

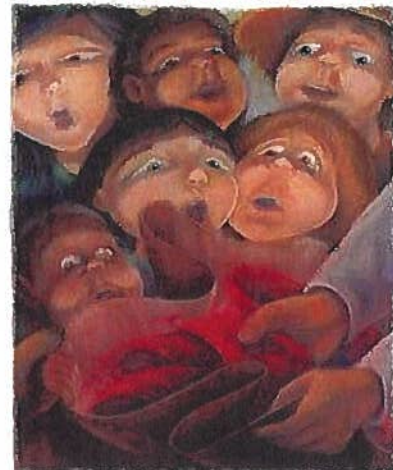
# Director's Annual Report

Submitted by MeriBeth Adams-Wolf, Executive Director

## Fiscal Year 2021-2022



The Red Ribbon



*A story of hope.*

*We can't do it alone....  
but together we can do it all!*

November 11, 2022

**Staff of Our Place**  
**Current with Programming Responsibilities**

MeriBeth Adams-Wolf - Executive Director  
Karen Keeler - Administrative Assistant and Fiscal Officer

Casey Nesmith – Prevention Program Coordinator  
(Floyd County Drug Free Communities Grant, Floyd County Community Prevention,  
9/10th Grade LifeSkills, Floyd County ATOD Task Force)

Jenny Branson – Program Coordinator  
(Wellness Initiative for Seniors Education – WISE, Raising Our Children’s Kids and  
Screening and Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment – SBIRT Advocacy)

Jessica Johnson - Program Coordinator  
College age prevention, Social Media support for WISE, Parents Who Host, Be The  
Majority, 50+ prevention information dissemination, and other social media efforts)

Richard Vance - Prevention Educator  
(7th and 8th Grade LifeSkills)

Cristine Powell – Prevention Educator  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Footprints for Life and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade LifeSkills)

Kimberly Chumbley - Program Coordinator  
(Early Intervention and Journey outpatient – Adults and Adolescents)

Alexandria Gordon – Counselor/Case Manager  
(Early Intervention and Journey Intensive Outpatient – Adults and Adolescents)

Donnie Willis, III – Program Coordinator for Justice and School Referrals  
(Harrison County)

LeeAnn Wiseheart – Case manager  
Washington County Alcohol and Drug Program

Rhonda Alstott - Coordinator  
(Floyd County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition)  
Raegan Feuerbacher VOICE Youth adult sponsor for tobacco prevention)

Barb Bridgwater – (Youth Count)

And we acknowledge office volunteer Mary Gillespie (Thank you Mary!)

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*our Board Members*

*Thank you!*

## Review of Programs:

### Early Intervention Program

This Our Place program consists of 10 one and a half-hour sessions. The program meets on Monday evenings for adolescents and Tuesday evenings for adults from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The program serves individuals and families, both youths and adults. Referrals are from local and surrounding county Juvenile and Adult probation departments, Schools, Social Service Agencies, Employer EAPs, as well as Self Referrals. The program continues to be used by the Floyd County Prosecutor as their first offender Drug and Alcohol Diversion program, and we are now contracted with New Albany/Floyd County Schools for their students for assessments and first line of treatment. There were 196 participants, up from 141 from the previous year.

Race/Ethnicity	
Caucasian	150
African American/Black	27
Bi-Racial	11
Hispanic	8
Asian	
American Indian	

Socioeconomic Status	
Below Poverty	36
Above 200%	46
Unknown	114

Age	
Adults 18+	92
Adolescents 13-17	101
Child age 12	3

County of Residence	
Floyd	90
Clark	28
Harrison	9
Jefferson Co. KY	8
Washington Co.	3
Scott Co.	1
Pulaski	1
Switzerland	1
Oldham Co. KY	1

Gender Expression	
Male	109
Females	85
Other	2

Referral Sources		
Alexandria Alcohol Safety Action Program	1	6
Clark Co. Dept. of Child Services	8	2
Clark Co. Family Court	2	1
Clark Co. Juvenile Probation	3	33
Coroner	1	1
DOT	1	1
Family	6	1
Fayette Co. Georgia Probation	1	1
Floyd Central HS	23	1
Floyd Co. Community Corrections	2	17
Floyd Co. Court	3	7
Floyd Co. Dept. of Child Services	6	1
Floyd County Probation	2	3
Fort Knox Courts	1	1
Harrison Co Dept Child Services	1	1
Harrison Co Probation Department	5	1
Hazelwood Middle School	2	3
Jeffersonville High School	1	
Jefferson Co. Court	3	
Jefferson IN Family Court	1	

There were 31 referrals for assessment only.

Staff members involved in this program includes Kimberly Pickering, LCAC, LSW, Program Coordinator, Alexandria Gordon, BA, MeriBeth Adams-Wolf, LCAC, and clinical interns the agency hosts. Financial support for the program is from the client fees, Floyd County Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Task Force, New Albany Floyd County Schools (student referrals), Department of Child Services for both adult and adolescent referrals, and this past year's grant from the Legacy Foundation, and American Recovery Funds – City of New Albany.

### **The Journey Adolescent/Adult Outpatient Program**

Journey is now in its thirteenth year and provided services to 10 youth and 31 adults this past fiscal year. The adolescent component incorporates Criminal Justice Matrix Model, an evidenced based treatment program that addresses both Criminal Behaviors and Substance Abuse. This program seeks to support adolescents, adults, and their families in a recovery program. The adolescent program lasts for 16 weeks and meets three days a week for ten weeks

(includes the education session on Monday evenings and group sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays) then two times for the remaining six weeks. The adult component includes the Education component on Tuesday evenings and a group counseling sessions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for a minimum of 16 weeks. Also, group members who graduate may continue to attend sessions for support and as part of an aftercare/continued care plan. The adult group currently has 6 individuals that make regular appearances in the groups on a monthly or semi-monthly basis, and the adolescent group has 5 that attend regularly.

As of October 17, 2022, the outpatient expanded to another level of care to include intensive outpatient services for adults. This group runs the same 16-week period, but adds in another day of programming on Wednesdays, and program times are extended to 2.5-hour sessions 3 times per week. For the first ten weeks, clients attend programming three days a week for 7.5 hours total (this includes the education session on Tuesdays), the next three weeks they will spend three days a week at programming for 4.5 hours total, and then for the final step of the program, they will attend only 2 hours a week two days a week for the last three weeks. Also, group members who graduate may continue to attend sessions for support and as part of an aftercare/continued care plan. There are currently 4 adults that attend regularly.

### **Therapy**

As of September 2020, Program Coordinator Kimberly Pickering was trained in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy. This highly sought out therapy technique is primarily used for trauma and has allowed treatment services to expand to include a stronger emphasis on addressing and healing trauma that nearly all clients with substance use disorders are impacted by. In addition to this therapy technique, Kimberly can provide Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Psychodynamic Therapy, and Motivational Interviewing. Clinical Support Staff member Alexandria Gordon is also able to provide general counseling support until she is able to graduate and obtain licensing early 2023, which would then allow her to provide therapy services as well.

### **LifeSkills**

The LifeSkills Training Program is an evidence-based program based upon extensive research, designed to prevent important factors leading adolescents to use one or more drugs, alcohol, and tobacco by teaching a combination of health information, general life skills and drug resistance skills. In Floyd County, Our Place staff taught the program in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>-grade. We were also able to include 12<sup>th</sup> grade classes for the first time this year through the DFC grant. Sessions are approximately 40 to 50 minutes long and vary in the number of sessions based on the grade level from 6 up to a possible 15 sessions. Due to COVID-19 protocols within the schools some classes were taught virtually or hybrid at the beginning of the school year. Staff were able to implement these changes in program delivery and dealing with technology in unexpected ways while maintaining program fidelity as much as possible. In the 2021-22 school year, in Floyd County, Our Place staff served 855 4<sup>th</sup>-graders, 1,032 middle schoolers, 763 high school students (predominantly 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade), and 30 high school seniors with LifeSkills.

**Overall, Our Place staff served 2,680 students with LifeSkills.**

Fairmont Elementary: 70	Green Valley Elementary: 60
Grant Line Elementary: 112	Greenville: 134
Mount Tabor: 110	S Ellen Jones: 38
Floyds Knobs Elementary: 135	Highland Hills Middle School: 673
Holy Family: 30	Scribner Middle School: 359
Georgetown Elementary: 108	New Albany High: 436
Slate Run Elementary: 58	Floyd Central High School: 357

### Footprints for Life

Our Place continues to offer Footprints for Life, an evidenced based substance abuse prevention program that enables young children to learn and practice life skills and make positive early decisions about topics related to their health. It does so through a six-week lesson format using puppets as well as interesting and understandable stories. Weekly journals and other teaching activities are also implemented. In the school year 2021-2022, Our Place provided the Footprints for Life program to a total of 1,264 students which is an increase from the previous year even though we did not get to serve Scott Co. We collaborate with the schools that we are in to attend different events such as open houses, parent information nights, and trick or treating events, etc.: Beginning the 2022-23 school year, we have one (new) prevention educator – Cristine Powell - focusing on Floyd County. We are still searching for additional prevention educators for Harrison and surrounding counties.

Clark County School and # of classrooms	Floyd County School and # of classrooms	Harrison County School and # of classrooms	Washington County School and # of classrooms	Scott County School and # of classrooms
	Georgetown (6)-142		Bradie Shrum (6)-125	
Utica (4) – 86	Mt. Tabor (5)- 98	North Harrison (4)-86		
	Floyds Knobs (6)-159	South Central (2)-38		
	Grant Line (4)-96			
	Fairmont (3)-64	Heth Wash (1)-18		
	Greenville (4)-80	New Middletown (1)-10		
	Holy Family (1)-16			
	St. Mary's of the Knobs (1)-35			
	Green Valley (4)-86			
	Slate Run (4)-85			
	S Ellen Jones (2)-40			
1 school 4 classes 86 students	11 schools 38 classes 858 students	4 schools 8 classes 152 students	1 school 6 classes 125 students	
Those schools who did not receive the program **				
Clark	Floyd	Harrison	Washington	Scott
New Washington		Lanesville (0)	West Washington	Johnson
Parkwood		Morgan (0)	East Washington	Lexington
Silver Creek		Corydon (0)		Scottsburg
Borden				Austin (4) -
Clarksville				
Spring Hill				

\*\* All schools are approached at the beginning of each year. Some schools while wanting the program, for scheduling reasons were not able to receive the program. Other schools (administrators) focus strictly on educational needs and do not allow outside programming into the classroom. Our Place continues to advocate for the program in all schools - supporting the need to address the "whole" child. This program received support from Division of Mental Health and Addictions, Metro United Way, Indiana Department of Child Services (prevention grant renewed), and Harrison County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition.

### **Forty Developmental Assets**

Our Place was fortunate through grant funding to continue to support this initiative by contracting with Barb Bridgwater – the coordinator for Youth Count. We have contracted directly with Barb to continue to write a monthly column for the News and Tribune, and to do emails blasts and social media posts to parents, youth workers and others supporting the 40 developmental assets and how they can operate as protective factors. Barb is available if the Board of Directors would like a presentation on the Developmental Assets to fully understand the importance of their inclusion in the work of Our Place.



### **Be The Majority**

Be The Majority, is a universal indirect program targeting middle and high school students in New Albany Floyd County Schools, and in Harrison County. SAMSHA identifies programs that education about social norms as evidence based. This program challenges the perceived norm that "everybody is using", with factual information. The program will reach youth directly who participate in the LifeSkills programming. It will extend indirectly to other middle and high school grades with banners and other media (such as school radio PSA's); social media, t-shirts worn by other students, and handouts at the schools. Program has talking points to follow, and pre posttest evaluation that is collected via the LifeSkills Pre and Posttest for those served directly. Richard Vance has also developed "Bee The Majority" programming for elementary age students.



*The Majority*





### *Parents Who Host Lose the Most*

This program is an environmental strategy of prevention to educate the community – particularly the parents – on the risks associated with underage drinking and the legal consequences of allowing youth to consume alcohol. The campaign encourages parents and the community to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is unhealthy, unsafe, and unacceptable. Our Place purchased the program from the Drug Free Action Alliance in the fall of 2012 and began building support through the Prosecutor’s Office, the local police, and other key figures in the community.

Information regarding this is currently being shared on our *Parents Who Host, Lose the Most* Facebook page, at health fairs and community events, in classrooms and school events, back to school open houses, through parent pledge cards, various forms of advertising, such as radio, newspaper, and in local schools’ sports programs. We will continue to distribute information to parents (through PTO, PTA meetings and community events) and other adults who may be purchasing/providing alcohol to those who are underage, and we will survey parents again. Youth report the main opportunity to access alcohol is either through an adult member in their family or at parties in the community.

### **Families In Transition (FIT)**

Our Place offers Families in Transition, a two-session program for divorcing parents that are mandated to attend a workshop regarding their divorce and co-parenting before the divorce is granted. There is strong evidence that divorce can negatively affect the psychological well-being of spouses. Separation and divorce require people to adapt to rapid change, which can undermine an adult's ability to parent and leave the children at risk for anxiety and depression. Families in Transition (FIT) offers parents a six-hour, (conducted over two-sessions) educational program on how to effectively cope with the problems that result from divorce. The program also has a children's component which we are not offering at this time. The program helps parents respond appropriately to their children's divorce related concerns. It helps parents work together to meet the needs of their children, which makes them less likely to return to court to resolve their differences. We have contracted with Susan Hudson to provide this program in an online format. She served 30 participants this past fiscal year. We can take referrals from throughout Southern Indiana, as well as parents from Kentucky for the parent-only participants.

### **Floyd County Drug Free Communities Grant**

Our Place, in partnership with the Floyd County ATOD Task Force, is entering the 3rd year as a federal Drug Free Communities Grant (DFC) through the Center for Disease Control. The two primary goals of all awarded DFC grants are to increase community collaboration and to reduce youth substance abuse. The focus of this project is to address youth alcohol and marijuana use through a comprehensive mix of strategies. These include strengthening community collaboration, providing direct skill building programs to youth, seeking to limit alcohol outlet density, advocating for sensible policies that govern the use of alcohol within the community,

and educating the community regarding marijuana while advocating for policies that will protect youth.

Highlights so far have included implementation of the LifeSkills Transitions program at New Albany High School within the JAG program, influencing the Floyd County Alcohol board, and a successful media campaign educating on the impact of marijuana and reminding adults not to provide alcohol to teens. Casey is the coordinator for this project which has been advantageous since he became the ATOD Task Force coordinator in March 2021 and part of this project includes increasing collaboration through a coalition setting. Coalition activities and participation from community organizations have increased because of this project.

One of the requirements for this grant was to complete the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Coalition Academy. This is a 3-week training program spread out over the course of a year with supplemental trainings scattered in between the full weeks. Casey completed this training along with other coalition members on behalf of Our Place and the task force last November. Casey was also able to attend the CADCA Forum in January which included a graduation from the academy and meetings with several of Indiana's congressional representatives in Washington DC.

### **50+ Prevention Grant**

This was the second year of funding to provide prevention programming to older adults in Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington counties. The four strategies are to provide:

1. The six-session Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) to older adults.
2. The six-session Raising Our Children's Kids (ROCK) program to grandparents raising grandchildren
3. Information Dissemination to use social media, sending prevention information in the forms of post-cards, posters, table tents, etc. to housing authorities, physician offices, VFW's, etc., and publishing letters to the editor on drug and alcohol information, information about our classes and current issues.
4. Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) advocacy and information to physicians in the five-county area to support their efforts to use SBIRT.

This past year saw major challenges to this initiative. Remnants of COVID plagued WISE efforts, we were able to complete a few cohorts but not near the reach we planned. ROCK cohorts were started but challenged to maintain participation due to grandparents struggling to find time. We did a survey to the physicians to see what they were learning and/or sharing with their patients regarding screening and brief intervention and prevention information in general. We enlisted the help of RSVP volunteers to make the calls to local offices and were frustrated by the lack of response (difficulty in reaching an actual person to speak with in the offices). What feedback we did get was that most of them were not utilizing the materials we were sending. Therefore, this has challenged us to re-think our strategies. One new strategy was to take the WISE curriculum and craft a series of articles that represented each session and placed them weekly in the News and Tribune and the Corydon Democrat, thus reaching a substantial number of our targeted audience in Floyd, Clark and Harrison. DMHA has now funded Lifespring with funds for this initiative as well and they will now take on Washington and Clark, which leaves our targeted area to Floyd, Harrison, and Scott. We did just finish up a community assessment and will work to tweak our original strategies and/or choose new ones as the assessment indicates. The reality is that the rates of substance use and the negative impact on those fifty and older continues to rise.

### **Partnership with New Albany Floyd County Schools:**

Our Place provides ongoing teacher training during collaboration meetings in New Albany Floyd County schools for elementary, middle and high school teachers to review current youth use data, trends, prevention programming that is ongoing and training on recognizing students impacted by substance abuse. This training is also offered to parents through school events, forums, PTO and PTA meetings throughout the year. The parents also receive parenting for prevention tips as well.

Additionally, Our Place partners with the schools to provide services to those students who present themselves at risk by violating school alcohol, tobacco, and other drug policy and/or related laws. Our Place completes a full assessment on students referred and then seeks to provide services based on the level of intervention indicated. This can range from early intervention education/counseling to outpatient programming. Supportive programming is also offered to parents should they choose to participate. Unfortunately, the school policy only requires the ten early intervention sessions, so even if the student assessment indicates a higher level of need, unless the parent agrees, the student is only required to attend the 10 EIP sessions. This has really impacted programming and will be a point of discussion when we approach the school board and provide a review of programming.

One success was getting NAFCS administration to agree to refer students who violate the vaping policy to a 4 session evidence based program to help educate and intervene with that use. We were challenged that if we found the funds to pay for someone to go to the schools and provide the program, they would agree to pilot the program. We were able to secure a Caesars Foundation grant to fund the Tobacco Prevention Coordinator to provide the program.

Our Place does participate in the Mental Health Team meetings quarterly with the Administration and other mental health providers who provide social workers at each school site.

### **Partnerships with Harrison County Probation, Community Corrections and Detention Facility**

#### **Harrison County Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient Programs:**

Our Place continues to operate an intensive outpatient as well as outpatient drug and alcohol programs for adults in Harrison County. This treatment program incorporates The Matrix Model and Seeking Safety models, which are recognized by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as an evidence-based outpatient programming. This programming is designed to aid in increased understanding of addiction, enhancing social support systems, development of new coping strategies, decreasing criminal behavior and continued engagement with personal recovery process. From July 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022 we completed 104 assessment-intakes for probation and 10 assessments for DCS, and another 0 for Juvenile Probation with 53 individuals successfully completing IOP/OP and aftercare programming. Majority of our clients successfully completed probation, reentered the workforce, have enrolled in college, regained custody of their children, some have started their own businesses, and almost all have re-entered their family systems and communities living a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

On average, we maintain between 16-22 individuals in outpatient programs weekly. This program recognizes the challenges that adults experience in re-entering communities from incarceration, returning to a drug-free life and the challenges of staying drug-free for the future.

**Harrison County Evidence Based Programs:**

Our Place Inc. in Corydon also provides 3 Evidence Based Programs (EBP) which include the Men's Non-Violent (MNV), Matrix Adjustment Program (MAP), and The Moving On Program.

The MNV program is an evidence-based program designed to help men charged with or convicted of violence against an intimate partner or related offense. It provides education to identify abusive behaviors, develop alternatives to violence, and explore the impact of violent or abusive behavior on intimate partners, children, and others. 17 men successfully completed the 6-month MNV programming between July 1, 2021, to June 30th, 2022.

The MO program is an evidenced based program designed for women to address the risk factors that can lead to abuse and criminal behavior. It provides women with alternatives to criminal activity by helping identify and mobilize personal and community resources. 3 women successfully completed the 6-month Moving programming between July 1, 2021, to June 30th, 2022. A change in how Harrison County deals with the women in the county has decreased the referral to this program, making the services "voluntary".

The MAP program is a cognitive behavioral treatment program, a component of the Matrix curriculum, that provides adults with the structure of an evidence-based treatment experience and combines education on both substance use and criminal thinking and behaviors. This program has been specifically adapted to meet the unique needs of law-involved clients and includes a focus on criminal thinking, re-entry, offender accountability and adjustment issues. 7 clients successfully completed the 6-month MAP programming between July 1, 2021 to June 30th, 2022.

Staff providing programs in Harrison County consisted of Lee Ann Wiseheart – who leads the Men's Non-Violence, Moving On and Aftercare groups from 11/15/21-7/1/22, and Donnie Willis, BA, CADAC IV, LAC, leads the MAP and Outpatient Services, while Kristy Delaney led the Men's Non-Violence, Moving On and Aftercare groups from 7/1/21-11/15/21.

**Floyd County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition**

Rhonda Boyd-Alstott was hired in August 2021 for the position of Floyd County Tobacco and Prevention Cessation Coordinator. In this position, she has co-led the Floyd County Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition in collaboration with Baptist Health Floyd. The coalition continues to reduce the burden of tobacco use in Floyd County through the promotion of the Indiana Quitline as well as Baptist Health Floyd's medication cessation clinic. With the return of in-person health and resource fairs, messaging about tobacco use and treatment were presented at numerous organizations and community events. One of Rhonda's first tasks was to coordinate the Red Ribbon Poster Contest open to Floyd County 7th and 8th grade students. Despite COVID still being an obstacle, the contest as well as an in-person celebration was held. It was a huge success. The VOICE youth, the Floyd County Youth component of the TPC Grant through the Indiana State Health Department, judged the posters. They also developed a presentation for youth about the dangers of vaping and the insidious ways youth are targeted by Big Tobacco, which was presented at the Red Ribbon Celebration. The Coalition, as well as the VOICE youth, also partnered with the American Cancer Society for the Great American Smoke Out as well as the county's Relay for Life. As the county coordinator, Rhonda continues to partner with many local groups and organizations, as well as the local schools, to share the danger and burden of tobacco use. Much of her focus continues to center around the Youth Vaping Epidemic.

## Indiana Communities Advancing Recovery Efforts (IN CAREs) ECHO

This was second year of funding for the community “spoke” team to address opioid related overdose deaths. It has been extended for one more year and will run through August 31, 2023. IN CAREs ECHO connects a group of Hub experts facilitated by the Indiana Department of Health and Fairbanks who have experience in responding to the opioid epidemic and reducing drug overdose deaths with a set of community-based Spoke teams made up of key members of the community’s response team, including healthcare, law enforcement, first responders, public health, behavioral health, faith-based partners, community coalitions, and judiciary, and others. Our Place partners directly with the Floyd County Health Department and other team members to implement the following funded strategies/activities for Project Year 2:

- Additional primary prevention programs for youth including high risk youth – Our Place provides LifeSkills for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and Open Door Youth Services provides the Community Based Support Group curriculum in their New Directions afterschool program for upper elementary students.
- An education campaign to raise awareness of overdose prevention and the impact of stigma and how it can reduce willingness to seek help, limit access to supportive services and increase adverse outcomes. This also includes outreach to employers – as we are attempting to reach human resource managers and business owners.
- Distribution of Nalox boxes within the community – and advocating for additional Narcan distribution and training (there are currently 14 placed at various locations. Seeking additional sites. The Health department keeps them stocked of Narcan on regular basis.
- Working an initiative to establish a Peer Recovery Coach in collaboration with Baptist Floyd.
- Data Collection lead by Indiana University Southeast Applied Research and Education Center (AREC) in partnership with Coroner, Hospital, Law Enforcement, School, Department of Child Services, and treatment resources to create a local “dashboard” with real time data.
- Overdose Fatality Review Team (recently changed chair to Rebecca Didelot of Baptist Floyd Hospital) – This group has met monthly (changing to bi monthly) to review overdose deaths (both alcohol and drug) through a forensic approach to identify possible system change recommendations that could prevent overdoses overdose related deaths.
- ECHO Team will work to implement other recommended strategies as identified by the Overdose Fatality Review Team.



One of these people is  
now overcoming an  
addiction problem.  
Don't search for a  
difference, there's none.

#QuitStigmaNow



## *Review of Community Based Collaboration and Activities*

### **Floyd County ATOD Task Force (Local Coordinating Council)**

Due to Our Place being awarded the CDC's Drug Free Communities Grant, and good timing, In March of 2021, Casey is now the coordinator for the Floyd County ATOD Task Force. Barb Bridgewater serves as the Chair of the Advisory Board.

Since Casey became the coordinator there has been an increase in partner participation in the regular meetings and transparency of the business operations. Our Place has and will continue to take an active role within this group to advocate for more of a presence in the community, across the continuum of care and for advocacy in general.

### **Clark County Youth Coalition (Local Coordinating Council)**

Our Place attends these meetings for the opportunities to network and technical assistance and as a requirement for our Clark County Partners for Success grant. Our Place has received grants through this coalition in the past to assist with the Journey outpatient program and the Footprints for Life program.

### **Harrison County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition (Local Coordinating Council)**

The Harrison County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition provides support for Footprints for Life; therefore, staff members attend these monthly meetings on a regular basis. Our continued participation on this collaboration has afforded us an opportunity to possibly expand outreach into Harrison County including the current contracts we hold for Probation, Community Corrections.

### **Align-Southern Indiana**

This project is sponsored through the local community foundations in our region including the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana and the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County. These funders are looking for ways to streamline community initiatives (in our five-county region of Clark, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington) that address targeted issues to avoid duplication and maximize the use of resources. MeriBeth and Jene Bridgewater from the Scott County Partnership have been co-chairing the Addictions Prevention team (one of targeted concerns). The first goal is to get as many schools as possible in the region to provide school-based prevention programming. Part of this work is to also advocate that all schools participate in the Indiana Youth Survey - providing data needed for program planning and evaluation. The next focus has been the discussion of providing grandparenting support programs for grandparent's raising their grandkids due to substance use related issues. This team will continue to identify additional efforts needed to address addiction within the region.

### **Washington County Local Coordinating Council**

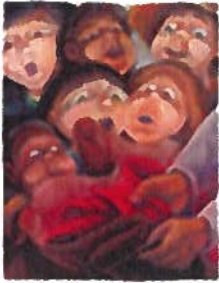
Our Place is building a relationship with the new prevention coordinator in Washington County who is seeking to re-build their local coordinating council. Desiree Prater is the coordinator for a DMHA funded prevention grant and we will seek to support her efforts - especially now that we have an official presence in Washington County through the Alcohol and Drug Program.

### **Floyd County ECHO Team**

Goal is to prevent and reduce overdoses and overdose deaths, collaborative with Health Department, Coroner's Office, Baptist Floyd Hospital, law enforcement, Elected officials, treatment providers, educators, families of those impacted, Indiana University Southeast Applied Research and Education Center for data collection and Indiana Department of Health for technical assistance

## Special Events

### The Red Ribbon



A story of hope.

### *The Jamey Aebersold Spirit of the Red Ribbon Dinner*

The Spirit of the Red Ribbon Awards acknowledges those who have made a significant contribution towards the education, prevention, intervention and treatment of drug and alcohol abuse in our community year-round. The everyday work of those trying to prevent and intervene with this issue is often overlooked. The awards are given in honor of Jamey Aebersold and his continued commitment in this area.

We were finally able to host the host the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Jamey Aebersold Spirit of the Red Ribbon Awards Dinner on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The 2022 award recipients were: Jene Bridgewater, Scott County Health Partnership; Eric Simpson who was also our guest speaker; Dr.

Louis Jensen, New albany Floyd County Schools; Meghan Stockdale, Bliss House in Corydon. Recipients from 2020 were also acknowledge in person at the event.



Jene Bridgewater



Eric Simpson



Meghan Stockdale



Louis Jensen

## **Milestones:**

- ✓ **Our Place served 4,347 youth and adults in direct evidenced based programs.**
- ✓ **Our Place reached over 60,000 community members with prevention messaging – environmental strategies.**
- ✓ **Our Place received an extension from Division of Mental Health and Addictions grant to provide prevention programming through 2024 in Harrison County schools and community (making it a three-year grant).**
- ✓ **Our Place competed for and was funded for the 3rd year of the ECHO grant.**
- ✓ **Our Place received designation through the Indiana Office of Court Services to be a certified court sponsored alcohol and drug program in Washington County. In conjunction MeriBeth, Donnie and Kimberly completed the requirements and obtained their Court Substance Abuse Management Specialist (CSAMS) certification. This program that went live in March and between then and end of June had served over 40 referrals from Washington County Courts and Community Corrections.**

## **Comings and Goings:**

- ✓ **Shalene Sumter, Footprints for Life and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade LifeSkills Prevention Educator left to take another position**
- ✓ **Cheryl Graves, our Footprints for Life and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade LifeSkills Prevention Program Coordinator left to return to Canada**
- ✓ **Cristine Powell became the new Footprints for Life and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade LifeSkills Prevention Educator for Floyd County Schools.**
- ✓ **Meagan Bowen, Peer Recovery Coach resigned her position**
- ✓ **LeeAnn Wiseheart is the new case manager for the Washington County ADP program as of October 2022.**

## **Issues/Opportunities for Our Place:**

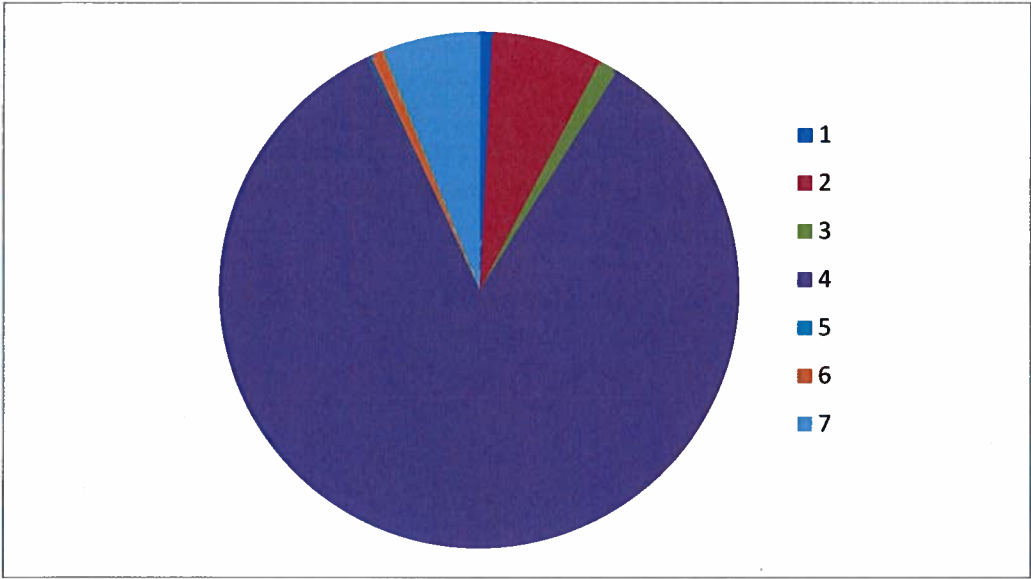
- **Our Place will continue to build upon partnerships in Harrison County to expand the outreach services to serve Department of Child Service, school and Juvenile Justice referrals. This is a great opportunity for us to help build the resources in this community but will take direct action to make it happen. This may necessitate moving current Harrison County office to a larger location in the downtown area (leasing or buying) when the financial landscape is more sound.**
- **While our Washington County alcohol and drug program has had start up pains, we are in a better place now with a new case manager. In January, there will be funds for us to also begin doing programs directly in the jail for both men and women. It is planned that these individuals will continue programming in the outpatient or intensive outpatient programs creating a better support system for these individuals.**
- **Our Place needs to continue seeking ways to build awareness of the programs and services offered by Our Place. There has been an attempt to create a false narrative about the programs offered by Our Place and we must control our own narrative. Staff have**



been requested and encouraged to make regular in person visits with referrals sources/partners to keep these relationships strong.

- Our Place must continue to seek ways to find, develop and retain qualified licensed and certified staff. We are continuing to use referrals directly from local universities to recruit new employees. This lack of qualified candidates has resulted in not applying for funds/programs due to the fear of not being able to staff them should we receive the funds.
- Our Place must continue to seek out opportunities to partner with other organizations to:  
1) reach targeted populations; 2) strengthen impact and outcomes of programs; 3) share funding when practical and appropriate.
- It will always be necessary for the Our Place Board of Directors to identify and carry out fundraising initiatives. The Board of Directors is encouraged to embrace the responsibility of fundraising – possibly identifying one additional fundraising opportunity past our annual campaign letter and the Spirit of the Red Ribbon Event. This past year we saw strong boarder board participation but unfortunately have lost several members. Board recruitment will need to be an immediate focus of the Board as well as well as identifying a new fund-raising activity.

**Financial Review for Fiscal year 2021-2022**



- 1) Individual Contributions - \$8,325 (1%)**
- 2) Foundations/Corporations - \$79,682 (7%)**
- 3) Fees - \$14,173 (1%)**
- 4) Government Contracts and Grants - \$969,665 (84%)**
- 5) Special Events - \$2,533 (0%)**
- 6) MUW - \$9,019 (1%)**
- 7) WESBANCO PPP LOAN - \$71,599 (6%)**

**Total Income = \$1,154,995**

2021-2022 Fiscal Year All staff at 100% full time		Proposed	Actual 6/2022	12 months year to date	Variance Proposed vs. Actual
<b>Revenue</b>					
Early Intervention & Outpatient Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 1,285	\$ 12,365	\$ (2,365)
Metro United Way - Footprints for Life	\$ 9,094	\$ 9,094	\$ 932	\$ 9,019	\$ 75
DCS Grant - Ireland Home Based Services- FPL	\$ 20,530	\$ 20,530	\$ 3,063	\$ 20,530	\$ -
Floyd Co. ATOD - EIP Program	\$ 3,229	\$ 3,229	\$ -	\$ 3,229	\$ 0
Donations	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 200	\$ 8,325	\$ (2,325)
Footprints for Life/PTO donations	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 1,000
Caesars Foundation	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ -	\$ 12,500	\$ -
Families in Transition Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 40	\$ 1,080	\$ (80)
DCS Grant - EIP Program	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 12,584	\$ 18,904	\$ 21,096
ITPC - 2021-2023	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 32,271	\$ 80,000	\$ -
Floyd Co. Prevention - DMHA	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 57,250	\$ 200,000	\$ -
50+ Grant - DMHA	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 38,500	\$ 127,000	\$ (2,000)
NAFC Schools - EIP/Outpatient	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,870	\$ 4,760	\$ (3,510)
Community Foundation of So. IN (carried over from 2020-2021)	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ -	\$ 3,300	\$ -
Annual Campaign/GLL campaign	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Harrison Co. SAPC - FPL Grant	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ (3,000)
Tri Kappa	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -
Harrison Co. Contracts	\$ 59,700	\$ 59,700	\$ 18,636	\$ 72,876	\$ (13,176)
Samtec Cares	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Floyd Co. ECHO Grant (remainder thru 8/31)	\$ 17,989	\$ 17,989	\$ -	\$ 17,989	\$ -
Floyd Co. ECHO Grant (9/1/2021-6/30/2022)	\$ 35,208	\$ 35,208	\$ 8,122	\$ 26,110	\$ 9,098
Floyd Co. Drug Free Communities Grant	\$ 125,000	\$ 125,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 147,339	\$ (22,339)
Legacy Foundation	\$ 53,622	\$ 53,622	\$ -	\$ 53,622	\$ -
New Albany Redevelopment Commission	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 50,000	\$ -
COSSAP Grant	\$ 16,905	\$ 16,905	\$ -	\$ 3,021	\$ 13,884
Harrison Co. Prevention (DMHA) (10/1/2021-6/30/2021) per contract	\$ 181,000	\$ 181,000	\$ 52,000	\$ 181,000	\$ -
PPP Loan	\$ 71,599	\$ 71,599	\$ -	\$ 71,599	\$ 0
Washington Co. Court Program	\$ 16,667	\$ 16,667	\$ 10,000	\$ 16,667	\$ -
Misc. Income incl. bank interest	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 728	\$ (628)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,192</b>	<b>\$ 1,148,192</b>	<b>\$ 259,952</b>	<b>\$ 1,152,462</b>	<b>\$ (4,270)</b>

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	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Actual 6/2022</b>	<b>12 months Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance Proposed vs. Actual</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Wages incl. staff bonuses of \$10,000	\$ 587,486	\$ 57,027	\$ 555,775	\$ 31,711
payroll taxes	\$ 44,943	\$ 4,377	\$ 43,259	\$ 1,684
Employee Benefits	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 4,795	\$ 205
Professional Fees	\$ 100,030	\$ 19,848	\$ 77,133	\$ 22,897
Office/Educational Supplies	\$ 9,000	\$ 1,649	\$ 9,504	\$ (504)
Telephone	\$ 4,800	\$ 370	\$ 4,351	\$ 449
Postage	\$ 5,500	\$ 23	\$ 3,283	\$ 2,217
Utilities	\$ 21,000	\$ 1,011	\$ 19,579	\$ 1,422
Printing/Advertising - Agency	\$ 5,000	\$ 221	\$ 4,477	\$ 523
Advertising/billboards, etc. associated with grants	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,765	\$ 45,567	\$ (25,567)
Travel/Mileage	\$ 7,000	\$ 1,012	\$ 4,067	\$ 2,933
Staff Trainings	\$ 10,000	\$ 400	\$ 7,778	\$ 2,222
All Program Expenses	\$ 38,000	\$ 20,719	\$ 36,134	\$ 1,866
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,000	\$ 279	\$ 1,125	\$ (125)
Fundraising Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ (500)
Insurance	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,247	\$ 14,286	\$ 714
Miscellaneous-includes bank charges	\$ 500	\$ 18	\$ 325	\$ 175
Program Equipment - incl. 5 new computers with Samtec \$\$	\$ 21,000	\$ 3,268	\$ 18,942	\$ 2,058
Paychex	\$ 5,000	\$ 359	\$ 4,443	\$ 557
Urine Drug Screens	\$ 9,000	\$ 2,073	\$ 8,103	\$ 897
PPP Loan Payback	\$ 2,700	\$ -	\$ 1,016	\$ 1,684
Building Expenses	\$ 43,000	\$ 458	\$ 24,850	\$ 18,150
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$ 954,959	\$ 130,123	\$ 889,294	\$ 65,664
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 193,234	\$ 129,829	\$ 263,168	

**Revenue**

Special Events (took out Red Ribbon Event)	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,533	\$ (533)
Kroger and Amazon				

2022-2023 Fiscal Year All staff at 100% full time	Proposed	Oct. 2022	4 months year to date	Variance Proposed vs. Actual
<b>Revenue</b>				
Early Intervention & Outpatient Fees	\$ 10,000	\$ 928	\$ 4,583	\$ 5,417
Metro United Way - Footprints	\$ 8,553	\$ 671	\$ 2,732	\$ 5,821
DCS Grant - Ireland Home Based Services- FPL	\$ 20,530	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,530
Floyd Co. ATOD - EIP Program	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Donations includes Jamey's subcontractors	\$ 21,000	\$ 10,215	\$ 25,832	\$ (4,832)
Footprints for Life/PTO donations	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200
Caesars Foundation	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -
Families in Transition Fees	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 360	\$ 640
DCS Grant - EIP Program	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 20,000
ITPC - 2021-2023	\$ 80,000	\$ 2,569	\$ 2,569	\$ 77,431
Floyd Co. Prevention - DMHA	\$ 206,500	\$ 19,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 168,500
50+ Grant - DMHA	\$ 125,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 18,000	\$ 107,000
NAFC Schools - EIP/Outpatient	\$ 2,000			\$ 2,000
Community Foundation of So. IN (carried over from 2020-2021)	\$ 3,300			\$ 3,300
Harrison Co. SAPC - FPL Grant	\$ 5,000			\$ 5,000
Tri Kappa	\$ 300			\$ 300
Harrison Co. Contracts	\$ 67,392	\$ 12,882	\$ 13,262	\$ 54,130
Floyd Co. ECHO Grant (remainder thru 8/31)	\$ 14,777	\$ 8,856	\$ 8,856	\$ 5,921
Floyd Co. ECHO Grant (9/1/2022-6/30/2023)	\$ 35,208	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 35,208
Floyd Co. Drug Free Communities	\$ 125,000	\$ 7,986	\$ 30,121	\$ 94,879
Legacy Foundation carryover	\$ 40,051			\$ 40,051
New Albany Redevelopment Comm.	\$ 50,000			\$ 50,000
Harrison Co. Prevention (DMHA) (7/1/2022-6/30/2023) per contract	\$ 79,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 71,000
Harrison Co. Prevention - carryover from 6/30/2022	\$ 145,277	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 145,277
Washington Co. Court	\$ 40,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 6,667	\$ 33,333
Washington Co. Jail (1/2023-6/2023)	\$ 8,000			\$ 8,000
Misc. Income incl. bank interest	\$ 100	\$ -		\$ 100
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,119,188</b>	<b>\$ 76,940</b>	<b>\$ 163,981</b>	<b>\$ 955,206</b>

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	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Oct. 2022</b>	<b>4 months year to date</b>	<b>Variance Proposed vs. Actual</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Wages	\$ 696,720	\$ 46,718	\$ 176,463	\$ 520,257
payroll taxes	\$ 53,299	\$ 3,528	\$ 13,434	\$ 39,865
Employee Benefits	\$ 6,000	\$ 380	\$ 1,776	\$ 4,224
Professional Fees	\$ 97,650	\$ 13,495	\$ 32,709	\$ 64,941
Office/Educational Supplies	\$ 9,000	\$ -	\$ 1,869	\$ 7,131
Telephone	\$ 5,000	\$ 372	\$ 1,766	\$ 3,234
Postage	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 118	\$ 382
Utilities	\$ 23,000	\$ 1,647	\$ 7,288	\$ 15,712
Printing/Advertising - Agency	\$ 5,000	\$ 224	\$ 1,043	\$ 3,957
Advertising/billboards, etc. associated with grants	\$ 40,000	\$ 1,542	\$ 6,802	\$ 33,198
Travel/Mileage	\$ 8,000	\$ 314	\$ 780	\$ 7,220
Staff Trainings	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,466	\$ 9,781	\$ 5,219
All Program Expenses	\$ 60,000	\$ 1,602	\$ 7,844	\$ 52,156
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 1,200	\$ 51	\$ 1,094	\$ 106
Insurance	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ 5,202	\$ 11,798
Miscellaneous-includes bank charges	\$ 500	\$ 19	\$ 115	\$ 385
Program Equipment	\$ 10,000	\$ 3,012	\$ 6,316	\$ 3,684
Paychex	\$ 5,500	\$ 394	\$ 1,332	\$ 4,168
Urine Drug Screens	\$ 9,000	\$ 877	\$ 3,398	\$ 5,602
Building Expenses	\$ 25,000	\$ 211	\$ 785	\$ 24,215
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,087,369</b>	<b>\$ 75,851</b>	<b>\$ 279,916</b>	<b>\$ 807,453</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$ 31,819</b>	<b>\$ 1,089</b>	<b>\$ (115,935)</b>	

**Revenue**

Special Events including Kroger and Amazon	\$ 13,000	\$ 1,250	\$ 12,747	\$ 253
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# Our Place Drug and Alcohol Education Services, Inc.

## Mission Statement

Our Place's mission is to provide education, prevention, intervention, and treatment services for individuals of all ages, families, organizations and communities who are presently or potentially impacted by alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.

We believe...

...in family.

...that it is everyone's birthright to develop to his or her greatest potential.

...that people need help to change but can do so through education, experiences, and support.

...that change takes place through active participation

...in health lifestyles.

## Vision Statement

The vision of Our Place is to provide a continuum of services that will meet the needs of the communities we serve, act as a technical resource to other agencies, and be a catalyst in the development and research of comprehensive prevention and intervention services throughout the region.

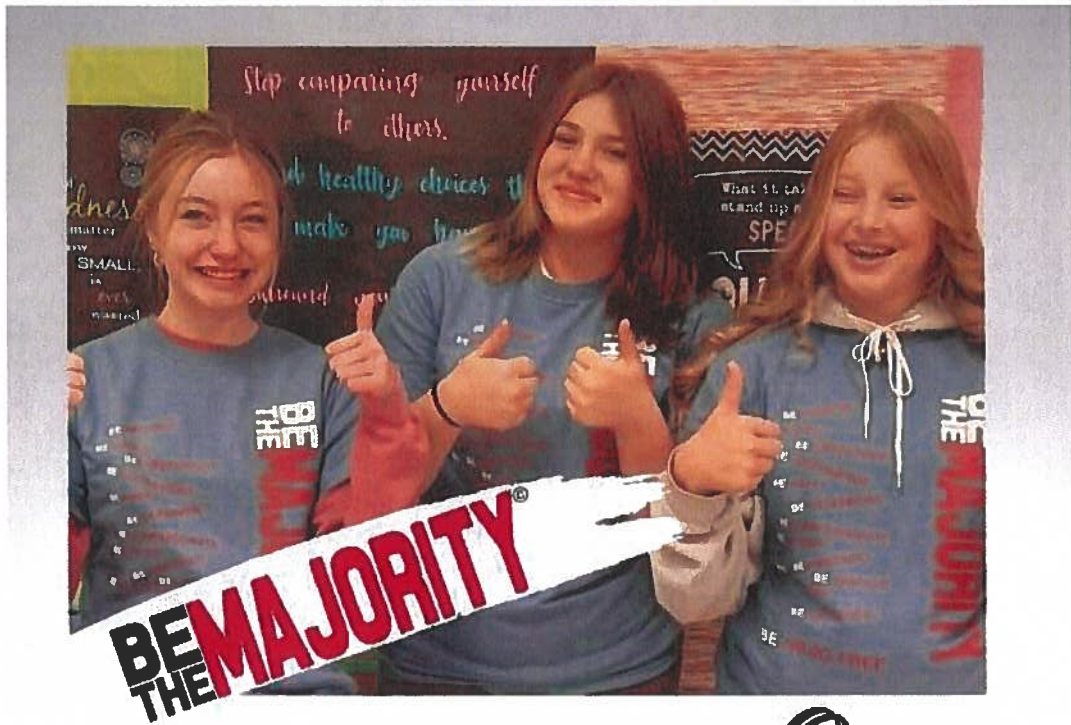
## The Programmatic Goals of Our Place are to:

- 1) Provide prevention, intervention and treatment services that are based upon need, developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, evidenced based and reflect a continuum of care;
- 2) do so with a qualified, committed staff;
- 3) Remove barriers to allow access to services; and
- 4) Provide technical assistance to schools, employers, and community agencies.

The overall 2021-22 goals of Our Place are to:

- 1) Provide prevention, intervention and treatment services where need is documented, that are developmentally appropriate, culturally responsive, evidenced based and reflect a continuum of care;
  - Requires staff development, continued evaluation and research of programming to ensure good fit, program fidelity, direct services versus environmental strategies.
  
- 2) Provide those services with a qualified, committed staff;
  - Provide opportunities for internships, review funding and salary structure/benefits package, staff evaluations done on an annual basis and tied to incentives
  - All prevention staff will obtain/maintain Certified Prevention Specialist
  - All treatment staff will obtain/maintain state license
  
- 3) Remove barriers to allow access to services;
  - What are the barriers?
  - Awareness of who we are and the services available,
  - Funding, Transportation, Childcare, sufficient staffing resources.
  
- 4) Provide technical assistance to schools, employers, and community agencies.
  - Actively participate in networking opportunities that allow us to share our expertise.
  - Continue working with Schools - PTO, School resource officers, teachers, counselors and Administration – including School Board to provide staff in services, parent forums, and be available to act in advisory capacity regarding policies and programs.
  - Employer outreach – once a year educational outreach, presentations as appropriate.





*Our Place*

**Eric Simpson  
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Celebrate Recovery  
Northside Christian Church**



Thanks to our  
keynote speaker!



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