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Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Medical Department Redesign



Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health is the primary local provider offering pediatric mental and behavioral health treatment. The organization serves children living in all 17 Stark County school districts, and serves as the primary provider for nine of those districts. Fifty clinical staff members work full-time in the schools.

The medical services department is being redesigned, with support from the Foundation and Stark Mental Health and Addiction Recovery. The redesign is crucial for a community that continues to see an increased need for pediatric behavioral health services.

An administrative team visited the Foundation's Board meeting on February 28th to provide an update on the redesign process. In attendance were CEO

Joe French, Chief Clinical Officer Georgene Voros, Medical Director Dr. Elizabeth Hayford, and Transitional Medical Director Dr. Stephen Grcevich.

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health has made significant progress toward its goals:

- The organization has integrated psychiatric and counseling services into several pediatric primary care practices, and they continue to identify additional practice locations. In order to ensure local physicians understand that the organization seeks a high degree of collaboration in care, they have been offering quarterly lunch-and-learn meetings on common behavioral health topics for pediatric practices. In addition, it's now standard practice to inform a child's primary doctor about visits and treatment plans.
- Under an affiliation agreement with the Kent State University School of Nursing, advanced practice nursing students will train at Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health. The first trainee, Denny King, began his training this past fall. The goal is to create a pool of well-trained practitioners who can be called upon as need continues to outpace demand.
- Dr. Hayford will head up the team supervising the advanced practice nurses, who will manage medication regimens to ensure a medically sound, yet financially sustainable department model.

Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health is an integral partner in the mental health system serving Stark County residents. This plan will help this vital organization to remain strong while ensuring continuity of care and communitywide access to treatment.



Easter Blessing



This Easter, we are thankful for The gentle hands that nurtured us, The beloved hands that comfort us, The blessed hands that bled for us, and All the hands that pray for us.

This Easter, may you find the renewal of hope, health, love, and the spirit of God.

Happy Easter to you, your family, and our community.

Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton Board and Staff

UPCOMING EVENTS

Grant Application Process Workshop

The Foundation holds grant application process workshops twice each year. All nonprofit organizations intending to apply for funding are encouraged to send a representative to the workshop. Participants will learn about the Foundation's grantmaking structure, guidelines, and online grant application process. Grant seekers will have an opportunity to ask questions and get answers from Foundation staff to help them with the grant application process. The next workshop is scheduled for: **Tuesday, April 10, 2018**

The workshop will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m. at the Foundations Centre, First Floor Conference Room, 400 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702

<u>To register for the workshop, please contact</u>: Trudy Brown, Office Assistant at <u>tbrown@scfcanton.org</u> or (330) 454-5800