



July 2019

## 2018 Program Highlights: Making an Impact in Our Community

Greenleaf is excited to share that we provided vital services to over 14,000 individuals in 2018! Learn more about how we are making an impact below:

### **Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP)**

Suicide prevention presentations were provided to students in 44 schools in the Akron area. We also provided school staff and community-based trainings for adults to assist in *identifying and responding to youth in distress*. ASPP completed a record 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter with **4,428** people in total served (4,392 youth, 36 adults). For the full 2018 school year, a total of **9,787** were served (9,343 students and 444 adults). Three Greenleaf staff also attended the **Signs of Suicide (SOS)** Certified Training Institute (through a grant by Medical Mutual) to learn how to train others in implementing the SOS curriculum in their schools.

**Community Services for and of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CSD)** provides accessibility and empowerment to Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing individuals as the only program of its kind serving Summit, Portage, Medina, Wayne, and Holmes counties. We provided over **11,880 hours** of service in the areas of interpreting, case management, advocacy, summer youth programming and American Sign Language classes to over **1,000** individuals.

**Behavioral Health (BH)** counseling served an estimated **1,682** clients. Greenleaf provides *school based mental health counseling and anger management services* to children in the Coventry School District. Children are often referred by teachers and school counselors. School staff also promotes these services to parents at the school open house at the beginning of the year. In 2018, we provided services to more than **200** students enrolled in this district. Separately, we served about **500** clients in our *substance abuse program*.

**Moms and Babies First** was developed specifically to combat high *African-American infant mortality* rates in Ohio. The program mission is to provide support and community resource information, to

## Greenleaf Staff Learn About Deaf Culture and Q.P.R. Suicide Prevention

On June 13th, Greenleaf staff welcomed members from the KEYS 4 Deaf Access Program funded by the Office on Violence Against Women. The KEYS team presented on Deaf culture, Deaf identity, the prevalence of abuse in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, and communication strategies when working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing clients. Greenleaf Family Center prides itself on the services delivered to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community, not only in our Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program but also in the agency as a whole.

Our own, Daniel Bennett, taught us about Q.P.R. (Question, Persuade, Refer), the most widely utilized, evidence-based, suicide prevention gatekeeper training in the United States. Through Q.P.R. training, participants learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer hope, how to get help and how to save a life. Q.P.R. trainings have provided millions of Americans with the tools necessary to prevent suicides in those around them.

pregnant African American women living in Summit County, to ensure that moms and babies will remain healthy throughout pregnancy and delivery. Services were provided to **85** women, including **59** enrolled in WIC. Trained community healthcare workers conducted **217** postpartum home and clinic visits. Additionally, phone check-ins (**735**) were made with pregnant and postpartum women. There were **21** healthy babies born during the program year.

For more program highlights, [click here](#).



## Staff Spotlight: Samantha Taylor

**Greenleaf and Our Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program are honored to welcome Samantha (Sam) Taylor as the new Department Director.**

Sam has a Bachelor's Degree from Ohio University in Hearing, Speech, and Language and a Master's Degree from Malone University in Organizational Leadership. Most recently Sam has worked for the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center expanding the services offered there as well as obtaining CARF accreditation for the department.

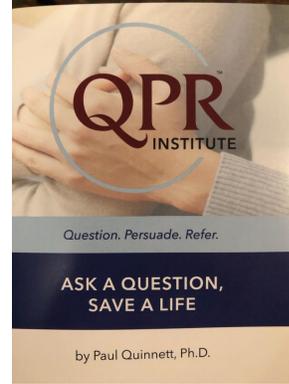
Sam's work in Cleveland included expanding programming to include vocational rehabilitation services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals, project coordination requiring certification for a Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocacy program, and pre-employment transitional youth programming.

Sam is fluent in American Sign Language and has significant grant writing experience which will help the department expand the services it is able to offer.

Sam joins a capable team of four full-time staff interpreters and an Interpreter Coordinator at Greenleaf Family Center. Sam's first day at Greenleaf was April 3, 2019.

"Serving the Deaf community is my passion. I look forward to merging my experience and my commitment to expand the services offered to the Akron area Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing community."

Sam can be reached at 330-376-9494 ext. 205, on her videophone at 234-525-6209 or via e-mail at [Tsamantha@greenleafctr.org](mailto:Tsamantha@greenleafctr.org).



## Our Appreciation:

Greenleaf is grateful to the foundations and organizations that provide funding to support our programs to benefit our community.

**The Mary S. and David C. Corbin Foundation** - to support the Adolescent Suicide Prevention Program (ASPP)

**The Portage Foundation** - to ASPP at Stanton Middle School in Kent and James A. Garfield High School in Garrettsville

**The Sisler McFawn Foundation** - to support ASPP

**Northern Ohio Golf Charities Foundation** - for parking lot repairs

**TRIAD Design4Good Pro Bono Partnership Program** - for website development

**Advocates for Kids** - to support our summer programming for deaf and hard of hearing youth in our area

**City of Akron Community Service Program** - to support our Community Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program

ASPP is supported by a grant from the **Hudson Community Foundation**

**OMNOVA Solutions Foundation** - to support services for under/uninsured students in Coventry Schools

**Tuscora Park Health and Wellness Foundation** - to support ASPP

**Peg's Foundation** - to support ASPP

**Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services** - for the

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**2020 Night at the Races  
Feb. 22, 2020**



## **Program Highlight - CRAFT**

Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT) uses an overall positive approach to help family and friends learn new techniques and solutions to help move their loved ones toward treatment and recovery. The program helps to build healthier relationships and improve overall quality of life while steering clear of conflict.

CRAFT research has shown that 7 out of 10 people who participate in the program are able to report their loved one attended treatment. If you are a concerned family member, significant other or friend whose loved one is an adult or adolescent drug or alcohol abuser, our CRAFT program has shown positive outcomes.

CRAFT therapists will help you:

- \* Learn positive communication strategies to improve the communication between you and your loved one
- \* Improve overall mood and decrease your stress levels
- \* Learn strategies that discourage your loved one from using
- \* Discuss treatment options for your loved one
- \* Learn to use new coping skills

To learn more about the program or to set up an appointment for a diagnostic assessment with our CRAFT therapist, call (330) 376-9494.

We are unwavering in our commitment to our community to continue to strengthen families! But we need the help of caring people like you to help us help others. **Your tax-deductible gift is helping to make our community healthier through our exceptional services to hundreds of families. Right here. Right Now.**

Help us by supporting our mission

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