



Family Services of Warren County

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"WHAT'S HAPPENING" NEWSLETTER

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heArt Gala 2026

In July we held our third annual Art Gala conducted at the Conewango Club. The art gala featured artwork donated by community members, dueling artists creating live artwork, a photo booth, live music, and a dinner for all attendees. All of the artwork, including what was created during the gala by the dueling artists, was auctioned off with proceeds going to the Art Therapy program for the Warren County School District. Our community members were very supportive in their bidding efforts. The Art Gala will make an appearance again in 2027. Please check out our homepage at www.fswc.org for more information.

Community Events Summer/Fall 2026

Bigfoot Festival At the bigfoot festival we provided prevention items and engaged with the community regarding our services, as well as information about the local recovery center in Forest and what all it has to offer. This includes a conference room, laundry room, play room with TV and an accessible computer which can be utilized while visiting the center.

Warren County Fair This year many of staff spent time throughout the week at the Warren County Fair, providing resources regarding services. Handing out promotional items and prevention items such as Narcan, Kloxxado, fentanyl and xylazine test strips to the community.

Indian Festival At the Indian Festival we were able to offer bags full of wound care kits, Xylazine test strip, fentanyl test strips and Narcan. We also provided pamphlets regarding services offered and t shirts. We offered little recovery trinkets as well book marks, card games, hygiene supplies, as well as plaques about recovery, books, and jewelry all donated by the local probation office. We also provided education about harm reduction our Center hours and services.

Upcoming- WCCBI Non-Profit of the Year Award will be received October 22, 2026— Come celebrate with us!
<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2026-warren-county-chamber-of-business-and-industrys-annual-celebration-of-excellence>

Any donations made to FSWC are tax-deductible

Recovery Centers Updates & Hours Expanded

Overdose Awareness— 93 Attended this years event. We hosted a few guest speakers, created rocks designed to promote awareness and memorialize those lost. We were also able to provide some community meals.

Warren Recovery Center Expanded to 40 hours per week. This year we have been able to support 1,050 clients for walk ins which lead to increasing the recovery center hours to 40 hours a week and hiring another full time CRS.

Community Meals This year we provided 197 meals to community members.

Forest County In Forest County we offer recovery center services 3 days a week. Throughout this year we have supported 181 drop in clients within this center.

Within both recovery centers we offer a pantry of donations to community members in need,

HELP US HELP LOCAL FAMILIES



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Drop off hygiene products for men, women and children
- Drop off non-perishable food items
- Contact FSWC where items can be picked up if needed.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Every day, families in our community go to bed hungry and dont have basic needs for proper hygiene. Your donation helps us provide non parishable food and hygiene items to the community.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- Canned vegetables, beans & soup
- Rice, pasta & cereal
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo, Conditioner, combs, brushes
- Bodywash, deodorant, bar soap
- Lotion
- Minor First aid supplies




CONTACT US

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DROP OFF LOCATION:

119 Market Street
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Your gift helps neighbors in Warren County and Forest County access Mental Health Counseling, Drug and Alcohol Counseling, Art Therapy, Prevention & Education Services and Recovery Centers. Every contribution strengthens the practical, day to day care we provide for individuals, couples, and families. By donating today, you help keep services accessible, support community workshops and groups, and ensure no one has to face emotional struggles alone.



Words from the Executive Director!

I want to thank all our community for their amazing support without you, we would not be able to provide the services that we do! We are so thankful to be able to continue providing no cost or low-cost services to the community based on generous donations. This year we were able to provide no-cost Art Therapy Services in Warren County School District and at community locations through local foundations grants, local businesses and our HeART Therapy Gala Fundraiser. We are beyond appreciative that our Charity Care and Sliding Fee Scale programs are possible by United Fund. A big change for our community in the last year is being able to offer Two Recovery Drop-In Centers which have been funded by Warren County and Forest County Opioid Funds. We appreciate any donations to help these programs be able to continue for our community!



Prevention

Our drug and alcohol prevention counselor has been busy this year being a part of the community. This has included things such as weekly open drop in groups at the YMCA on Tuesdays for 2 hour window. Approximately 14 people attended across the 4 days. The counselor provided coloring pages with drug free inspirational messages on them, talked with students about any questions they might have about substances and what their education has or is lacking at school, as well as initiating activities regarding smoking prevention bingo and interactive Kahoot quizzes to play with students. The prevention counselor also completed groups at the YMCA and library where they worked with 21 students and attended the youth expo "What's your 60" which had all 10 graders in the county.



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New Staff/Promotions

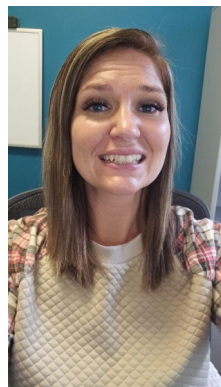
Kristopher Wright – Certified Recovery Specialist



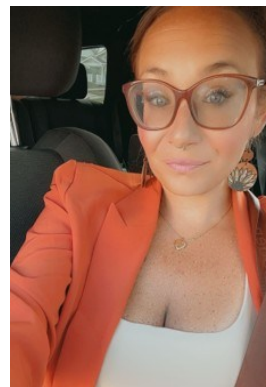
My work as a Recovery Support Specialist is rooted in connection, authenticity, and the belief that change is possible for everyone. My own recovery journey began on September 5, 2022, when I realized that I not only needed to change, but genuinely wanted to. That decision marked a turning point in my life, leading me to fully invest in my personal recovery, growth, and sense of purpose. Through that process, I discovered a passion not just for staying sober, but for helping others navigate their own path forward. Prior to becoming a Recovery Support Specialist, I worked as a substance use counselor, where I built a strong foundation in supporting individuals through addiction and recovery. Today, I draw from both my lived experience and professional background to meet people where they are, offering support that is authentic, compassionate, and grounded in understanding. I approach recovery through a lens of Hope. Healing. Human Connection. I believe people are not defined by their past, but by their willingness and ability to grow, heal, and move forward. My role is not to direct someone's journey, but to walk alongside them, helping them recognize their strengths, develop healthy coping strategies, and reconnect with a sense of purpose. I believe recovery is a progressive, transformative, and healing process that continues to evolve over time. Through shared experience, empathy, and mutual respect, I strive to create a space where individuals feel seen, heard, valued, and supported. Above all, I believe recovery is not something anyone should have to do alone.

Shane Stevenson – Maintenance

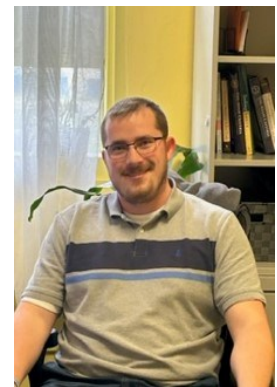
He is our Mr. Fix it. Has 10 years experience working in construction in the military and competes maintenance now for fun.



Makenzee Robertson
June 2026 Promoted to
Director of Mental



Page Rodriguez
April 2026 Promoted
to Lead Certified Re-
covery Support Spe-



Matt Bennett
June 2026 Promoted
to Lead SAS Counselor

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