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Featured Agency TriCity Family Services

TriCity Family Services is a private, not-for-profit, community mental health center that serves Central and Southern Kane County, which includes Aurora, Batavia, Geneva, St. Charles, Kaneville, Blackberry, Virgil, Sugar Grove, Big Rock, and Campton townships. Their mission is providing quality mental health services that are accessible and affordable. TriCity Services support, encourage, validate, and respect all. Last fiscal year, in the middle of a global pandemic, they provided nearly 32,000 hours of service to more than 3,600 clients.

Since 1967, TriCity has been a trusted partner and leader in the provision of family-centered counseling and emotional wellness programs for all ages and income levels. With counseling offices located in Geneva and St. Charles, they also provide services offsite in community settings, including schools, workplaces, and churches. By providing a sliding fee scale, and offering scholarships for group programs, TriCity ensures that no one is denied services based on inability to pay. They believe that quality mental health care is for everyone, not just for those with adequate insurance and income.

Over the years, TriCity has fostered a tremendous partnership with INC and are so appreciative for the generous funding that supports their Counseling and Emotional Wellness Programs, including Family Connections. To learn more about TriCity Family Services, please visit www.tricityfamilyservices.org.

What's Happening with INC?

Staff attended the Association of Community Mental Health Authorities (ACMHA) membership meeting on December 3 & 4 in Chicago. This is the first time this meeting was held in person since 2019. Staff enjoyed collaborating with fellow colleagues in the industry.

INC Program Committee members and staff met with the funded agency executive directors on November 4 in a roundtable discussion with the purpose of understanding the needs of the agencies and garner input from them. The meeting was informative and helpful to staff and agency leaders.

INC Annual Report and Annual Audit for 2021 is available to the public and can be found at www.incboard.org.

Hope and Encouragement During the Holidays

Holidays could be especially difficult this year with isolation due to COVID restrictions and with families mourning the loss of a loved one to COVID. Below are a few local resources with helpful information to prepare for the holidays.

Conley Outreach Community Services has shared an article on finding hope during the holidays. The article can be found here: <https://conleyoutreach.org/food-for-thought-the-three-cs-for-holiday-grief/>.

As a way of remembering loved ones that have passed on, luminaries are being offered at Suicide Prevention Services. Individuals can send a donation with the name of their loved one and any other information they would like written on the bag. Or individuals can drop in and prepare a bag at the Suicide Prevention Office. Deadline is by 5 p.m. on December 23rd. Individuals and families are welcome to stop by that evening and enjoy the light of their loved ones. Call 630.482.9699 or visit www.spsamerica.org for more information.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope is offering a seminar focused on grieving during the holidays on December 8 and 9. The link to this event can be found here: <https://www.fvhh.net/our-events/>.

Remembering Bill Harding

It is with deep sadness that we remember the passing of Bill Harding, who passed away peacefully on October 22nd. Bill graduated in 1961 from Illinois State University with a master's degree in Psychology. He worked as a guidance counselor at Peotone High School in Peotone, IL from 1961-1967 and worked summers at Manteno State Mental Hospital. From 1967-1985, Bill worked as a school psychologist for West Aurora District 129. He and his wife, Stephanie, started Suicide Prevention Services in 1998. Bill was an active board member of the Aurora Township 708 Mental Health board from September of 2016 to June of 2020. His family remains in our thoughts and receives our deepest sympathy.

Did You Know?

Over the last decade INC has started funding strictly by program, not just by agency. Some agency programs are on a fee-for-service basis, allowing for more efficient, transparent use of INC funds. Specific program funding increases accountability for the use of INC funds that are provided by the taxpayers in our seven townships. At the beginning of Fiscal Year 2022, INC is funding 33 programs in 15 social service agencies in the amount of \$1,573,298.

**The INC Board and Staff would like to wish you a very happy
and healthy holiday season and a happy new year!**

