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Yes, YOU! And while you're at it, please forward this issue to colleagues, peers, friends and any stakeholder who has the interests of youth and child care workers at heart. You'll be doing them a real service.

Would you like to write for the Badger Buzz? **OF COURSE YOU CAN!** Share your CYC experiences, expertise, perspectives, and opinions with your CYC peers. It's FUN, and you'll be doing them a great service.

Is there something you'd especially like to read? Call us at (608)846-2860 or email us at propman46@gmail.com and we'll get right on it!

Next Issue: Copy for the Fall issue is due OCTOBER 1, 2025 to: Michael Mitchell, propman46@gmail.com (608-846-2860) Madison, WI (CT)

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

PLEASE NOTE: *While we happily understand if you regard the Badger Buzz as you might a good book, you don't have to finish this entire issue in one sitting, as much as you might like to (LOL). We know there's a broad range of CYC information and resources in each issue, which reflects the scope and depth of service activities within our CYC field. After all, it took us 3 months and 400 news items to compile this issue, so we suggest you take an initial scan, read what grabs your attention, then come back for a deeper dive later.*

We're all very busy. But doesn't real life-long learning, best practice, and professional and personal development deserve more than the usual three-minute attention span and 15-second sound bite? (This seems to have become the norm for most of today's social media messaging.) After all, isn't this what you would expect from your professional doctor, dentist, lawyer, professor, etc.? We believe you'll be glad you did.

Michael Mitchel, MAT, Editor

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GREETINGS FROM THE WACYCP BOARD



WELCOME TO THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE BADGER BUZZ!

Hello fellow youth workers,

- Happy Summer!

We were delighted to celebrate 25 amazing youth care workers on Thursday May 15th at our 25th Anniversary Youth Work Awards event. We came together to celebrate at 88.9 Radio Milwaukee in downtown Milwaukee and celebrate 25 years of honoring youth care workers in WI. Look below to see the award announcement.

We are also excited to announce our next social event- Drag Bingo on Thursday August 28th at POP Milwaukee, at 7 pm [see ad below]. Grab your friends for an unforgettable fun night of bingo, laughs, and community spirit with the WACYCP, all in support of our mission to uplift and empower youth care professionals around Wisconsin. This ain't your mommy's bingo, so spread the word! We're looking forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy this edition of the WACYCP Badger Buzz,

Romero Ference
WACYCP Board President

BREAKING NEWS!



The National Association for Child and Youth Care Practice (ACYCP) and the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) ANNOUNCES CHILD AND YOUTH CARE CERTIFICATION EXAM REVISIONS

Exam revision committees and exam review teams comprised of child and youth care subject matter experts and experienced test construction professionals recently finalized the U.S. Entry-Level and Professional-Level certification exams. The Canadian revisions of the Professional-Level exam will soon be completed. Both of the U.S. exams are currently available via virtually proctored online testing in partnership with the Indiana University Canvas platform coupled with the Honor Lock proctoring system.

Since the inception of the Child and Youth Care Certification Board (CYCCB) certification program, comprehensive feedback from test examinees and extensive research regarding

the reliability and validity of the exams and certification process have guided the CYCCB in the program's implementation and ongoing development. A summary of some of the research and related publications is available at the below CYCCB websites.

<https://cyccb.org/resources/related-research-and-publications>

The latest revision process involved the compilation of both qualitative and quantitative data to inform the revision committees. For example, feedback from examinees from 2019 through 2024 pertaining to each item and case study were systematically reviewed along with item analyses data providing information pertaining to the percentage of how many examinees answered the item correctly and an item's power toward differentiating those who tend to do better or worse on the entire exam.

A goal of the exam revision committee was to maintain the basic integrity of the exams while incorporating exam improvement feedback regarding issues such as (1) potentially dated terminology, (2) current practice issues, (3) region-specific items, and (4) gender and cultural content.

After completing a draft revision of the exams, subject matter review teams took the exams and provided additional feedback which was compiled for the Exam Revision Committees to review prior to finalizing the exams for implementation.

As part of the exam revision process, a glossary of terms that some examinees have reported to be confusing is currently being developed and will be made available for potential applicants to review prior to taking an exam.

Compilation and review of ongoing feedback from examinees and item analysis of the revised exams will continue to inform the CYCCB. A more extensive review and updating of the competency model and certification process is currently underway.

To register to take one of the newly revised exams, [visit the CYCCB website](#). ♦

Come celebrate 25th
years of awarding
youth workers in WI!
25 superstar youth
workers will be
recognized that night,
along with a few
national youth work
award winners as well.

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25 ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

6:00PM DOORS
6:45PM AWARDS EVENT
7:30PM KARAOKE

THURSDAY MAY 15 2025

**25th Annual Wisconsin Association of Child and Youth Care Professionals
(WACYCP) Youth Work Awards Celebration**

25th Anniversary WACYCP Awards - Winner List

Peter Harvey, Lad Lake Inc
Leslie Crawford, Boys and Girls Club
Tyler Odeneal, Men of Men Inc
JaQuawn Seals, Neu-Life Community Development
Lindsay Knapp, Lad Lake, Inc
Susan Davies & Ricki Armstead, Milwaukee AHEC
Jade Brown, Boys and Girls Club
Devon Knowles, Lad Lake Inc
Autumn Bednarski, Neu-Life Community Development
Kiana Ayala, Secure Futures
Leah Noid, Neu-Life Community Development
Nathanael Rivera, Boys and Girls Club
Dani Bald, Lad Lake Inc
Anita Robertson, Next Generation Day Camp
Jessenia Arroya, Karla Preiss & Liz Leon, Achieve MKE Norris
Amunique McGee, Neu-Life Community Development
Dawson Steltz, Boys and Girls Club SPARK Program
Diana Williams, Lad Lake Inc
Mariah Johnson, PEAK Initiative
Tito Watson, Norris, Inc
Priscilla Warren, Neu-Life Community Development
Andre Douglas, Boys and Girls Club
Christopher Robinson, Westcare
Laura Martinez, PEAK Initiative
Jakira Wills, Boys and Girls Club



Past Program/Agency of the Year Winners Include: (for work done in that year)

2023	Your Move MKE	Milwaukee
2022	Norris, Inc	Mukwonago
2021	PEAK Initiative	Milwaukee
2020	Milwaukee Academy- Clinicare	Milwaukee
2019	Steps to Success: Family Services	Madison
2018	Revive Youth and Family Services	Milwaukee
2017	Briarpatch Youth Services	Madison
2016	Running Rebels	Milwaukee
2015	Neu-Life Community Development	Milwaukee
2014	Hopgood Youth Homes	Milwaukee
2013	New Horizon Center	Milwaukee
2012	Milw. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Network	Milwaukee
2011	Lad Lake, Inc	Dousman
2010	Nehemiah Project	Milwaukee
2009	Norris Adolescent Center	Mukwonago
2008	AJA Enterprise	Milwaukee
2007	Milwaukee Violence Free Zone	Milwaukee
2006	Connecting Youth, Inc.	Milwaukee
2005	Milwaukee Brighter Futures/Community Advocates	Milwaukee
2004	Operation Fresh Start	Madison
2003	Youth Resource Network	Madison
2002	Families United to Prevent Teen Pregnancy	Milwaukee
2001	Latino Community Center	Milwaukee

Past Youth Care Worker of the Year: State of Wisconsin Include:

2023		Jeff Pease	Lad Lake, Inc
2022		Imani Raiyne Moore	Kreative Fruitz
2021		Romero Ference	Milwaukee Academy/Clinicare
2020		Steve Truss	Norris, Inc
2019		Kaylin Jones	Milwaukee Academy of Science
2018		Debbie Hunkins	Norris, Inc
2017		Leah Noid-Harrington	Neu-Life Community Development
2016		Mark Cogdill	Family Service of Madison
2015		Melissa Garrett	Milwaukee Academy
2014		<u>Tanya Brackinridge</u>	Lad Lake- St Rose Center
2013		Daniel Parker	Norris Adolescent Center
2012		Stephanic Nash	Kennedy Heights Comm. Ctr.
2011		Howie Knapp	Lad Lake, Inc
2010		Bill Nosek	Lad Lake, Inc
2009		Matt Casper	Lad Lake, Inc
2008		Mike Miller	Lad Lake, Inc
2007		Tom Moen	East Madison Community Center
2006		Darla Felt	Rogers Memorial Hospital
2005		Nancy Vogel	Norris Adolescent Center
2004		Chad Simmons	United Way of Dane County
2003	2 winners	Vicki Krueger	St Rose Youth & Family
2003		Teri Waldman	Head Start, Packer Community
2002		Stanley Cole	Private Industry Council
2001	2 winners	Dan Suminski	Norris Adolescent Center
2001		Sarah Noble	Wisconsin Council on Children
2000		Penny Parks	St Rose Youth & Family
1999		Terry Christiansen	Norris Adolescent Center

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Dear Ruthie!

**DRAG
BINGO
NIGHT**



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Grab your friends and head to Pop for an unforgettable night of bingo, laughs, and community with the WACYCP all in support of our mission to uplift and empower youth care professionals across Wisconsin.



POP

124 W. National Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53204



Thursday, August 28, 2025

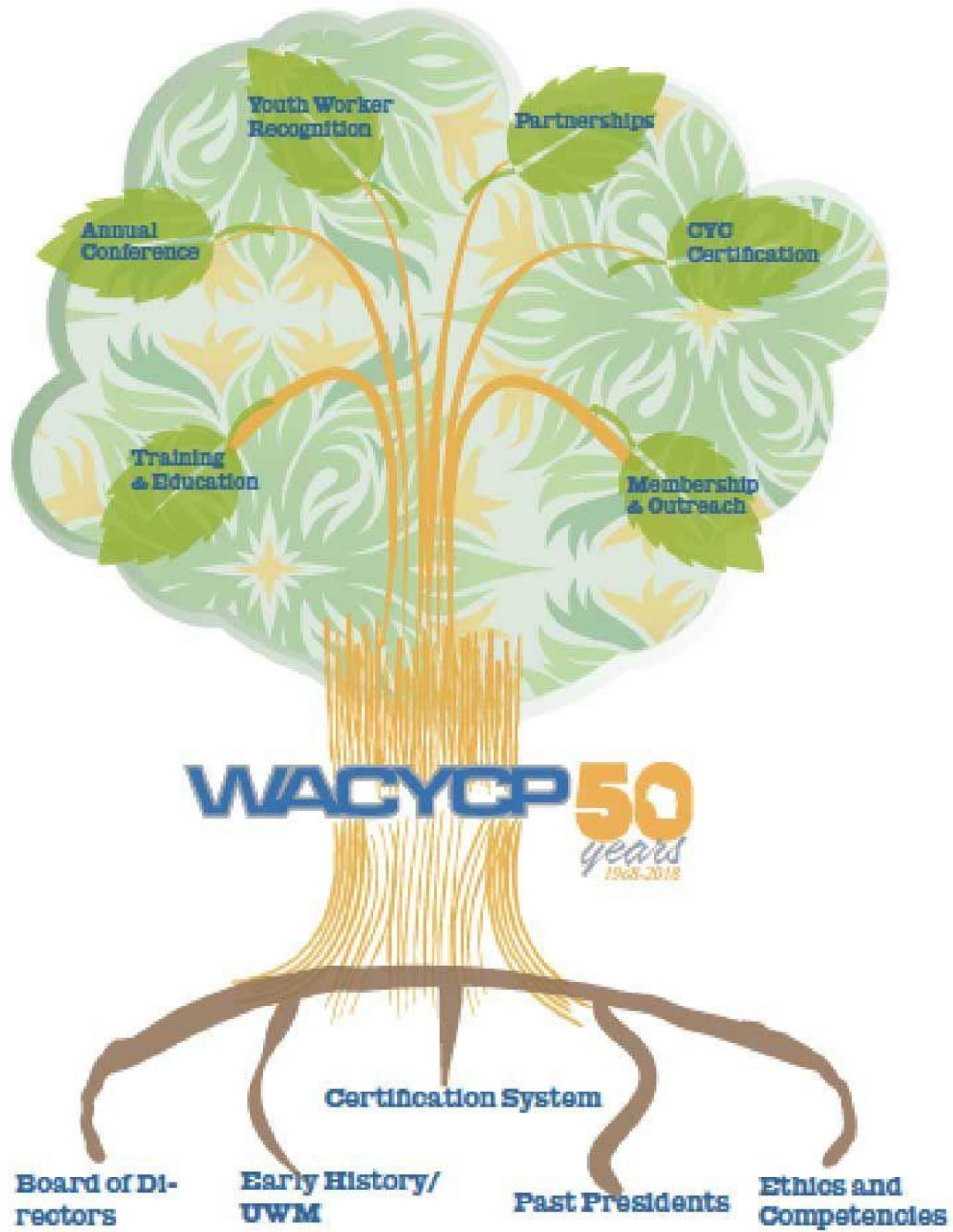


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WISCONSIN IN THE CYC SPOTLIGHT



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the author and Urban Milwaukee and was posted July 19,, 2025.].

WISCONSIN PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING FALLS FURTHER BEHIND NATIONAL AVERAGE

By Rich Kremer,

When adjusted for inflation, Wisconsin's per-pupil spending on public school students continues to fall behind the national average, according to U.S. Census data analyzed by the Wisconsin Policy Forum. The most recent figures show the state was nearly 10 percent below the national average in 2023.

The Policy Forum report shows Wisconsin spent \$14,882 on each student two years ago when inflation is taken into account. That figure represents a 2.4 percent increase since 2002. During the same period, the national average grew by around 21 percent, from \$13,043 in 2002 to \$16,526 in 2023.

Wisconsin's per-pupil spending ranked 26th in the nation, according to the 2023 census data. In 2002, when the census first started collecting school funding data, Wisconsin ranked 11th in the nation.

"That, I think, is the consequence of a lot of choices that our state policy makers have made over many state budgets over the last decade-plus," said Policy Forum Researcher Mark Sommerhauser.

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[**Child Care Providers Say Budget Provisions Fall Far Short**](#)

[**Actor And Education Advocate Levar Burton Highlights One City School's 10th Anniversary Celebration**](#)

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[**Pocan, Krishnamoorthi, Amo, 49 Colleagues Slam Rubio's Decision to Incinerate Food Aid**](#)

ACRC Webinar:

Best Practices on Serving Transgender and Nonbinary Youth in Congregate Care Settings

Presented by:



Vida Khavar, LMFT, *Clinical Director, Family Builders | Leader of the Youth Acceptance Project*



Elliott Hinkle, BS, PSS, *Principal and Founder, Unicorn Solutions*



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IT'S A GUY THING



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the author and The Good Men Project and was posted June 25, 2025.]

THE FAIRNESS DILEMMA: HOW OUR SONS DEVELOP MORALITY

By Lisa Kiefer

Helping young men build a moral compass in a noisy world

This came from a late-night chat with my son. He wasn't angry. He wasn't ranting. He was thinking... trying to make sense of justice, morality and gender in a world that sometimes punishes him for simply asking the question.

Conversations like this aren't rare, from online forums to dinner tables a growing number of young men are articulating the same discomfort – what could be called the fairness dilemma. It's not emerging misogyny which some might first jump at as a conclusion. These young men believe deeply in respect and equality and they often come from egalitarian households but they can feel betrayed and hurt when trying to square their sense of morality – which is rooted in fairness, reciprocity and decency – with social narratives that sometimes seem stacked against them.

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[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to Wisconsin Youth Company and Urban Milwaukee and was posted March 26, 2025.]

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For over 30 years, Public Allies has been empowering local leaders who are dedicated to building resilient communities. Now, with federal funding cuts threatening essential programs, your support is needed more urgently than ever.

By investing in the Leadership in Action Fund, you're helping to ensure that local leaders can continue their critical work.

Stand with us and invest in emerging leadership that can meet this moment and the next.

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What I Would Tell my Younger Manager Self

Jerriann Chandler-Ochoa, PhD, LMFT, CYC-P

LIVE: August 28, 2025
2:00 - 3:00 Eastern
1.0 hour

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Intercultural Competence in the Ever-Changing Workforce

Sarah Wolters, MEd

1.0 hour
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Gene Cavaliere, MA, CYC-P

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Michael Mitchell, MAT

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Michael Mitchell, MAT

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Learning to Confront Effectively without Ruining Relationships

Frank Delano, LMSW

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Child & Youth Care Ethics: *'Doing' Ethics in Daily Practice*

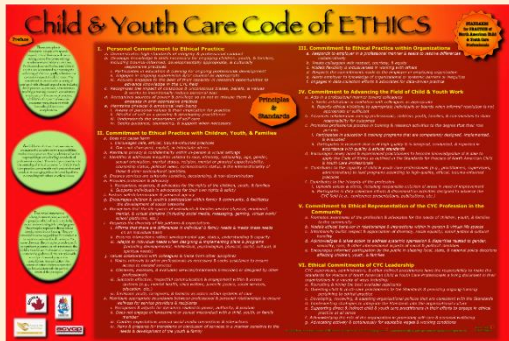
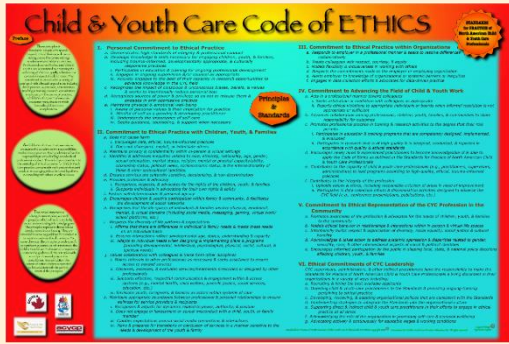
Frank Eckles, BA, CYC-P

2.5 hours

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This is an in-depth training that begins with discussion of foundational ideas about what an ethics code is. It then uses a case development approach to help participants apply the code to realistic practice scenarios to explore the process of 'doing' ethics.

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WE ARE FAMILY



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the author and ADDitude Magazine and was updated and posted June 15, ,2025.]

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO NAVIGATING PATHOLOGICAL DEMAND AVOIDANCE

By Lisa McKay

Pathological Demand Avoidance: Key Takeaways

PDA is a behavioral profile characterized by intense, anxiety-driven resistance to everyday demands and expectations.

Children with PDA have extremely reactive nervous systems that prime them to interpret requests and expectations as threats. Alongside this pressure-sensitivity lies an intense need for equity and autonomy.

Children who fit the PDA profile need a flexible, low-key, and low-demand parenting approach that prioritizes collaboration over command and connection over compliance. What Is Pathological Demand Avoidance?

Learning about Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA) — a profile characterized by intense, anxiety-driven resistance to everyday demands and expectations — finally helped me understand my son, Max, and how to support him.

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BE AWARE WITH SELF CARE



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted in part with thanks to Black Women's Wellness and was posted October 9, 2024. Access the video replay, listen to the podcast episode (#491), download the slide presentation, and learn how to get a certificate of attendance for this ADHD Experts webinar originally broadcast on July 10, 2025.]

SECURE YOUR SPOT AT BLACK WOMEN'S WELLNESS DAY (BWWDAY)!

We are gearing up for another unforgettable Black Women's Wellness Day, and trust us, you will want to be in the room!

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- Interested in showcasing your business? Only 50% of vendor spaces remain! Complete your application today.
- Align your brand with our mission! Make your Sponsorship Commitment today at one of our levels or build a custom partnership with us!

AND—we are announcing our Keynote Speaker next week! Stay tuned for the big reveal!

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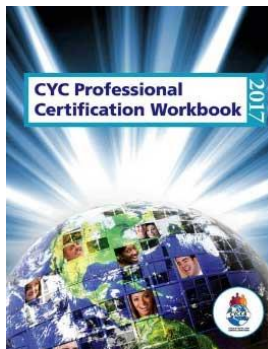


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If you need immediate help, call the CYC Office (979) 764-7306 or email CYCcertification@YouthWorkAcademy.org or visit the website at www.CYCCB.org

“If the only tool you have in your toolkit is a hammer, you tend to see every problem as a nail.”—Abraham Maslow



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FROM THE BUSINESS SIDE OF CYC



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the presenter and Great Lakes PTTC, and was first posted June 29, 2025.]

RESOURCE: GRANT WRITING 101: AN 8-STEP ROADMAP TO FUNDING SUCCESS

By Kris Reed, MPH CSP

. Unlock the power of grant writing in this practical 2-hour webinar. Whether you're new to grant writing or looking to sharpen your skills, this session will guide you through a clear, 8-step process—from identifying your organization's top funding priorities to knowing what to do whether your proposal is accepted or declined. You'll leave with a solid foundation and actionable strategies to craft compelling grant applications that align with the right funding opportunities.

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- DEVELOPING A GREAT INTERVIEW STRATEGY (Part 2)

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- Contact Laura Klemm CYCoffice@youthworkacademy.org for your personal access code (unlimited access).
- Access the desired tutorial(s) [both are recommended], writing down your questions, comments, and concerns.

- Contact Michael Mitchell for an individualized professional job coaching appointment, if desired (no additional charge for non-members). Instructions for contacting him are included in the tutorials.

Special Note: The original PowerPoint and webinar would not have been possible without the talents and expertise of co-presenter/host Frank Eckles

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TRIBAL NEWS & READY RESOURCES



[Editor's Note: The following is reprinted with thanks to the author and Native News Online was posted June 24, 2025.]

NATIVE MASCOTS DON'T HONOR OUR ANCESTORS. THEY HARM OUR CHILDREN

By Levi Rickert

Opinion: Several years ago, I attended a tribal council meeting of the Oglala Sioux Tribe on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Before the meeting began, council members shared devastating news: Two teens from the reservation had died by suicide the night before. The grief was palpable. The meeting was canceled so members could support the grieving families.

That moment has stayed with me and crystallized the crisis facing our communities. Currently, American Indian and Alaska Native youth and young adults — particularly those aged 10 to 34 — face suicide rates that significantly exceed the national average. Suicide remains one of the leading causes of death for Native youth.

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[Native American Reservations Sound Alarm As Funding Worries Grow](#)

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HAVE YOU HEARD? CYC NEWS AT LARGE



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CHANGES TO FEDERAL FOOD AID RAISE ALARM

By Devin Blake

The Trump administration has cut federal food assistance – including funding used by schools and food banks – sparking broader concerns about the safety net many Wisconsinites rely on.

Here's what to know and how to help as summer approaches.

Federal cuts, systemic effects

In 2024, Milwaukee children received more than 400,000 free summer meals through the Summer Meals program, administered locally by Hunger Task Force, thanks to local meal

providers Centers for Independence, Boys & Girls Clubs, Salvation Army, Milwaukee Public Schools and West Allis West Milwaukee School District.

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QUESTIONS TO ENGAGE SOMEONE BEYOND 'HOW ARE YOU?'

By Wendy Rose Gould

Our default question when we bump into someone—whether new acquaintance, old friend, or steadfast partner—is to say, “How are you?” It’s a perfectly reasonable thing to ask and considered polite protocol, but it’s not exactly the best way to engage someone on a deeper level. Not just because it’s a boring, expected question, but because it comes with a boring, expected answer: “I’m good.”

“We [often] resort to small talk because it’s socially safe, helps maintain norms, and avoids the vulnerability or discomfort that deeper conversations may bring,” says Charles Sweet, PsyD, a psychiatrist and advisor at Linear Health.

So how do we break out of this cycle? And why is doing so important, anyway? We've got answers ahead, along with a list of questions you can whip out the next time you're down to connect in a meaningful way.

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URGENT NEWS! A VERY BAD PROPOSAL FOR PELL

By Diane Auer Jones

For years I've been hearing a small group of lobbyists promote the crazy idea that Congress should increase the minimum number of credits required to qualify for full Pell Grants from 12 to 15.

Yes, I can do the math. I understand that 15 times 4 gets a theoretical community college student to program completion on time, just as 15 times 8 gets a theoretical four-year college student to the same goal. But having taught at a community college, I understand that what might make sense in theory could have devastating consequences for the very real people who are in the greatest need of federal student aid.

Requiring the average community college student to take 15 credits each semester to maintain full Pell Grant eligibility—a change included in the budget reconciliation bill passed last month by the House—likely will significantly reduce completion rates rather than increase them (as promised by those who promote the 15-credit minimum), increase the number of unnecessary and untransferable credits community college students earn beyond those required for their major, increase college costs, and prevent many low-income

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WAYS TO KEEP KIDS ENGAGED AND SAFE THIS SUMMER

By Edgar Mendez

Thousands of local youths are off from school for the summer and looking for things to do. Unfortunately, the streets are not the safest place for them to find it.

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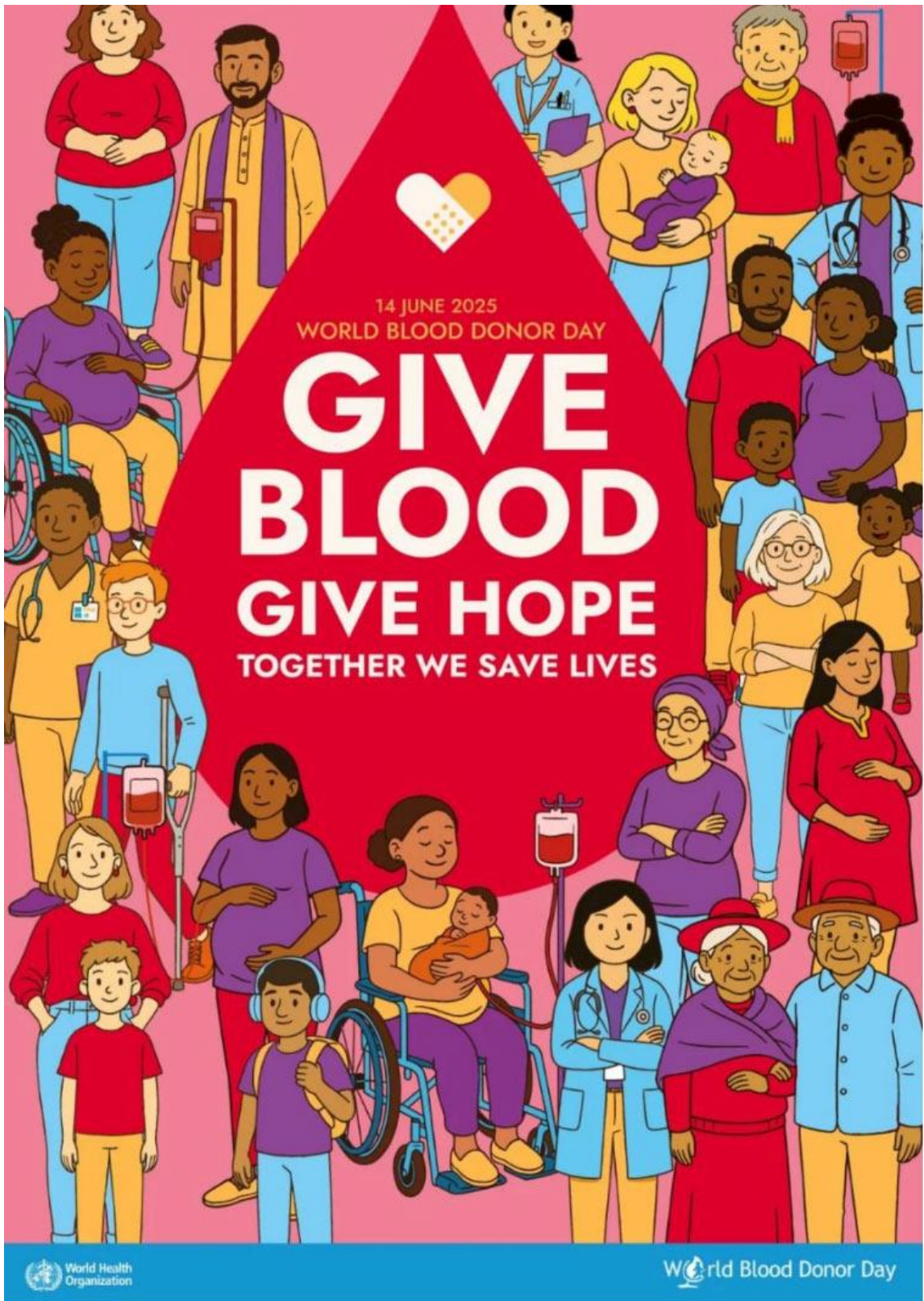


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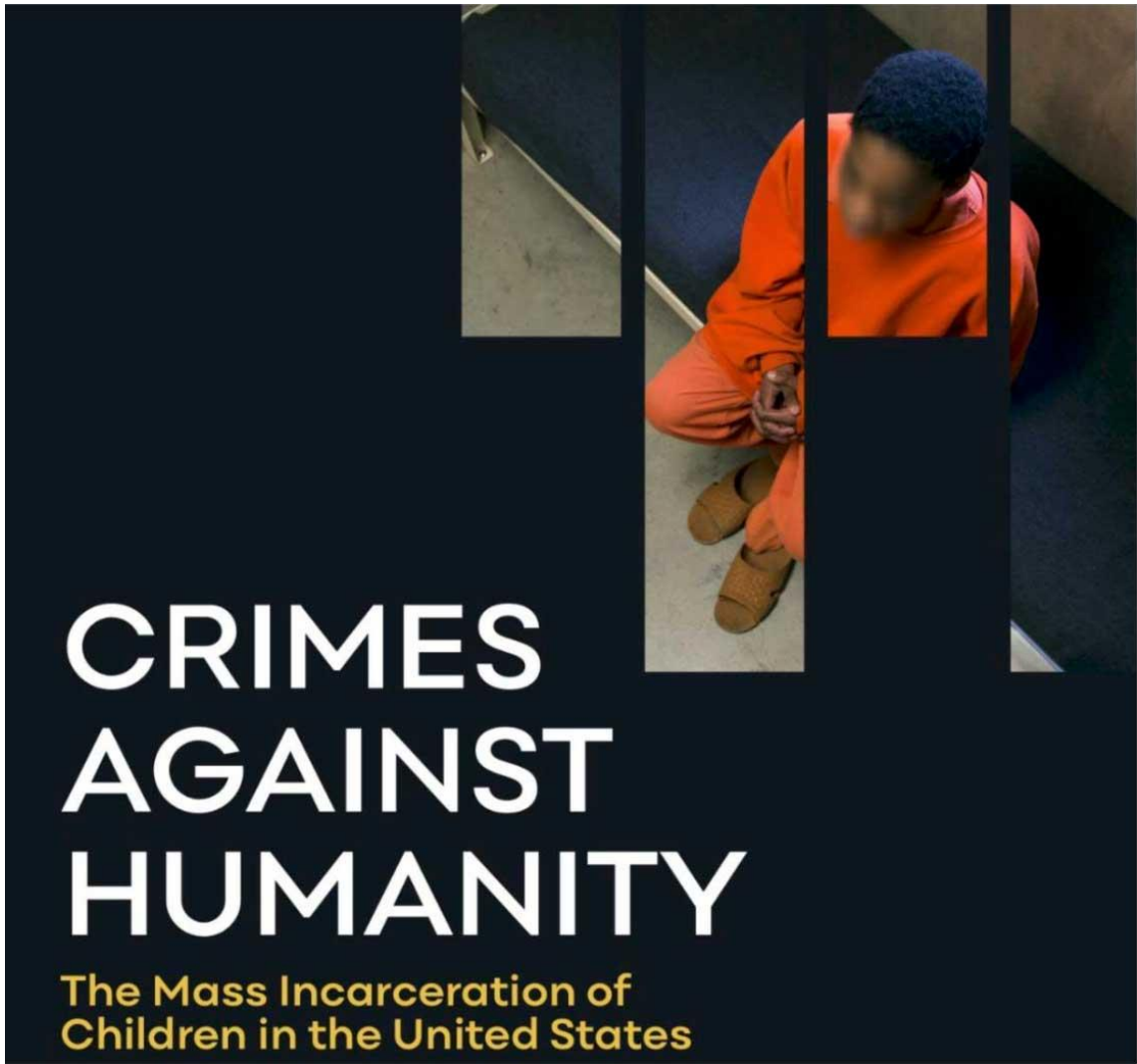
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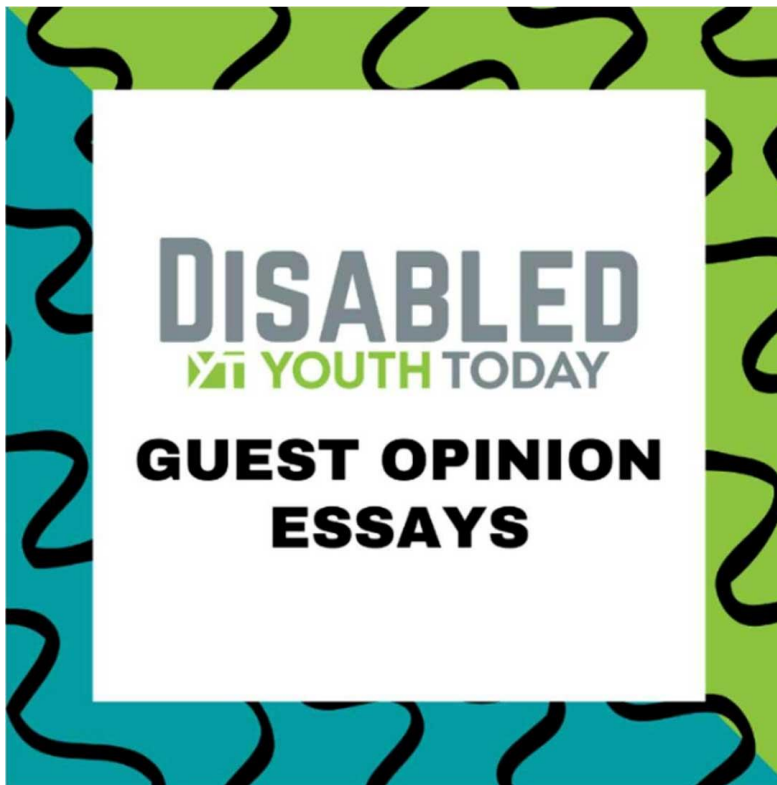


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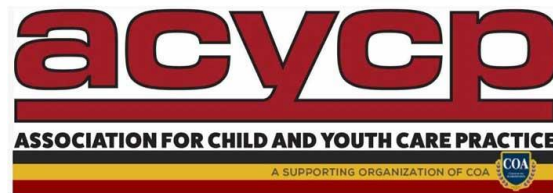
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