

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Paul Roback | 262-335-4480

The Executive Director of **FRIENDS, Inc.** contacted Paul to facilitate a strategic planning process with the organization's board and staff. FRIENDS mission is "to empower those affected by domestic violence and sexual assault by offering safety, support, and community awareness." After a pre-planning meeting with the organization's leadership, Paul designed and facilitated two planning sessions with 17 board members and staff.

As a result of these planning sessions, 100% of participants agreed that the updated mission statement helped clarify their role as an organization and the updated vision statement assisted them in understanding a general direction for the organization. Additionally, 89% agreed that prioritizing goals increased their ability to set priorities and discussing action plans increased their ability to identify next steps for future action. Overall, 93% of participants rated Paul's facilitation as good or excellent.

Next, Paul will meet with the organization's leadership to align goals with board or staff responsibilities for future completion.

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Ron conducted community interviews and attended countywide events collecting information about programming that enhances protective factors as well as discussing the risk factors needing to be addressed in future programming. Ron attended the monthly **Washington County Anti-Trafficking Association** meeting in Hartford. Ron will continue to meet with the group to develop future trainings. Ron met with **Life of Hope** Exec. Director and gathered data from **County Medical Examiner** about suicide trends in the county. Ron met with West Bend juvenile justice outreach worker discussing delivering life skill lessons to incarcerated youth and community engagement after incarceration. Ron attended the **Washington County Heroin Task Force** Meeting as well as the June **Washington County Legislative Breakfast**.

Professional development included completing the QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) Training Course which focuses on suicide prevention.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

Thu., Jul 4th Extension Washington County Office will be **closed** for the Independence Day Holiday

Tue-Sun Jul 23-28 **Washington County Fair**– Fair Park, Hwy PV, West Bend

AUGUST

Tue., Aug 13th **Triple P Program: Raising Confident Children**, Washington County Family Center, 6:00 pm

Wed., Aug 14th **4-H Mini Open House** United Way Resource Center, Hartford, 5:30-7:00 pm

Thu., Aug., 21st **4-H Open House**, Washington County Fair Park, 5:30-7:00 pm

LAND USE & PLANNING COMMITTEE

(Extension Oversight Committee)

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AGRICULTURE EDUCATION

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Stephanie developed and presented “**Motivating Farmers in a Time of Change**” with Area 15 colleague Tina Kohlman at the National Farm Business Management Conference in Sheboygan. The conference was hosted by local ag professionals who work with area farmers and Extension professionals regularly.

Ninety people participated in this interactive session which featured a mixture of lecture, videos, group discussion & activities which were designed to help ag professionals become proficient at working with farmers and helping farmers make decisions they feel comfortable with. Based on a 5-point Likert scale, participants (n=38) rated their knowledge before & after the session and indicated a 0.92 increase in knowledge after participating in the session.

Comments received: “fun approach to the topic”, “great delivery & examples of a tough topic!”, “you show great enthusiasm about this topic & your knowledge is thorough”, “very well structured program; appreciated the hands on & group activities you gave us”, “handouts are very well done, enjoyed activities, love the short videos.”

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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Growing in Confidence: The 2019 Washington County 4-H Clothing Revue was held Monday, June 10, at the Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center. Youth modeled pajamas, tops, pants, skirts and dresses that they created for themselves.

Experiential learning (do, reflect, apply) is essential to 4-H. Clothing Revue is an opportunity for the youth to **reflect**. The judge asks youth questions about how they made their item and what difficulties they encountered in the process. The judge also provides positive feedback and advice for future projects.

Blue Ribbon winners, pictured above, are Jack Dornacker, Carolyn Behringer, Kate Dornacker, Michelle Wills, Emma Kuge, and Peyton Voight. Additional blue ribbons winners are Gretchen Beaty, Charlotte Hendricks, and Lydia Galleske.



HUMAN DEVELOPMENT & RELATIONSHIPS

Carol Bralich | 262-335-4479

Washington County Association for Home and Community Education (HCE): The Wisconsin Bookworms™ program has successfully completed its 17th school year partnering with Washington County Head Start and 7 child care centers, reaching over 225 children countywide. Wisconsin Bookworms™ volunteer readers share one book per month with 4 year olds in the classroom. Children receive a free copy of each book and parents receive an activity guide to reinforce the book content. Head Start teacher feedback: “Our children/families receive books they would not otherwise access. Opportunity for positive interaction with another adult.” and “Children are exposed to a wide range of literature. They are also developing a love for all areas of language arts.”

In addition, HCE members have collectively contributed over 600 volunteer hours in their communities over the past 12 months by donating items to local nonprofit organizations, including household items for Karl’s Place participants exiting the program, and reading and fundraising for the Wisconsin Bookworms™ program.

NUTRITION EDUCATION (FoodWise/SNAP-Ed)

Renee Vertin | 262-335-4841

FY19 Q4 schedules are being finalized for FoodWise (FW) sessions at **six sites**. English & Spanish educational materials–Healthy Foods for Your Dollar–were provided for FW mini-lessons at **WIC**.

FW coordinated a meeting at **Head Start (HS)** to view gardens & an interactive area constructed by Ethan Lebeck as an Eagle Scout Project. His mom/HS Teacher Sara (left), HS Coordinator Matt (right), and 36 volunteers assisted. A HS family is coordinating plantings for the



preschoolers’ outdoor classroom this fall & FW will reference the garden/produce in programs. The tour inspired School District Family Liaison Christine (center) to explore such a project at Decorah Elem., WB