

## Milwaukee County Day Reporting Center

The Milwaukee County Day Reporting Center (MCDRC) is an alternative to incarceration for non-violent pretrial Deferred Prosecution Agreements and sentenced misdemeanor and felony offenders. Program participation is designed to divert offenders from jail into a community alternative while maintaining public safety and reducing detention costs. The goal of the MCDRC is to effectively supervise and treat offenders by addressing their identified criminogenic risks and needs. The desired outcomes for participants are to: reduce recidivism, satisfy all court obligations, address substance abuse treatment needs, obtain employment or be job-ready upon program completion, achieve academic achievement, and be accountable for the harm they have done to the community by giving service.

The MCDRC will incorporate Evidence-Based Practices (EBP) into its service delivery to effectively address criminogenic needs and reduce recidivism. All staff will be trained in these principles and the leadership will ensure fidelity to EBP through a Continuous Quality Improvement process involving direct observation, data management, and participant feedback.

### **Partners of the Milwaukee County Day Reporting Center:**

The MCDRC is operated by a partnership between the House of Correction, Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. (WCS), the Benedict Center, Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC), and The Parenting Network.

### **Referral Sources and Process:**

Referrals to the MCDRC may come from Judges and attorneys. The leadership at the MCDRC will ensure all referrals meet the criteria for participation in the program. Referrals must be charged with or convicted (current offense) of a non-violent, non-assaultive misdemeanor or felony. (No offenses involving weapons and/or offenses in which the victim was threatened with or sustained bodily harm. Persons with prior conviction(s) for Sexual Assault are not eligible.) Referrals must have a Milwaukee County case and a verifiable Milwaukee County residence. The MCDRC Case Managers utilize the LS-CMI assessment tool to gauge the level of risk, as only moderate to medium/high risk offenders will be served at the MCDRC. Participants must have a minimum sentence of 4 months to serve after good time and time served credit.

WCS has posted an electronic referral document on the agency's website, at [www.wiscs.org](http://www.wiscs.org), which must be emailed to [njussila@wiscs.org](mailto:njussila@wiscs.org) or faxed to: (414) 239-7851 (ATTN. Nathan Jussila).

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*Hours of Operation:  
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

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## **Services On-Site:**

### **Security: WCS**

The objectives of the Security Officers are to:

1. Maintain safety at the MCDRC by responding swiftly and consistently to incidents and violations.
2. Maintain a positive physical and social environment.
3. Support offenders in making progress toward their individual goals.

### **Case Management: WCS - Males & Females**

The objectives of the case management/ community supervision component of the MCDRC are to:

1. Assess and understand criminogenic risk and need.
2. Reduce the likelihood of recidivism by targeting the unique criminogenic needs of clients using evidence-based practices.
3. Improve communication and information-sharing with other stakeholders in the criminal justice system in regard to case-level decisions, which will impact overall decision-making.
4. Help to create and maintain an environment that promotes and increases community safety in Milwaukee County.

Case Managers will hold bi-weekly service partner meetings to staff progress of each individual participant and the MCDRC will hold all-staff meetings once per month. The staffings determine each participant's progress at the MCDRC, specifically compliance or non-compliance and the use of incentives and sanctions by Case Managers and service providers to motivate participants to be successful at the MCDRC.

**Alcohol and Other Drug Counseling:** *WCS for male participants.* All participants will be assessed to determine eligibility for AODA services at the MCDRC. Those deemed

appropriate for individual and/or group AODA counseling will be served by credentialed staff following the Matrix Model for males. The treatment services have specific objectives which are customized to the six different levels of service within the Matrix Model, as well as to the specific AODA curriculum for females. Length of stay for completion of the AODA curriculum is 32 weeks, which does not inhibit enrollment for participants ordered for shorter time periods.

**Cognitive Intervention Groups:** *WCS for male participants.* All participants will be screened for eligibility to participate in Cognitive Intervention Groups. The WCS Cognitive Intervention Instructor will deliver the Thinking For a Change Curriculum. The Cognitive Intervention Programming has specific objectives defined based on the specific curriculum. Length of stay for completion of the Cognitive Intervention Group is eight weeks, which does not inhibit enrollment for participants ordered for shorter time periods.

**Adult Basic Education Services:** *Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC).* All MCDRC participants will be assessed for their educational needs. MATC will utilize the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education) Assessment and the results generate a personalized study plan for each student. A Personalized Education Plan is developed by staff with learner input. The instructors utilize pre- and post-test scores in order to measure academic achievement or educational gains. The curriculum is based on TABE scores and students will engage in reading, math, and written language activities. Those who score at the appropriate level will work towards their GED.

**Employment Counseling—Individual and Group:** *WCS.* Participants with a sixth-grade reading level are eligible for employment services at the MCDRC. The program consists of 10 modules and 16 hours of Targeted Employment Search. The curriculum is designed to facilitate immediate job

attachment and elimination of the greatest need the participant faces to retain that position, to integrate preparatory lessons with targeted employment search to maximize application of lessons, and to strengthen individual relationships to increase accountability and commitment of both the client and the employment counselor. Assessments are utilized to determine those participants who need life skills assistance due to the barrier that lacking these skills presents to gaining employment. The goal of the employment counseling services is to provide motivated job seekers with the knowledge and skills to obtain and retain immediate employment as part of a long-term career plan. The curriculum is a total of 36 hours to be completed in four to eight weeks, depending on individual progress, which does not inhibit enrollment for participants ordered for shorter time periods.

**Fatherhood Classes:** *The Parenting Network.* Fathers are educated in practical parenting skills from the evidence-based InsideOut Dad curriculum for incarcerated fathers once per week for two hours per session. Fathers are challenged to think about how they were parented, how they themselves parent, and what they can do now as fathers to serve the best interest of their children. Upon completion of 12 sessions, fathers should better understand concepts of shared parenting, children's growth milestones, self-awareness, communication, and their overall vital role in their children's lives.

**The Empowerment Support Group** *The Parenting Network.* The Empowerment Support Group takes place over the course of nine weeks at one hour per week. The program is based off of the book "Growing Balls: Personal Power for Young Men" By David N Hafter. Over the nine sessions participants are engaged in meaningful discussions and interactive activities to build awareness about the power of rational thinking and how it can equate to healthy decision making. Participants are given

opportunities to gain self-empowerment through goal mapping, values assessment, communication skills, and self esteem building. Furthermore, the Empowerment Support Group promotes optimism and collectiveness amongst men.

### **Community Service & Peacemaking Circles:**

*WCS.* Restorative Justice Community Service may be court-ordered or voluntary and participants prepare for service by participating in lessons in team building, civic responsibility, and the harm caused by the crime. Priority is given to court-ordered participants. Peacemaking Circles will be facilitated to reinforce lessons learned through community service, to raise awareness of the harm done to relationships by drug offenses, harness the power of pro-social peer-to-peer mentoring, and build leadership and peacemaking skills to avoid conflict and violence. There are multiple goals of the Restorative Justice Community Service, including providing opportunities for offenders to be accountable for the harm they have done in the community by giving service. Participants may be eligible for community service Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and for peacemaking circles two times each week.

**The Benedict Center (BC)** provides gender-specific services to females referred to MCDRC programming at their site. The Benedict Center provides education through MATC, Parenting Skills through a partnership with Mental Health America, Moving On (a Cognitive Intervention Group), AODA treatment groups and aftercare, Anger & Stress Management, Making It Work (employment skills), Life Skills (basic financial, physical, emotional health and wellness topics), and Women's Sexuality (for women in prostitution).