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Johnson County Community Foundation BIGS-Big Impact Grants Recipient

ICESA's Best Practices for Sexual Violence Response

Meet our new Trauma Counselor and Victim Advocate

JCCF BIGS Award Recipient

The Johnson County Community Foundation graciously awarded ASSIST Indiana in their 2018 Spring Big Grants Cycle. ASSIST was graciously awarded \$17,765 to help fund improvements for the Child Advocacy Center to make it more welcoming and to purchase a forensic camera, crisis intervention training, office printer and neurofeedback subscription to help benefit individuals throughout the county who have dealt with violence.



Trauma-Informed, Evidence-Based Best Practices for Sexual Violence Response presented by Indiana Coalition to End Sexual Assault

Many Johnson County agencies who work with victims of sexual violence attended this training at the University of Indianapolis. These agencies include Greenwood, Franklin and Bargersville Police Departments, Johnson County Sheriff's Department, Johnson County Prosecutor's Office and Franklin College. As a community we are all working hard to learn how to effectively and appropriately work with victims of sexual assault together in a trauma informed way. It is great to be apart of such a collaborative community.



ASSIST's newest Trauma Counselor and Victim Advocate

Cindy McAtee has been a social worker for the last 24 years. Her experience as a therapist has been in foster care, residential treatment, and community based treatment settings. She has served youth at different points and in the more recent years, has worked with adults in an outpatient setting. She is certified to use Rapid Transformational Therapy and Rapid Resolution Therapy which are clinical hypnotherapy interventions designed to support clients who are struggling with anxiety, depression, grief and addictive behaviors. These treatment modalities are designed to provide significant relief to clients as they manage the impact of traumatic experiences on their thoughts feelings and behaviors. Cindy received her BA from Purdue University and MSW from IUPUI. She is a credentialed LCSW and LCAC.

Laura DeMougin has over 10 years experience in the fields of Criminal Justice, Public Safety, and Mental Health. She graduated with her Bachelors in 2012 and her Masters in 2015 in Criminal Justice and Public Safety from IUPUI. Her passion is driven by helping and advocating for others who feel they do not have a voice for themselves. She began working in corrections and worked closely with those who experienced various levels of trauma and mental health conditions. Laura's advocacy work began when working in corrections to help those who were incarcerated find community supports after release.

Interested in Volunteer Opportunities



There are plenty of ways that you can volunteer with us. If you are interested to learn more about these opportunities please contact Ashley Reagan at ashley@assistindiana.org.