

Realities of Child and Adolescent Mental Illness

IN THE WEST ALLIS COMMUNITY

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The West Allis West Milwaukee Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force is pleased to invite you to learn more about this issue in our community.

Wednesday,
May 1

Aurora West Allis
Medical Center
Conference Room A
8901 W. Lincoln Avenue
West Allis, WI 53227

7:30-7:45 a.m.

Registration,
Breakfast and
Welcome

7:45-9:00 a.m.

Panel Presentation
and Q&A

To reserve your spot, please RSVP to Terese Beauchamp at terese.beauchamp@aurora.org or 414-328-7521.

Adolescence is a critical period for mental, social and emotional development. Many mental health disorders first present during this period of development with approximately 20% of adolescents having a diagnosable mental health disorder. Suicide is the third leading cause of death in adolescents. Untreated mental health problems in children and teens lead to negative outcomes such as poor school performance, strained relationships, substance abuse, involvement with the juvenile justice system and engaging in risky behaviors

Purpose:

Provide an opportunity for community leaders to learn more about:

- 1) Child and adolescent mental health (both generally and specifically in our community), including prevalence, the impact of mental illness during this phase of development and long term consequences if untreated.
- 2) The challenges of accessing child and adolescent mental health services
- 3) Resources available within our community

Presenters/Panel Members:

- **Laura Sage**
*Director of Student Services,
West Allis West Milwaukee School
District*
- **Sabley Sabin**
*Lead Social Worker, West Allis
West Milwaukee School District*
- **Brian McBride**
*Director, Children's Community
Services and Wraparound Milwaukee,
Milwaukee County Behavioral Health
Division*
- **Dr. Bob DuBois**
*Co-Chair, Prevent Suicide
Greater Milwaukee
Coalition*
- **Paul Zenisek**
*Supervisor, Aurora
Behavioral Health Services*
- **Rep. Joe Sanfelippo**
*Chair of the Assembly
Committee on Health*