



Family Services of Warren County

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING" NEWSLETTER

Special points of interest:

- Office Space
- New Employee
- New Program (RSS) update
- Warren Gives/ Easter Egg Fund-raiser
- Staff updates

Office Upgrades continue.....

In an effort to continue our focus on being a trauma informed care agency, it is important to make our space warm and welcoming to all that enter. One area in particular that needed reconfigured was our check in window. It was hidden around a corner and open to the entire waiting area, making it less confidential. It was also challenging for new clients to really know where to go when they came up the stairs; they would often wander down the hallway in the wrong direction of where they should be headed. We hired a contractor who "flipped" the windows that we had, so now the receptionist area is directly to the left when you come up the stairs.



This allows for clients to speak more freely to the receptionist before taking their seat in the waiting area. The work also included a new fresh coat of paint in the receptionist office, which really brightened up the work space.



Our business office (pictured below) has also been transformed from a cluttered space with mismatched furniture, to a room that is conducive now for business meetings. It also

houses our copier, office supplies, staff mail center, and two work spaces for community based staff to work from when they are in the office.

Finally, we were able to salvage some outdated furniture that was donated by Northwest Savings a few years back by recovering 10 chairs for our group room. The new patterned chairs add a much needed update to the room, making it a space more conducive to learning.



Any donations made to FSWC are Tax-Deductible

Welcome our Newest FSWC Employee



Jason Rulander, LSW, CADAC, shares, “I had been interested in Family Services of Warren County after attending their Opioid Overdose Awareness Event on August 31st, 2021, and again in 2022. The way FSWC staff were involved with the community so closely brought a realization of how recovery support is more than outpatient therapy.”

Jason went on to say, “Realizing this allowed me to think of how I was first introduced to this field 9 years ago, where I worked closely with others on a communal level.

Seeing that someone else cared was crucial, even though I didn’t believe they had any apparent reason to. I have sincere gratitude for these experiences that have provided the meaning, purpose, and fulfillment to give this same treatment to others.”

Jason has a well-rounded resume, bringing several years’ experience to his role at FSWC through his work at Lakeshore, Abraxas, and Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems, most recently as a Family Based Therapist. Jason has jumped right in and led psychoeducational groups, completed assessments and evaluations for both drug and alcohol and mental health clients, and has a growing outpatient therapy

UPDATE: Recovery Support Services

It has almost been one full year that the RSS program has been up and running here at Family Services of Warren County. Recently our staff has grown from 2 part-time to now 3 part-time recovery support specialists, with the hiring of Danielle Craker who joins our great team. We were able to secure a grant in order to hire our third RSS worker AND begin growing our recovery community based activities. Danielle and Sean have both completed the required training and are now eligible to take the certification exam to become CRSs (Certified Recovery Specialists).

Our RSS team is also meeting with inmates in the Warren County Jail on Saturday mornings, building recovery skills among the men about to be released who struggle with substance use. We are looking forward to adding a female recovery group in the Warren County Jail. Our RSS team has been focused on rejuvenating the recovery community in Warren County, and has recovery activities planned through the end of summer. These activities include weekly recovery gatherings, holiday parties and cookouts, rock-climbing, and community advocacy.





This special day of giving event involves a full day of goals to raise awareness and appreciation for Warren County non-profits and to encourage new giving. Match pool money makes your donations mean even more to the organizations you support. Match dollars are distributed proportionally among organizations based on the donations they receive from the community. The more you give, the more match dollars go to all Warren County

How to donate on Wednesday May 10, 2023

1. Visit warrengives.org on Wednesday May 10, 2023 from 6:00AM to 10:00PM, click the red **“Donate Now”** button.
2. Choose *Family Services of Warren County*.
3. Make your donation by using a Visa, MasterCard, Discover, or a debit card. 100% of donations go to the organization you selected and a percentage of the \$65,000 match pool dollars as well!!
4. Checks are accepted. Please use the enclosed form.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Fundraiser

Our team, both staff and board members sold and hid over 2100 candy and prize filled Easter Eggs this year. We are so thankful for the generous donation of candy from the **United Refinery** as well as **Experience Inc.** that donated 60 squishy bunny toys. Such a fun evening and as you can see from the pictures shared by our staff, some special deliverers had costumes, bunny ears, and all.



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Notes from the Executive Director

We have such GREAT staff here at Family Services of Warren County. Here are some quick highlights of staff accomplishments as well as upcoming celebration opportunities.



Noah Sharp completed the certification for Recovery support and is now a Certified Recovery Specialist. The best part is he passed this exam on his 4 year sobriety date!

Jennifer Chase, LSW, has completed her supervision hours (2 years working under an LCSW) and is eligible to apply for her clinical license.

Shana Wachter, MSW, is in the process of taking a 52 hour EMDR course which is Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing), a psychotherapy that enables people to heal from the symptoms and emotional distress that are the result of disturbing life experiences.

Darla Miller, LPC, has completed a 12 hour Trauma Training course.

Andrew Cauley, CADC, Director of Substance Abuse Services, is currently in his last two semesters of his MSW program and is currently doing an internship in MH counseling at Riverside Counseling with Joel Davison, LCSW. He recently completed Cognitive Processing Therapy for PTSD, and has been integrating this treatment into his work with clients.

Both **Andrew Cauley** and **Jennifer Chase** are completing a three day DBT (Dialectical behavior therapy) training.

Danny Potter and **Kristine Peterson** are master's level clinicians working in our MH programs based in the school district. Both are currently completing supervision hours to obtain their LPC.

Mandy Proper completed QuickBooks I and II through the Hi-Ed.

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