



**Waukesha County**  
*Department of Health and Human Services*

**June 11, 2025**

**Letter of Support for WCS – All Peer Program & Drop-In Center  
Opioid Education and Prevention Grant Proposal**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of Wisconsin Community Services' (WCS) proposal to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services for opioid education and prevention funding. WCS has been a vital partner in Waukesha County's response to the opioid crisis. Their All Peer program and Drop-In Center provide essential, community-based solutions to one of our region's most urgent public health challenges.

While data shows that we are not done fighting the fentanyl crisis, the full scope of the epidemic goes beyond numbers. Every overdose represents a life lost, a family devastated, and a missed opportunity for prevention and connection.

In 2023, Waukesha County recorded 67 drug-related deaths — 38 involving synthetic opioids. In early 2024, 27 more lives have already been lost. These figures highlight the need for prevention efforts that meet people where they are. WCS does exactly that.

The All Peer program builds trust through lived experience. It reaches individuals disconnected from traditional care, offering education, overdose reversal tools, and a path to recovery. Their Drop-In Center provides a welcoming, stigma-free space — often the first step toward hope and healing.

WCS helps bridge gaps in care, and this funding would allow them to continue doing life-saving work. At a time when our community cannot afford to lose momentum, WCS deserves your support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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