

BBHC Quarterly Newsletter – JULY 2021



BBHC's GEM Award Recipient



BBHC is happy to announce that Housing and SOAR Entitlements Coordinator, **William King**, is our third quarter Going the Extra Mile (GEM) Award recipient. The GEM Award is used to highlight employees that

go above and beyond in their day-to-day activities and within the community

OCP3 Project Director, **Tiffany Lawrence**, nominated William for the award because of the way he demonstrates that he is a team player by regularly attending the OCP3 meetings and individual youth staffings to discuss housing needs and brainstorm ways providers can engage youth and their families. Mr. King also demonstrated excellent performance by securing the Carrfour Supportive Housing Initiative in Pembroke Pines. Mr. King also showed his creativity in helping NAMI and South Florida Wellness Network brainstorm areas for residents to become more involved in their services. BBHC is extremely glad to have him as a member of the team!

September is....

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH

● Recovery

Approximately **3/4** of Americans believe that recovery is possible from substances such as alcohol, prescription drugs, and marijuana¹



2/3 of Americans believe that treatment and support can help people with mental illnesses lead normal lives²



¹Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (n.d.). Americans Believe in Prevention and Recovery From Addiction. CARAVAN Fact Sheet. Retrieved August 30, 2012, from http://www.samhsa.gov/Attitudes/CARAVAN_FactSheet.pdf, p. 3.

²U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2006). National Mental Health Anti-Stigma Campaign: What a Difference a Friend Makes (SMA07-4257). Retrieved September 21, 2012, from <http://www.samhsa.gov/MentalHealth/SMA07-4257.pdf>, p. 3.

September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This month of awareness was started by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in 1989. The aim of the month is to, “increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and celebrate the people who recover.” During National Recovery Month, there are weekly campaigns and celebratory dates. Some examples are National Suicide Prevention Week, National Rehabilitation Awareness Week, and National Sober Day.

In 2018, an estimated 21.2 million Americans lived with a Substance Use Disorder,

(SUD) and as many as half had a co-occurring Mental Health Disorder. Sadly, less than 8% of those with a SUD receive the treatment needed to enter a life of recovery. National Recovery Month is not only an opportunity to raise awareness about addiction, but an opportunity to embrace and celebrate recovery.



September 5 - September 11 is National Suicide Prevention Week. It is an annual campaign observed in the United States to educate and inform the general public about suicide prevention and the warning signs of suicide. It also aims to reduce the stigma surrounding suicide and encourage the pursuit of mental health assistance.

The American Association of Suicidology sponsors National Suicide Prevention Week (NSPW) activities. Since 1975, NSPW awareness events are held throughout the week corresponding to World Suicide Prevention Day, which is recognized annually on September 10th. Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. In fact, suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Suicidal thoughts, although common, should not be considered normal and often indicate more serious issues.

Annual Behavioral Health Conference & EPIC Awards



United Way of Broward County held their 6th Annual Behavioral Health Conference virtually on June 8-9, 2021. The virtual event was filled with education relevant to issues and challenges related to behavioral health and substance use. The event was equipped with a virtual ballroom with tables and lounges. The workshop sessions were held on a virtual platform. The platform served as a virtual campus with live-streamed educational content, and re-watch sessions on demand for attendees.

Mental Health America of Southeast Florida held their 29th Annual EPIC Awards virtually on May 12, 2021. The EPIC Awards celebrates and recognizes the exceptional people impacting Broward County with their efforts to ensure the community is receiving needed services. The EPIC Award nominees ranged from a Florida House of Representative to a Substance Use Disorder Case Management Program Coordinator.

Gun Violence Awareness Week



THE CITY OF LAUDERHILL'S
GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK
JUNE 3-6, 2021

THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD, 2021 AT 10AM

ASK THE EXPERT A Virtual Forum about Gun Violence and Safety



JAWAN STRADER
NBC News
Anchor/Forum Moderator



CONSTANCE STANLEY
City of Lauderhill Police Chief



PAUL VALCORE
Assistant State Attorney



TIFFANY LAWRENCE
Project Director
One Community Partnership



KEON HARDEMON
Miami Dade
County Commissioner



TRACY MARTIN
Father of Trayvon Martin



SHAUN N. PERRY
Group Supervisor DEA

Pre Register at www.lauderhill-fl.gov/gunviolence or watch on Facebook live at @CityofLauderhill

REGISTER NOW!

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021 AT 6 PM

KIDS GUN SAFETY AWARENESS DAY
Lauderhill Police Officers will be attending all After School Programs

- Lions Football and Cheerleading at Lauderhill 6-12
- Broncos Football and Cheerleading at St. George Park
- PALS Boxing at the Lauderhill Sports Park

DRIVE THRU GUN EXCHANGE
SATURDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2021 9AM-1PM
John Mullin Park - 2000 NW 55TH Ave., 33313

PRAY FOR PEACE!
SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2021
Logon to Facebook @CityofLauderhill to join local faith-based leaders in a Prayer for Peace.

Email bmorrison@laudherhill-fl.gov or call **954-777-2041** for more information on programs.

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Lauderhill Police Department: (954) 497-4700
Non-Emergency: (954) 764-4357

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OCP3's Project Director, **Tiffany Lawrence** participated on the City of Lauderhill's "Ask the Expert" panel which was a virtual forum about gun violence and safety. Ms. Lawrence served as the Mental Health expert and discussed a need for individuals in the community to practice gun safety by securing their guns to ensure that youth do not have access to them. In addition, Ms. Lawrence expressed the importance of connecting youth and young adults to supportive services such as trauma therapy, and facilitating positive social connections. The overall message from panel experts included the theme that it takes the entire community to tackle gun violence and keep the streets safe.



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