



PROJECT W.E.A.V.E.

“WILLINGNESS TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES THAT VALIDATE AND EMBRACE YOUTH”

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Where Is WEAVE Going?

Liz Smith, Director

Reclaiming Futures, Project WEAVE

March 31, 2007 marks the end of the five year Reclaiming Futures initiative in which Project WEAVE was one of ten communities across the nation helping teenagers caught in the cycle of drugs, alcohol and crime. Reclaiming Futures was designed to promote new opportunities and standards of care in juvenile justice by bringing communities together to improve drug and alcohol treatment, expand and coordinate services, and find jobs and volunteer work for young people in trouble with the law.

April 1 marks a new beginning for Project WEAVE. Due to efforts across all ten sites, an impressive national evaluation, the leadership and wisdom of the staff at the National Program Office and The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a continuation plan was submitted just last week to help our community reach the goals that have not been achieved and further institutionalize elements of the Reclaiming Futures Model (Screening, Assessment, Service Coordination,
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2006 Model Project Award

Ken Dail, Prevention Network

www.preventionnetwork.org

Each December, Prevention Network honors model projects from among those receiving Prevention Network grants during the year. Prevention Network provides funds for alcohol, tobacco and other drugs prevention activities carried out by volunteer community groups.

Models are chosen for various reasons: the projects are creative, use innovative strategies, are well designed to meet a specific need, reach an underserved audience, show exemplary collaboration, meet challenges, or increase capacity through their interaction with Prevention Network.

This year, the award recipients were from far-reaching counties of the state. Marquette’s Project WEAVE Youth Advisory Committee is one such recipient that traveled to Lansing on December 13 to accept their award for their Placemat and Survey Project at a special lunch. The distribution of youth designed placemats at local restaurants provide information and facts to address underage drinking.



Amber and Whitney, members of Project WEAVE’s youth advisory committee traveled to Lansing, along with Michelle DeMitchell, Project Coordinator to make a short presentation about the placemats. “We were really nervous at

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Treatment Initiation, Community Engagement and Completion of Services).

Over the past five years, through partnerships and collaborative efforts, YOU, our partners, have accomplished a great many things. Most of our work has been successful and a few projects have failed. Together, we have learned, listened, shared and made attempts to improve our system of care in Marquette County for youth impacted by the juvenile justice system. It has taken YOU (youth, parents, our judge, juvenile court probation officers and director, clinicians and directors of substance treatment agencies, mental health providers, law enforcement, educators, principals and superintendents, wraparound coordinators, youth serving agencies, the faith community, tribal community, business leaders, our elected officials, county administrator, media professionals and teen reporters, local and national researchers) to put ideas into action and evaluation.

Here are some of the highlights of our sustained work over the past years:

- **24/7 substance use/mental health screening for all youth referred to the Marquette County Juvenile Court**
- **Continued use of the Addiction Severity Index assessment tool for adolescents (ASI);**
- **Training and use by adolescent substance abuse providers in MET/CBT/FSN;**
- **Strengthening access to treatment services and engagement of youth and families;**
- **Expansion of pro-social activities for youth through agency partnerships;**
- **Celebration of youth and family accomplishments;**
- **Development and utilization of outcome performance measures for case planning, case reviews, and juvenile court accountability;**
- **A new awareness and “spirit” in the community is felt for youth in the juvenile justice system on their journey during treatment and recovery.**

The Marquette County Juvenile Court will be providing the leadership and management of the Youth Advisory Committee. It has been their “youth voice” that has inspired community members to become mentors, job coaches and

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first, but once we got up there and got the award it was much easier to speak. It was a very good learning experience, as well as a chance to go somewhere new. It was a really, really cool gathering of other teens who also have youth advisory committees” says Amber, “It was a place to share interests and ideas” stated Whitney. Being congratulated for doing such a fantastic job on our project, and to be recognized all the way up here in the U.P from down in Lansing was an eye opener for us. Receiving this award has given us even more motivation to think about what we are going to do next.



Whitney & Amber
Presenting Placemat



Awards Luncheon



Amber & Whitney



Display Table



Congratulations!

volunteers with youth in the juvenile justice system. The YAC has secured over \$15,000 in grant funding that has been channeled into creating community awareness through billboards, public service announcements, cinema advertising and their traveling banner.

The YAC's Teen Tuesdays has provided thousands of kids substance free activities and messages for the past four years. We are honored that Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan will provide administrative support to sustain Teen Tuesdays. TFH will be working closely with the YAC to plan and deliver these events. Approximately 27 teens have served on the YAC and their stories, ideas and vision have been incredibly inspiring.

The Futures Report Newsletter will become a publication of MC² (Marquette County Coalition for Substance Abuse and Violence Prevention). The quarterly newsletter features community stories, evidenced-based and best practices, updates in the field of substance abuse prevention, treatment and youth development, learning links and training opportunities. The newsletter will be compiled through the Marquette County Health Department with the assistance of the Great Lakes Center for Youth Development.

WEAVE (Willingness to Explore Alternatives that Validate and Embrace Youth) was prioritized, is occurring and will continue across Marquette County in a collaborative effort to help our teens overcome drugs, alcohol and crime.✂

Youth Advisory Committee

“What Mask Are You Wearing?”

Amber Dollar, Youth Advisor

Project WEAVE

“What mood does life have you in today?”

We all have them, we all use them, what are they? Masks. Approximately 20 area teens gathered and participated in talking about what mask(s) they wear, all while creating their own mask complete with paint, feathers, glitter, jewels and sequins. All the masks were different and unique, just like the youth who created them. Teens talked about how putting on a mask in certain situations can be positive or negative and how some people hardly ever take their mask off.

The Youth Advisory Committee has begun planning and organizing monthly workshops that will cover a wide array of topics. The workshops will take place at CornerZone in Marquette from 3:30-5:00pm the last Wednesday of each month. All workshops are free and snacks are provided.

This is a great opportunity for teens to get to make new friends or spend time with old ones. Judge Michael Anderegg made a surprise visit and even made his own mask while talking with the teens.



Judge Anderegg joins teens to discuss the “masks” we wear with certain people / situations



Accessing Substance Abuse Services

Greg Toutant

Great Lakes Recovery Centers

Great Lakes Recovery Centers (GLRC) hosted a community forum on November 7, 2006, at Peter White Public Library to better inform the public about the substance abuse services that are available in Marquette County and how to properly access these services. Bruce Suardini, GLRC, provided the moderation of the panel and processed questions from the public. Panel participants included Greg Toutant, GLRC; Shawn Hatch, Marquette General Hospital; Dan Maas, Bell Behavioral; Rick Kochis, Lutheran Social Services; Pat Tikkanen, U.P. Catholic Charities; and Carol Easton, NorthCare Central Diagnostic and Referral (CDR) to discuss the specific services they provide and field questions from the public. The availability of funding assistance was also discussed.

To access substance abuse services, the first step is to complete an assessment in order to determine which level of care best fits the individual's needs. To do this, call an outpatient treatment provider and ask to schedule an assessment. At this time individuals are also screened to determine if they are eligible for funding assistance (Medicaid, Block Grant, etc.) based on their income, place of residence, and clinical need. Marquette County outpatient substance abuse providers are as follows: Bell Behavioral – with offices in Harvey and Ishpeming (906) 249-9002; GLRC – with offices in Marquette and KI Sawyer (906)228-6545; Lutheran Social Services (906) 226-7410; Marquette General Hospital (906) 225-3160; and U.P. Catholic Charities – in Marquette (906) 228-8630. These providers are also available to answer any questions regarding substance abuse services and the available funding options. Additional substance abuse services available in Marquette County, for adolescents and adults, include detoxification, intensive outpatient, and residential treatment. For further information on funding assistance, please contact NorthCare CDR toll-free at 1-800-305-6564 or on the internet at www.northcare-up.org/.

Paradigm Shift in Service Delivery Systems for Children and Youth with Emotional Disturbance

| | Provider-driven | Family-driven |
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| Source of solutions | Professionals and agencies | Child, family, and their support team |
| Relationship | Child and family viewed as a dependent client expected to carry out instructions | Partner/collaborator in decision making, service provision, and accountability |
| Orientation | Isolating and "fixing" a problem viewed as residing in the child or family | Ecological approach enabling the child and family to do better in the community |
| Assessment | Deficit oriented | Strengths based |
| Expectations | Low to modest | High |
| Planning | Agency resource based | Individualized for each child and family |
| Access to services | Limited by agency's menus, funding streams, and staffing schedules | Comprehensive and provided when and where the child and family require |
| Outcomes | Based on agency function and symptom relief | Based on quality of life and desires of child and family |

Journal of Child and Family Studies, Vol. 11, No. 1, March 2002, pp. 47-60
The Paradigm Shift to True Collaboration with Families
Trina W. Osher, M.A., and David M. Osher, Ph.D.



Approximately 9.7 million current drinkers in the United States are between the ages of 12-20

Young people begin drinking, on average, at 13.1 years of age

13 percent of all youth, ages 12-17, had at least one serious problem related to drinking in the past year

Alcohol is the most frequently used drug by high-school seniors

Young people who begin drinking before age 15 are four times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21

Michigan Coalition to Reduce Underage Drinking

Number of Youth Positively Affected by the Reclaiming Futures, Project WEAVE Initiative Since Conception

Liz Smith, Director

Screening Process

Since January 2004, a total of **443 youth** referred to juvenile court have been formally screened for substance use and mental health issues at the time of apprehension. These screenings are done at juvenile court and conducted by trained staff. Prior to Reclaiming Futures, screenings were random, not formalized and not completed by trained juvenile court staff.

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC): Before Reclaiming Futures, Project WEAVE, the Marquette County Juvenile Court did not have a format for youth voices to be heard. Since the beginning of Project WEAVE, the YAC was formed to serve as an advisory group to the Executive Board. This group began with five youth and over the span of the initiative, a **total of 27 youth** have participated on the committee. The YAC has been a “shining star” in our community. These teens have gone beyond the original plan of advising, to becoming leaders and advocates who, through their outreach, are promoting positive youth development and community engagement. Over the past five years, the YAC has created awareness and engaged the community in the following ways:

- Grant Writing / Civic Club Presentations
 - \$15,150.00
- Community / Schools / Townhall Meeting Presentations
 - 33 presentations 1,089 students
- Congressional Briefing – Congressman Bart Stupak
 - 5 youth
- Screening Center / Project WEAVE Open House
 - Congressman Bart Stupak – City/County elected officials
 - 17 youth
- Three Highway Billboards that focus on teen substance use
 - approximately 40,000 residents per day viewed these billboards. Each billboard was displayed for 30 days.
- Two Cinema Advertising that focus on mentoring and teen drinking
 - Slides were shown at every movie showing in every theatre every day for eight weeks reaching thousands of residents.
- “What Do You Need to Succeed” Banner
 - 98 youth signed the banner
- Teen Tuesdays – 20 events / 4 years / 4 communities
 - Over 2,500 youth participated

Manoomin Project

This program focuses on youth involved in the juvenile justice system, offering a unique cultural and educational experience while giving something back to their community. This program allows youth to complete court ordered community service, while also helping them gain a richer understanding of Native American culture and traditions. Elders share oral stories and memories of planting wild rice near the turn of the 20th century. They practice native traditions of blessing the wild rice and laying tobacco before an excursion with the youth.

Now in the program’s fourth year, **54 youth** have participated and over 1,400 pounds of wild rice has been planted in seven inland lakes throughout Marquette County.



Judge Anderegg Tribute—30 Years on the Bench

Barry Sullivan

Former Director, Marquette County Juvenile Court

Judge Anderegg's "30 years on the bench" tribute on Saturday, January 27, on a cold and very snowy evening, was a huge success through my eyes as his former court director. A surprise visit from his daughters and a large turnout by his family, friends, peers and legislators was enough to almost guarantee success.



Danny Peterson did a super job as the M.C. and the presentations by Gary Walker, Laura Kelly, Jim Nancarrow, George Hyde, Deanna Dunn, Tom Baldini, Senator Prusi and Representative Lindberg were short and compassionate as well as entertaining. Peterson coached us before making our remarks, "Be brief, be funny and if you're not funny at least be heard and finally be seated". There were lots of laughs as Megan, Kate and Jessica shared what it was like having a judge for a father with a very large gun collection. Cheryl, his wife, also recognized his decency and kindness as a man, a father and husband.



The judge's humble acceptance of all of these accolades reflected his appreciation and thankfulness to all those present. In fact, Judge Anderegg was speechless, which does not portray his last thirty years in office. Those thirty years spoke volumes.

Thank Your Mentor and Then...



Dan Mulhern, First Gentlemen

Reading For Leading

Thursday the 25th is national "thank your mentor day." The first task might be to **identify a key mentor**, a person who guided you in some special way to become the person and leader you are. It might be a teacher, coach, first boss, or just a wise and caring person who took you under their wing.

I think of my dad, Jack Mulhern. Dad respected everyone. His most frequently used word was "love," often accompanied by its antonym "selfish." I remember the fondness he had when we'd pull out his shoebox of army pictures, and he would point to and name poor and uneducated soldiers he served with in Korea, the farmers' sons, and the Korean boys he befriended. Every single one was deserving of respect and kindness. I thank him for his clear lessons, boiling it all down to love. Since he's passed I'll call mom and share these thankful thoughts with her.

May I also invite you to consider formally becoming a mentor? Can you imagine being a boy or girl and **not** having a role model at all – no person who has special care for you, who is helping you find your way? All three of the boys I have formally mentored just did not have **any** man who consistently cared for them in their lives. In Michigan only one of every three mentors is a man. There are 4,000 kids on waiting lists, hoping to be matched; most are boys. As you thank a mentor, please consider being one. Across the country you can call 1-800-VOLUNTEER. In Michigan you can do that or go to www.mentormichigan.org.



Definition of Family-Driven Care

Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

www.ffcmb.org

Family-driven means families have a primary decision making role in the care of their own children as well as the policies and procedures governing care for all children in their community, state, tribe, territory and nation. This includes:

- Choosing Supports, Services, and Providers;
- Setting Goals;
- Designing and Implementing Programs;
- Monitoring Outcomes; and
- Determining the Effectiveness of all Efforts to Promote the Mental Health of Children and Youth

Guiding Principles of Family-Driven Care

1. Families and youth are given accurate, understandable, and complete information necessary to make choices for improved planning for individual children and their families.
2. Families and youth are organized to collectively use their knowledge and skills as a force for systems transformation.
3. Families and youth embrace the concept of sharing decision-making and responsibility for outcomes with providers.
4. Providers embrace the concept of sharing decision-making authority and responsibility for outcomes with families and youth.
5. Providers take the initiative to change practice from provider-driven to family-driven.
6. Administrators allocate staff, training, and support resources to make family-driven practice work at the point where services and supports are delivered to children, youth, and families.
7. Families and family-run organizations engage in peer support activities to reduce isolation and strengthen the family voice.
8. Community attitude change efforts focus on removing barriers created by stigma.

9. Communities embrace and value the diverse cultures of their children, youth, and families.
10. Everyone who connects with children, youth, and families continually advance their cultural and linguistic responsiveness as the population served changes.

Characteristics of Family-Driven Care

1. Family and youth experiences, their visions and goals, their perceptions of strengths and needs, and their guidance about what will make them comfortable steer decision making about all aspects of service and system design, operation, and evaluation.
2. Family-run organizations receive resources and funds to support and sustain the infrastructure that is essential to insure an independent family voice in their communities, states, tribes, territories, and the nation.
3. Meetings and service provision happen in culturally and linguistically competent environments where family and youth voices are heard and valued, everyone is respected and trusted, and it is safe for everyone to speak honestly.
4. Administrators and staff actively demonstrate their partnerships with all families and youth by sharing power, resources, authority, and control with them.
5. Families and youth have access to useful, usable, and understandable information and data, as well as sound professional expertise so they have good information to make decisions.
6. All children, youth, and families have biological, adoptive, foster, or surrogate family voice advocating on their behalf.



Parental Involvement Can Prevent Binge Drinking

An Editorial by Lindell Herrick
Holland Area Project Charlie Coordinator

On a recent television morning show, I watched an interview with parents who had hosted a party for their son and his friends. While the parents did not obtain the alcohol consumed by the underage partiers (that would put them at greater legal risk), the parents were fully aware of the intent to use and consume alcohol. Their rationale was that it was “safer” for young people to be consuming alcohol under supervision and that at least they would know “what is going on.” Several teens were binge drinking and the noisy party prompted neighbors to call the police, who arrested the parents for hosting the party. When I chose the title for this commentary, this most certainly **is not** the type of parental involvement that I was referencing — for so many reasons!

One of the important lessons we teach young people through Project Charlie is the physical harm that can result when young, growing bodies consume alcohol. According to research by the National Institute on Alcohol

Abuse & Alcoholism, adolescents who begin drinking before age 15 are 4 times more likely to develop alcohol dependence than those who begin drinking at age 21. (Compared to only 10% of those who start drinking at age 21 or older.) Binge drinking can lead to death from alcohol poisoning. Too much alcohol can slow the heart and/or lungs to the point of failure. Alcohol impairs judgment leading to pregnancy, rape, sexually transmitted diseases, car crashes, and more.

Parents play an important role in their children’s underage drinking, according to a study published last year in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, teens are more likely to binge drink if their parents or friends’ parents provide alcohol at their home for a party.

“Our study showed that teens whose parents provided alcoholic beverages at a party for their children and their peers were two times more likely to binge drink and to use alcohol within a 30-day period.”

— Kristie Foley, Ph.D.



“Parental approval of underage alcohol use is surprisingly prevalent,” said Kristie Foley, Ph.D., a research and the study’s principal investigator. About 1 in 4 respondents, ages 16 to 20, attended a party where alcohol was supplied by a parent. **“Parents have good intentions, thinking teenagers won’t drink and drive, that they are safer staying at home, but it sends the wrong message.”** Adolescents interpret this behavior as an approval to drink alcoholic beverages. Our study showed that teens whose parents provided alcoholic beverages at a party for their children and their peers were two times more likely to binge drink and to use alcohol within a 30-day period.” Strict consequences for breaking the house rules regarding drinking also helped deter underage drinking among teens, the study found. “If a teen thinks he/she will receive severe punishment if they are caught drinking, they are less likely to consume alcoholic beverages,” Foley said.

“The bottom line,” says Foley, “is to know your

children’s friends and their parents’ attitudes toward drinking. As teens go through puberty, parental involvement does matter. Parents can influence their child’s behavior in a positive way.”

The study was part of the National Evaluation of the Enforcing of Underage Drinking Laws Program. A total of 6,245 youth in 242 communities were included in the telephone survey. Teens between the ages of 16 and 20 were asked about their alcohol usage and other drinking behaviors in the last 30 days. The study was conducted by Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center (Winston-Salem, NC) which is consistently ranked as one of “America’s Best Hospitals” by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Source: *Project Charlie Newsletter* for volunteers, Child & Family Services of Western Michigan, Inc., (616) 396-2301. (Sept. 2005) Project Charlie is a substance abuse prevention program facilitated by trained volunteers. It is presented in more than 90 third and fifth grade classrooms annually.

A Dog's View On Life

Things you can learn from a dog!!!

Never pass up an opportunity to go for a joy ride.

Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.

When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.

When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.

Let others know when they have invaded your territory.

Take long naps and stretch before rising.

Run, romp and play daily.

Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.

Be loyal.

Never pretend to be something you're not.

If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.

When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.

Thrive on attention and let people touch you.

Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.

On a hot day, lie under a shady tree, and drink lots of water.

When you're happy, dance around, wag your entire body.

Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. Run right back and make friends.

G.R.E.A.T. Families

Corporal Lowell Larson

G.R.E.A.T. Officer, Gwinn Middle School

GREAT Families is a family strengthening program consisting of six-sessions that use group interaction, activities, and skills to engage parents and children ages 10-14, preferred. Each session is facilitated under the guidance of trained G.R.E.A.T. Families Facilitators, Sergeant Dave Kent and myself from the Marquette County Sheriff's Office.

This **FREE, FUN** program will take place at the West Branch Community Center. G.R.E.A.T. Families meet once a week for about one and a half hours. **FREE Dinner/FREE Child Care.**

February 21 **FAMILIES IN THE ELECTRONIC AGE**

Influences: TV and Movies

Influences: Video Games

Internet Safety for Kids

To register or learn more, contact Corporal Lowell Larson, Gwinn Middle School, (906) 346-5914 or llarson@gwinn.k12.mi.us.



Homework Night

Ruth Almen

Consultant / Trainer



For those of you who have wanted to know more about "Homework Night" at Messiah Lutheran, out of curiosity, wanting to volunteer or donate, or wondering how you can start your own program, here is more information about this program still going strong after 10+ years! Go to <http://www.marquettelutherans.org/>, and click on the left side under "Youth and Family", then click on Homework Night Information.

ON-GOING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Marquette County Wraparound Community Board meets the third Thursday of each month from 10 a.m.-noon at Messiah Lutheran Church. For further information contact Katie Ritzenhein at (906) 228-4025 x 109.

Marquette County Family Coordinating Council, Please contact Kelly Zambon, Child & Family Services at (906) 228-4050 for further information.

Marquette County Youth Roundtable meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month from noon-1:30 p.m. at the Bonanza Restaurant. If you want more information, please contact Great Lakes Center for Youth Development at (906) 228-8919.

Project W.E.A.V.E. Executive Board meets on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, contact Michelle DeMitchell at (906) 226-2150.

Marquette County Defense/Prosecution Attorney Advisory Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Contact Project WEAVE at (906) 226-2150.

Marquette County Substance Abuse & Violence Prevention Coalition meets the first Tuesday of every month at MARESA. Call Jim Harrington at (906) 475-7848 ext. 281 for additional information. **FREE LUNCH!!!**

Tobacco Coalition is a bi-monthly meeting held at Catholic Social Services from 11:30a.m.-1p.m. Meeting dates vary. Please call (906) 475-7848 or e-mail jharrington@hline.org for more information.

"Tobacco Blues" Education for youth who are tobacco users meets from 4-6p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Marquette County Health Department. Please call (906) 475-7848 for information.

Marquette County Project WEAVE Youth Advisory Committee meets every Wednesday. For further information please contact Michelle DeMitchell at Project W.E.A.V.E. (906) 226-2150.

Upper Peninsula Children's Coalition meets the third Tuesday of each month. Call Chris Zenti at MA-RESA for more information (906) 226-6680. Visit the new website www.upchildrenscoalition.org.

The Ishpeming Salvation Army Youth Group meets every Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. during the school year. Located at 100 N. Main, Ishpeming. All ages welcome. For more information call Captain Jolly (906) 486-8923.

Parents Anonymous meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm at Silver Creek Church. For more information contact Teaching Family Homes of Upper Michigan at (906) 249-5437.

Marquette Alger Mentor Taskforce meets once a month. For information about the next meeting date and time, call Jayne Letts at 475-7801.

SCORE (South County Organization for Restoring Excellence) Coalition will meet Wednesday, March 21 at noon at Gwinn High School. Lunch will be served.

♪ Notes of Interest ♪

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control ~ *Best Practices of Youth Violence Prevention: A Sourcebook for Community Action*. With the homicide rate for youth under the age of 19 averaging nine deaths a day over the last decade, the CDC's Injury Center announces the release of this 216 page publication. Best practices is the first of its kind to look at the effectiveness of specific violence prevention practices in four key areas: parents and families; home visiting; social and conflict resolution skills; and mentoring. This publication is only available electronically at www.cdc.gov.

The Boy Who Was Raised As A Dog: Bruce Perry writes about what traumatized children can teach us about loss, love, and healing. It is written in a lovely fashion of simple language with eloquent stories of cases that provide information on neurobiology of trauma/child abuse, dissociation, treatment strategies taking into consideration the stage of the developing brain and how to remedy the deficits. It is a must read for anyone who works with children in any capacity. Order by visiting Perry's website at www.childtrauma.org (<http://www.childtrauma.org/>)

Mark Your Calendars: HBO's multi-platform campaign on "**ADDICTION**" debuts on March 15, 2007 on HBO.

◀ ◀ Learning Links ▶ ▶

For more information on the articles featured in the newsletter or to learn more about youth substance abuse and the juvenile justice system, please visit the following websites:

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| Robert Wood Johnson Foundation | http://www.rwjf.org |
| Reclaiming Futures | http://www.reclaimingfutures.org |
| State of Michigan | http://www.michigan.gov |
| Marquette County Juvenile Court | http://www.co.marquette.mi.us |
| Recovery High | http://www.basesteencenter.org |
| Coalition For Juvenile Justice | http://www.juvjustic.org |
| Chestnut Health Systems | http://www.chestnut.org |
| Bridges 4 Kids | http://www.bridges4kids.org |
| Gongwer News | http://www.gongwer.com |
| Mentor Michigan | http://michigan.gov/mentormichigan |
| Community Matters | http://www.commatters.org/youth |
| Family and Youth Services Bureau | http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb |
| Forum for Youth Investment | http://www.forumforyouthinvestment.org |
| 4C Coalition | http://www.the4ccoalition.org |

*** W.E.A.V.E. Challenges ***

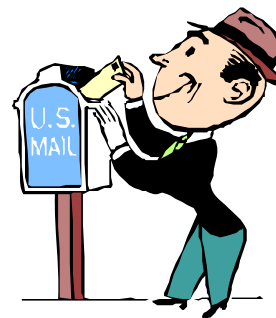
We are interested in your stories about youth/family successes and/or challenges. Should you have a story that you would like featured in this newsletter, please contact Michelle at **Project W.E.A.V.E.**, 2111 County Road M-554, Marquette, MI 49855, phone (906) 226-2150, fax (906) 225-0224 or e-mail projectweaveglrc@hotmail.com.

Your wish to remain anonymous will be honored if you choose.

Project WEAVE's Communication Action Team edits all articles for content and grammar.

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Fond Memories of Dennis Maloney.

A proven leader and hero
in mobilizing communities
to use strength-based and balanced
approaches in restoring justice.



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