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Tulsa Police welcome Wraparound assistance

Wraparound Tulsa Assistant Director Stephanie Taylor shared information about Wraparound, CALM Center and the agency's other children's services with more than 250 Tulsa police officers and supervisors in March and April.

Stephanie was invited to speak by Susannah Ralston, Tulsa Police Department's Mental Health Liaison Officer.

In addition to the presentation, Stephanie gave each officer a laminated business card with details about Wraparound. Immediately, Wraparound received calls from officers and more than 10 families.

Five young people referred by police officers are now receiving Wraparound support and advocacy to stay in school, stay out of the hospital and out of trouble with the law. Families also are receiving support and education to create a support team to keep the child and family out of crisis.

The immediate response is no surprise. In March, Tulsa Police responded to more than 890 calls involving some kind of mental health issue, Officer Ralston said. She works closely with all mental health providers and shares information about the providers with officers.

"We want to get these [individuals] help quickly so their situation does not deteriorate any further and possibly lead to hospitalization, homelessness, and even death," Officer Ralston said.

"I would really like to thank Officer Ralston. She was a great support for me during these presentations. She attended each and every one, early and late. She introduced me each time, stood with me and presented our agency in a very positive light," Stephanie said.

Counseling & Recovery Services is committed to supporting law enforcement, schools and communities to improve mental health for children and adults. Any group wanting a presentation about our services can contact Beverly Moore, bmoore@crsok.org or 918.236.4127.

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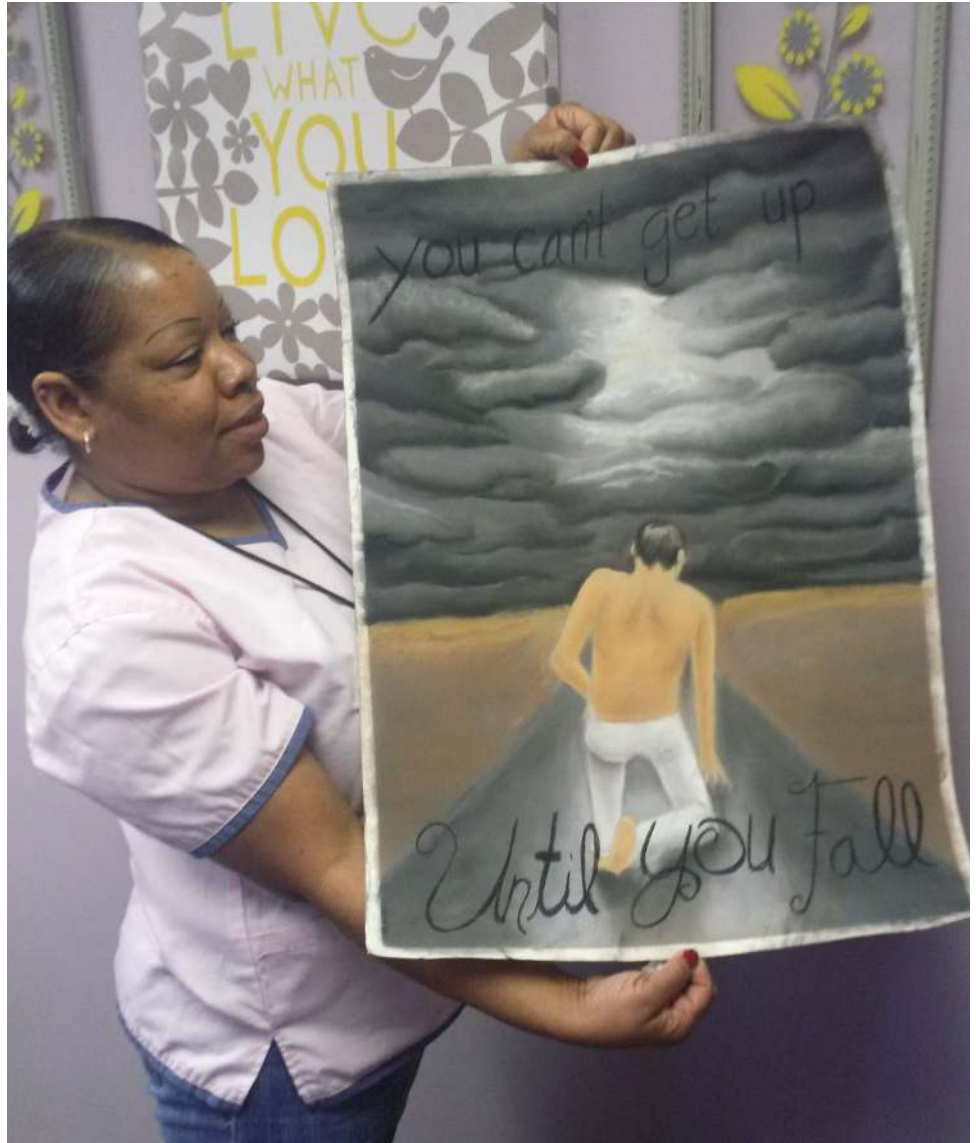
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Counseling & Recovery Services of Oklahoma is a nonprofit community mental health center.

Mission: Helping build better lives through behavioral health and substance abuse services.



The CALM Center's Tabitha Byrd admires a gift from her former client

CALM client says thanks for changing her life

Staff at the CALM Center, a 24/7 crisis center for youth ages 10-17, recently received a unique thank you for helping change a girl's life.

A young woman who came to the CALM Center in 2012 with major depression created a charcoal drawing and brought it to Life Skills Coach Tabitha Byrd to thank Tabitha for being such an inspiration and helping her through a very difficult time.

The young woman will graduate from high school in May and will attend a local college in the fall. She continues to use the skills learned at the CALM Center to manage depression.

CALM Center Assistant Director Amanda O'Brien-Brown said the entire staff was inspired by this young woman's success and her sincere gesture of gratitude.

She is one of more than 4,000 youth served by the CALM Center since it opened in 2008. To learn more about the CALM Center, call 918.394.2256.

Marks Scholarship

Supporting clients to achieve goals

Our clients set goals for future success during their treatment. Your gift to the Larry Marks Scholarship Fund will help clients achieve those goals.

The Larry Marks Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 to recognize the dedicated service of Mr. Marks in his 18 years as Executive Director. Scholarship funds are generous donations from agency staff, board members and friends given to commemorate Mr.

Marks' legacy.

The scholarship offers financial assistance to current clients to enhance their learning and foster recovery. A committee, including Mr. Marks, reviews applications from eligible clients and selects recipients based on financial need and the value added to their lives from the educational experiences.

To date, five clients have received scholarships. One woman moved closer to her dream of

becoming a nurse. Other clients pursued job skills and coping skills to aid recovery.

Please consider a gift to this important fund.

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We appreciate your support.

Emergency pantry opens for clients

Counseling & Recovery Services' clients often need emergency food, clothing, basic self-care and household items. A Basic Needs Pantry recently opened to serve these needs.

Board and staff members donated items to the pantry. The pantry is stocked with clothing and shoes for men, women and children, children's toys, books, DVDs and miscellaneous items.

Wraparound Tulsa staff volunteered to organize the pantry. Staff sold tickets to Belk Charity Day to raise money to purchase non-perishable food and other items like toilet paper. The need is greater than available funds and donated items.

For more information about volunteering or to donate, contact Stephanie Taylor at 918.392.5813.

Pantry Wish List

Toilet tissue
Feminine hygiene products
Bath soap
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Wash clothes
Towels
Hair brushes
Lip balm
Diapers
New underwear (all sizes)
New socks (all sizes)



Free planning for today and tomorrow

As a nonprofit mental health center, we depend on your support to help meet the needs of our clients.

Through a Tulsa Community Foundation partnership, we are able to offer you an exciting way to support our mission through estate gifts left through a will or trust, a charitable gift annuity, or other planned gift.

This **free** confidential, professional guidance can help you achieve your family's financial goals with important tax benefits, while also supporting our mission. If you already have a plan, it can be reviewed to make sure you are still accomplishing your intended goals!

To learn more, Contact Taylor at 918.392.5809 or tdavis@crsok.org.



Counseling & Recovery Services staff met State Senate President Pro Tem Brian Bingman during the April 14 Mental Health Day at the Capitol. Staff and clients joined others from across the state at the Capitol urging legislators to add to the mental health budget. From left, Tammy Horne, Joe Jenkins, Taylor Shorb, Senator Bingman, Beverly Moore, Martha Hauser and Dr. Bryan Blankenship.