

Comment from: Erin Goldner
Submitted: 11/07/2017

Please consider

From Erin Goldner

A Story of Girl-

(Quoting Constantino)

A little girl
Fell in a hole
She could not get out
A friend walked and tried to help her but he couldn't get her out.
So he called for the firemen
Surely the Firemen will have a hose long enough to get her out
The firemen did not have a long enough rope
The Fire Chief yelled for the policewoman, but the police officer did not have a long enough rope.
Meanwhile, the little girl is scared and cold and it's getting dark out.
The police ran to the wisest woman in town.
Surely, She will have a rope long enough to help the girl. But it did not reach the girl.
As the little girl is shivering and feeling hopeless, she yells up to everyone who are all looking down at her with sadness
"Tie all the ropes together, then it will reach me!"
Let's learn from this little girl.

30% of our State budget is for health care.
Mental Health cost are soaring and so is our health problems.
Many health problems result from behavioral health problems.
If we can help with mental health. We can cut health care costs

We need to utilize alternative care.
Including
#1 Peer Support
Which has been difficult to bill for because it has just recently been given a code.

Other very innovative approaches using
art therapy,
Meditation

LIBRARIES!!

And to find out 2 of our Wilmington schools don't have libraries and the Eastside of Wilmington has no library and we wonder why our children can't read at grade level.
Creating safer and more nonjudgmental environments that is what Hope Street advocates for

Includes:

Trauma informed care
Alternative
Art therapy
One on one Mentoring

Please invite Hope Street to the table to help with decisions AND

Please contact Hope Street in the budget for peer support services. (PRSS)
We have many volunteers but we are stretched to the max and need funding. Consistent funding to continue our great work in helping people with substance abuse.

Go back to the story of the girl.
Please listen to the little girl at the bottom of the hole.

Please give her a chance and empower her as a leader.

People need help now and with all the insurance changes and congress issues will continue to get worse if we don't act now to stimulate the growth of people in recovery.
People in recovery can help change the world.
But they do need financing and a chance to prove themselves.

We have written a budget for a holistic center specializing in substance abuse that is family friendly.

It would only be but a small amount to help such a big problem.

Erin J. Goldner
President and Addiction Advocate
[302-559-3603](tel:302-559-3603)
eringoldner@hopestreetDE.com
www.hopestreetDE.com