Butler Community Support Program (CSP)

A.W.A.R.E. Newsletter

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CSP is a coalition of mental health consumers, family members, professionals and community members working to help adults with serious mental illnesses and co-occurring disorders live successfully in our community. CSP groups are at numerous levels—counties, regions and state. We use our combined strengths to help promote positive system changes. We work towards improving services, using advocacy, and helping to promote understanding and reducing stigma. In Butler, our CSP meets on the second Wednesday of every month, starting at 2 PM. We meet in the downstairs meeting room of the Butler Library. All are welcome!



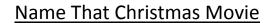
What is Butler CSP Doing in December?

We are taking a break from our usual work and having a party! Not just any party, however. We are taking a party to Torrance State Hospital, and celebrating the holidays with the Butler County folks that will be there over the holiday season. We worked with the staff at the hospital to get "wish lists" from the Butler county residents in the hospital. Thanks to a grant from Western Region Community Support Program, we are able to buy those items!

At our December 13 meeting, we will be wrapping and organizing presents, addressing cards and doing our best to represent Butler County as we spread some cheer to our friends and family at the hospital. The gifts will be delivered to Torrance State Hospital on Friday, December 15.

We hope you can join us!





- 1. "Teacher says, every time a bell rings an angel gets his wings."
- 2. "What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a bit more?"
- 3. "It's a one year membership to the Jelly of the Month Club."
- 4. "You'll shoot your eye out, kid."
- 5. "He never got his picture on bubble gum cards, did he? Have you ever seen his picture on a bubble gum card? Hmmm? How can you say someone is great who's never had his picture on a bubble gum card?"
- 6. "Uh, since the United States Government declares this man to be Santa Claus, this court will not dispute it. Case dismissed."
- 7. "Bless this highly nutritious microwavable macaroni and cheese dinner and the people who sold it on sale. Amen."
- 8. "We're your worst nightmare...elves with attitude."

Answers: 1. It's A Wonderful Life. 2. How the Grinch Stole Christmas 3. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 4. A Christmas Story 5. A Charlie Brown's Christmas 6. Miracle on 34th Street 7. Home Alone 8. The Santa Clause

What makes a good Community Support Program???

People with lived experience, family members, neighbors, business owners, service providers, faith based organizations. In short, **YOU!!!** Join us and give us your opinion on services and supports for Butler County!