**4-H Youth Development Team**

March 2016 Highlights

**Volunteer Development:**

* **Annual Volunteer & Leader Retreat** – Five adult club and project leaders attended the February 6 Retreat. We discussed the newly updated membership policy in detail and the group made many valuable suggestions about how to approach membership in the future. We also discussed topics including what adults can learn from youth, how to recruit new members, icebreakers/creating a welcoming club atmosphere, and First Generation 4-H.
* **eRecord Books Workshops** – I conducted an eRecord Books Workshop on February 7 at Garden Valley Town Hall where 3 youth and 3 parents participated. The BRF Trailblazers requested the same workshop be conducted at their club meeting, so I trained the club leader in how to lead the workshop to promote the idea of eRecord Books in the club.

**Strengthening Families:**

* **Taking Care of You** – We currently have 3 sessions of Taking Care of You running – 2 in Black River Falls and 1 in Alma Center. We also have a session scheduled to start in April, for which we’re partnering with the Wellness Connection. They will host it and promote it, and two members of our facilitation team – Luane and Alex – will teach it. On the horizon, we are doing TCY overview sessions for students at WTC and teachers in Black River Falls in the coming months, and we also have several more adults on a waiting list for our next Black River Falls class.
* **Teens Against Bullying Others** – As we are working to schedule teen leader trainings and teen lessons to younger students in both school districts, Alex and I have also been looking to the future of TABO. We met recently with Boys & Girls Club leadership to discuss their staff taking over leadership of the program next year, and they feel it’s a good fit. We’ll continue to support them and the program with grant funds and partnerships and feel strongly that their leadership will benefit both TABO and the Club.

**4-H Grows Video:** I plan to share with you a video about 4-H Youth Development in Wisconsin I created for the recent 4-H State Program Teams Meeting.

**Key Meetings:**

2/8 – TFJCK Leadership Team mtg, SOS 5.0 mtg

2/9 – Task Force for Drug-Free Communities

2/10-11 – Regional All-Colleague Conference

2/10 – Heroin/Meth/Hazmat workshop for First Responders

2/15 – 4-H Executive Board mtg

2/16 – SQUAD mtg

2/18 – Statewide Background Checks wisline

2/23 – Meeting with BRFHS CASST team

2/24 – Mentor meeting (Eau Claire)

3/7 – Staff mtg

3/8-10 – Program Area State Teams Meeting (Wausau)

**Trainings/Workshops Facilitated/Led:**

2/6 – Annual Volunteer & Leader Retreat

2/7 – Record Books Workshop

2/11, 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/10 – Strengthening Families

2/15 – Taking Care of You Inservice presentation for teachers

2/15, 2/22, 2/29, 3/7 – Taking Care of You sessions @ UWEX (Alex, Luane, & Monica)

3/1, 3/8 – Taking Care of You sessions @ Lincoln Elementary School (Alex & Monica)

2/22 – Mindfulness Partnership presentation to BRF School District Administrative Team

2/23 – HWPP Partnership Council mtg

2/24 – HCN Youth Services Family Night

2/25 – Record Book train-the-trainer mtg

3/2 – Teens Against Bullying Others mtg