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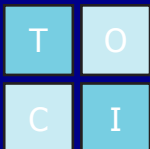
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Happy New Year!

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CCIS Program Running Full Speed Ahead

By Diana Owens

Perhaps a sign of the times, or just more notice is being given to the at-risk population, but there has been no slow down in the number of referrals for the Comprehensive Community Intensive Services (CCIS) program. Even with two additional staff persons, our field workers are averaging 13-14 youth each on a consistent basis.

One of Tiffany's young people who recently graduated from the program came in and introduced herself to the management staff and stated what she (Dakota) had learned under Tiffany's tutoring while in the program. She was a well known gang member, drug user/dealer and runaway and only saw trouble as her way to get things done.

New Program for Owens Customers

Once again, Owens is answering the call. It was brought to our attention the need for a grass roots program to assist individuals who have been victims of violence.

Standing on Your Own, is a six week course intended to take away such barriers as low self-esteem, lack of set values, false reliance on others, and the inability to assert individual wants and needs.

The program is truly facilitation based, where through the leadership of Cathy Wilson, our present parenting group facilitator, participants

Now Dakota is an honor roll student in school, scheduled to graduate on time, and a role model for other young teen girls. It took being tired of being labeled a "bad kid", living off the streets, and doing drugs.

For the future, Dakota doesn't know exactly what she's going to do, BUT she does know that it's going to be drug free. Her friends and family are very proud of her recent accomplishments and are behind her one hundred percent! GOOD JOB DAKOTA and Tiffany.

To all our other CCIS workers - you do have a tremendous impact on the youth and families you serve. Keep up the good work!



will identify what has hindered them in leaving the violent situation (or brought them back to it), the signs and the patterns for the violence, the impact the violence has had on their lives and that of their children and the steps they can take to break away and start anew.

Through lecture, role play, speakers and various activities, participants can STAND ON THEIR OWN. For more information, or to enroll in this program, contact Cathy Wilson at 451-8404 today.



New Supervisor at Owens & Associates

Edited by Joe Owens

Recently David Vaughn requested an opportunity to go back in the field where his true passion lies. Even though he was able to assist families from the "inside", he felt he could better serve by being back in the field doing hands-on work with them.

To make that happen, several interviews were conducted and we are happy to announce that Helen Kaufman was chosen to lead the team. Helen has a Master's degree in Education. She feels after working for a wonderful supervisor - Eva Abrams - she is ready and anxious to get started in leading her staff.

Helen also was the person in charge of our Sunday - which

meant her skills to resolve problems, deal with difficult customers and assist staff were already being tested. To replace her now on Sundays - Alice Watson (yes, Ms. Alice is back - even if only part-time) will be the person in charge. This is a win-win situation for all. Congratulations Helen - we know you will do an excellent job of supervising.

Also Anthony Erwin, not only schedules and completes UA's and drug test, he now supervises a team of five. If you have a need for UA/drug testing, contact Anthony (451-8404) and he will assure that your referral is taken care of immediately. Good job Anthony!



Mark Your Calender Now

Edited by Joe Owens

The second annual River Boat fund raiser has been scheduled. Tuesday, August 19th is the date. We anticipated bigger and more auction items than last year.

If you want a good time and want to donate to a very worth while cause, start spreading the word to others that you know who would want to be part of this exciting event.

At the last Board of Directors

meeting, it was decided that the proceeds from the 07 event would be utilized to assist at-risk youth in participating in events that they may not have otherwise been able to do - such as dance, martial arts, etc.

None of the monies will be used towards daily necessities such as clothing, as most of the youth have various avenues to obtain these items.



The DROP IN CENTER Works

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For those youth who were out of school and needed supervision – especially during such times as the winter break – they found themselves still doing educational tutoring as well as serving many hours of community service, learning different behaviors and attitudes through behavior modification sessions, as well as being responsible by having to be up and ready for the van.

We have never tried to make the Center a “fun” place to be, and with Amy leading the charge, the youth were held accountable for the hours they were in attendance. No drop-outs in this center. Contact David Allen if you have a youth that is out of school and needs educational tutoring, supervision and behavior modification. He can be reached at 455-5067.



Management Team Hard at Work

Edited by Joe Owens

With the beginning of the New Year, came new corporate goals and objectives. Diana distributed a set of 11 corporate goals for 2008 to all the supervisors. Their job will be to meet or surpass the set goals.

What does this mean to our clients, referral sources and various collaborators? Greater and more efficient customer service from all areas within the corporations.

We will be sharing with you various landmarks as these goals are put in place this next year. You might want to take a look in the respective offices of the supervisors for the “graphics” that have been done for this project as daily reminders for corporate and individual goals.

Good Job Supervisors!



Job Opportunities Available

Edited by Joe Owens

Recently, Omaha was ranked the number 8 city for being a good place to work and in finding good jobs.

Needless to say, Owens is always looking for competent and qualified people to serve our clients.

If you know of someone who is going to school and wants to work part-time, is unemployed with a

degree, or who has experience in human services and would look to make a difference in the lives of youth and families, have them contact any of our supervisors at 451-8404 for more information.

We have both full and part-time positions available for Visitation Specialists and for Parent Educators.



Best Wishes

Edited by Diana Owens



The editor of our monthly newsletter, Joe Owens, was recently engaged.

Joe is the son of Diana Owens, the President of Owens & Associates. It looks like a late fall (08) or early spring (09) wedding is in the making.

Joe and his fiancé Jennifer Per-rin, will both graduate from Iowa State University this year with their Master's Degrees.

Joe's degree is in English and Jennifer's is in Marriage and Family Therapy.

Everyone here at the Owens Companies wish them the best of luck on their new journey together!



Get Well Soon

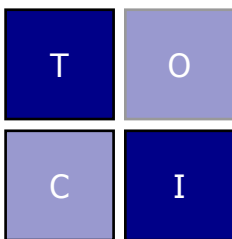
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Don Smith, one of our former Directors for OES recently had a heart attack which meant triple by-pass surgery. Don is now home and attending physical therapy three times a week to regain his strength.

We are so glad you are on the mend Don! ■

Thoughts and Prayers

Our heart felt sympathy goes out to Kris and Dean Limbach on the recent loss of their infant son Conner. Kris and Dean have three other children, Cameron, Madison and McKenzie. ■



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