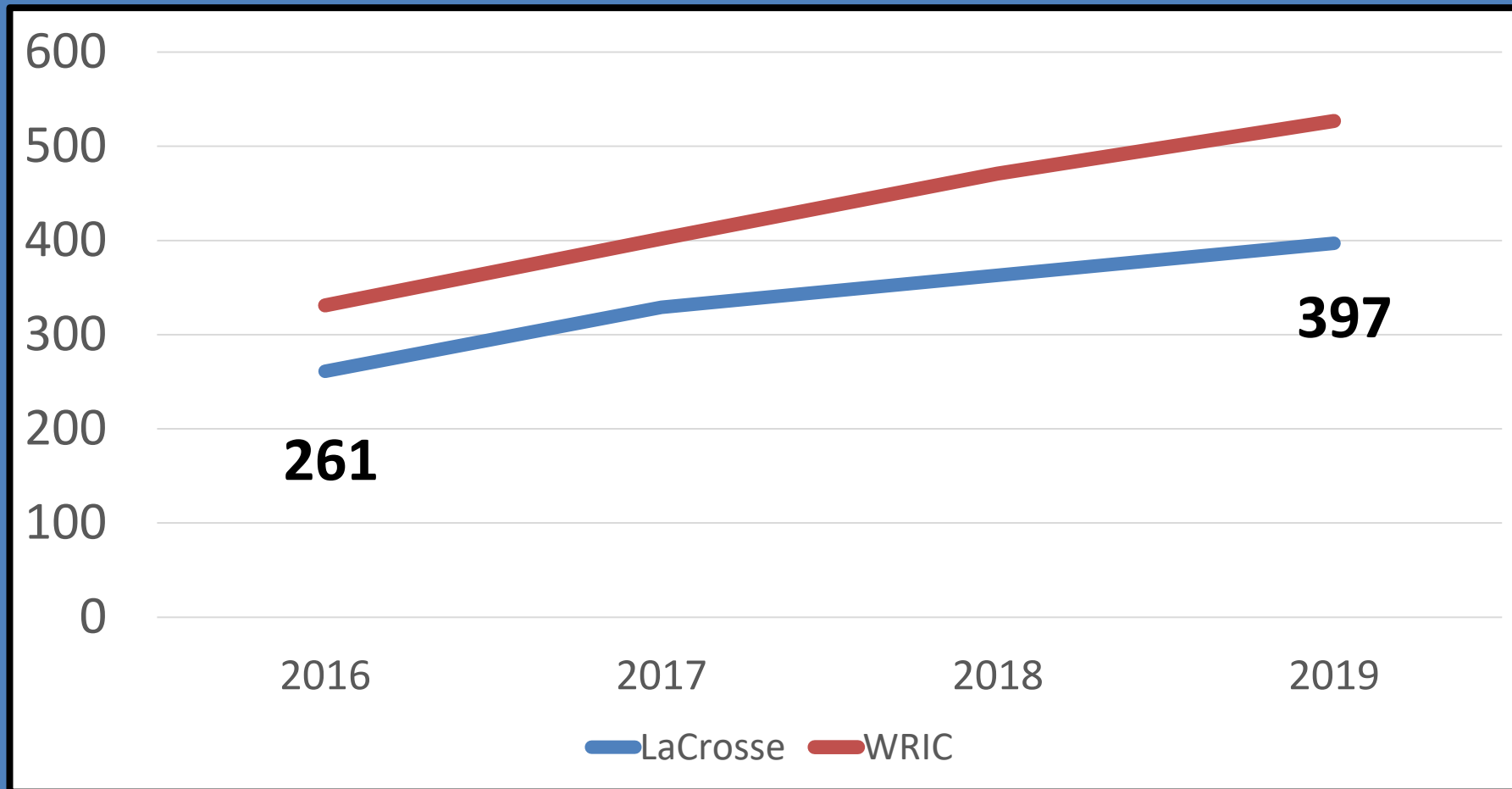
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3. Increasing Service Access

Increase Case Management and Intake Capacity **(Additional CCS & Intake Workers)**

La Crosse County Integrated Support & Recovery Services:

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Enrollment



III. Other Issues to Watch in 2020



- **Crisis Services**
- **Youth Justice**
- **Human Services Evolution**

Calendar Year 2020

*An Exciting
Year of
Opportunity*

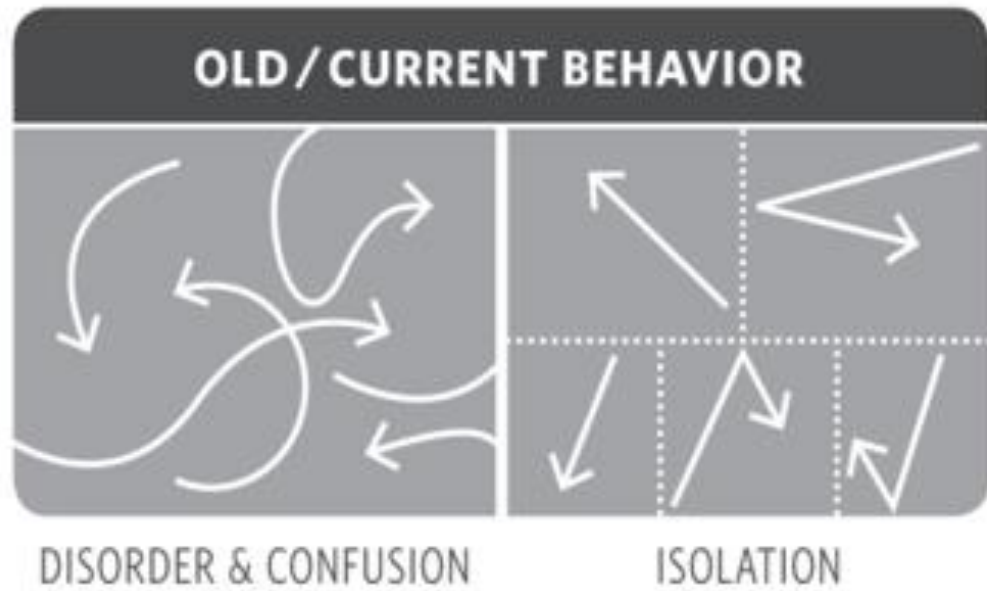
- **Workplace Wellness**
- **Common Approach to Service**
- **Integrated Programs**

Trauma Responsive Agency All Department “Kick-Off”

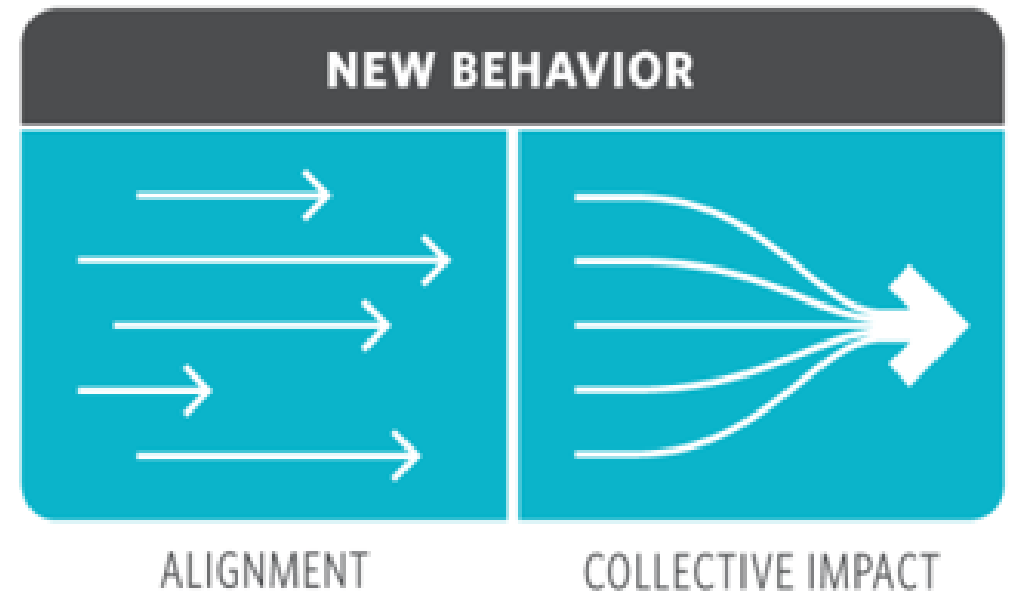


January 8th, 2020

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*The best way to
predict your future
is to create it.*

-Abraham Lincoln

Thanks!





Family Policy Board Data Dashboard

Indicators

Discussion Questions

Child Protection & Well Being

1. Child Welfare Referrals
2. Child Welfare Re-Referrals
3. Families Served with Home Visiting Model
4. Child Care Providers

Juvenile Justice & "At-Risk" Youth

1. Juvenile Justice Referrals (by race)
2. Juvenile Detentions (by race)

Mental Health & Substance Abuse

1. MH related ER Visits
2. SA related ER Visits
3. Children's Wavier Waitlist
4. CCS Recipients
5. Emerg Detentions

Income Supports & Basic Needs

1. FoodShare Recipients
2. MA Recipients
3. FSET Job Placements
4. Poverty Rate

1. What data does your agency collect and how is it used to drive decisions or improve outcomes ?
2. Are there other relevant data measures FPB members have access to and would like to contribute for the dashboard ?
3. Are there other ways FPB members would like to collaborate to make the most effective use out of available data ?



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Thank You!