

September 2019



Welcome

Brother Ryan Anderson, FSC, MA
Coordinator of Transition and Aftercare Services

Ocean Tides is pleased to welcome Brother Ryan Anderson, FSC, MA to Ocean Tides. Brother Ryan is a member of the Christian Brothers' Midwest Direct, originally from Minnesota and joins us as Coordinator of Transition and Aftercare Services. Brother Ryan was most recently on the faculty at De La Salle High School in Minneapolis and worked in campus ministry at Christian Brothers University in Memphis. Brother Ryan has an Master in Counseling from La Salle University, PA.

As Coordinator of our Transition and Aftercare Services Brother Ryan will begin working with young men and families during their time in residence, including checking on them from time to time during home passes, providing parent education programs and parent supports in conjunction with Ocean Tides Residential Social Workers, and assisting in preparing young men and families for reunification.

After reunification, in addition to providing a place for support service at Ocean Tides **Family Support Center** in Providence, which offers young men a place to go from time to time to talk or for recreational activities as well as a place for parent education programs and groups, he will assist parents in making sure they have the resources and supports they need, and assist with school registration, assist young men finding employment if needed, and other supports and attention as needed for successful transition and reunification.

Save the Date

**Ocean Tides Annual Fall Reception
and Open House**

Friday, October 25, 2019 6-9pm

Christian Brother Center Narragansett

Internships and Off Campus Employment

This spring and summer, Ocean Tides staff worked with some of our young men and local businesses to provide off campus internship and employment opportunities.

Young men received work experiences at:

Dunkin' Donuts

Belmont Market

McDonald's

Burger King

East Coast Construction

Matunuck Beach Concession

Culinary Connections

Thank you to our local business partners and vocational program staff for helping young men with these special opportunities.

Any business in the South County area interested in employing Ocean Tides students or hosting them for an internship, contact Ocean Tides at 401-789-1016.



Into the Woods.....

Building on our Experiential Education and Adventure Based Counseling program, Ocean Tides began offering regular hiking and outdoor recreation experiences this summer. This fall hiking trips will be replaced by overnight camping opportunities while Ropes Course activities, Pet Therapy-canine, and Equine Therapy programs continue to grow and integrate into our constellation of services and supports for young men.

I scream, you scream, we all scream for.....



While Ocean Tides young men spent 40 days this summer in summer school where academics were mixed with some enrichment and elective courses, they also enjoyed occasional visits from the **ice cream** truck as a break in the afternoon routine.

Touching the Hearts of Those Entrusted to Our Care..... Mentoring Program to Begin...BE A MENTOR!!

Touching the hearts of young people was the hallmark challenge of St. La Salle to the first Christian Brothers and to Lasallians today. As we look to provide the best care and support possible for our young men we believe providing mentors who work with our staff during and after placement at Ocean Tides to develop a supporting and guiding relationship will assist them in a way staff and faculty cannot and provide another support for them toward their success.

Mentors, adult role models would meet with a young man, perhaps once a month, during placement to get to know them and help them establish goals and direction for their future, and then keep in touch with them in a similar way for 6-12 months after they leave Ocean Tides residential program. Supports and guidance during those initial months back home is vital to long term success and where mentors will have an incredible impact. Ocean Tides will provide training and opportunities for mentor activities as well as work with mentors as they and their student develop common interests and support. **We hope to train our first group of mentors late this fall. Anyone interested in hearing more about our mentoring program, or interested in talking more about becoming a mentor for one of our young men, please be in touch with Ocean Tides (401-789-1016 or administrator@oceantides.org).** Your help is needed to ensure a special kind of care and support as young men create hope and opportunity for their future. Thank you for helping us with this new program.



