



REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

Our Community. Our Story

20 25



Poem

Our Mobile Crisis Service Launched That Was Even Bigger News,
Therapist, Advocates & Change Agents Stepping In To Fill Bigger Shoes,
With A Sea Full Of Hope, All Aboard The System Of Care Cruise,
We Have Thousands Of Families Filled With Hope & Our Community Filled With Faith,
Our Youth-led Initiative & Parent Support Partners Creating Change Every Day,
Working Hard To Fill Our Community Plates, Painting Dreams Along The Way,
We Continue To Grow Our Community, Our Children Get To Dance, Laugh, Sing & Play,
Our Committed Stakeholders, Partners, & Staff Helping To Make Things Great,
Prioritizing Health & Education There Are Many Ways We Integrate,
Creating A Community That Is Safe & A Future That Is Great,
It's Time To Get Out Your Pens For The Successful Stories We Continue To Create,
This is Our Community & Our Story

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Letter to Stakeholders

On behalf of the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network Board of Directors, our more than 800 dedicated team members, and our diverse network of providers, we would like to express our gratitude for your continued support as we share our story and serve our community. It is a humbling honor to lead an organization committed to creating positive change in the lives of children, families, and individuals across Detroit and Wayne County.

In 2025, we continued to build upon a strong foundation while remaining focused on our mission. DWIHN remains steadfast in advancing our System of Care and expanding access to high-quality, person-centered services.

In its first year, our Crisis Care Center reached a significant milestone supporting more than 2,380 individuals during some of the most challenging moments of their lives. The Center's second floor is fully dedicated to children in crisis and provides critical support to their caregivers throughout the process.

Through our Juvenile Restorative Program, we've helped youth successfully transition back into the community and engage in meaningful, positive activities. This past year, 95% of participating youth completed probation an achievement that reflects the power of supportive, restorative approaches.

We also celebrated significant progress on the 7-Mile Behavioral Health Wellness Campus. The project reached its midpoint with a topping-out ceremony in September, marking another step toward delivering comprehensive mental and physical health services in Detroit and the surrounding region.

Our commitment to elevating voices of youth remains stronger than ever. Our Mental Health Youth Council is in its second year, giving high school students a platform to share ideas on improving behavioral health services for young people. And we are in our third year offering scholarships through our Mental Health Youth Ambassador Scholarship, helping to power their possibility and potential.

We pledge to continue exploring innovative partnerships with providers to engage parents in meaningful, courageous conversations about youth mental health.

We have made significant strides for our children, and we look toward to the coming year with an unwavering commitment to our provider network, our stakeholders, and the vulnerable individuals and families who depend on us.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you, I look forward to all the great things ahead in 2026!

James White

President & Chief Executive Officer

Letter to Stakeholders



Dear Valued Community Partners and Stakeholders,

As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the future, we are reminded every achievement, every challenge, and every step forward begins with one simple truth: *we are stronger together*. The theme “*Our Community, Our Story*” captures not only our shared journey but also the spirit that drives everything we do.

Our community is built on people—on your trust, your partnership, and your commitment. Each of you plays a vital role in shaping our story. Whether you are a partner, supporter, employee, volunteer, or advocate, your contributions have helped us grow and serve with purpose. Together, we have transformed ideas into action and challenges into opportunities.

Over the past year, we have made meaningful progress and instituted NEW programs and services:

- **118 Wayne County professionals** trained in the MichiCANS Screener and Comprehensive assessment
- Providers trained in the **Intensive Care Coordination Wrap Around (ICCW) model**
- Pediatric Integrated Health pilot program to service pregnant mothers in **6 OBGYN clinics** in Wayne County and connect to Infant Mental Health services
- **Expansion of Providers** to deliver Strengthening Families and Multisystemic Therapy evidenced based practices to support high risk youth
- Youth United hosted the initial Leadership Academy and **trained adolescents** on leadership skills, Narcan training, and youth successfully received the Youth Advocate Certification

Looking forward, we are committed to building on this momentum. Our focus remains on deepening community connections, fostering innovation, and ensuring that every voice has a place in our shared narrative. This story—our story—continues to be written every day through collaboration, compassion, and courage.

On behalf of DWIHN Children Initiative, thank you for being part of our journey. Your engagement and belief in our mission make all the difference. Together, we will continue to write the next chapter of Our Community, Our Story—one defined by unity, purpose, and hope.

With gratitude and commitment,

Cassandra Phipps, LPC, LLP, CAADC
Director of Children's Initiative

Agenda

8:30AM	Registration and Refreshments
9:15AM	Emcees
9:30AM	Opening Remarks - James White, DWIHN President/CEO
9:40AM	System of Care Accomplishments - Cassandra Phipps, Director of Children's Initiatives
9:55AM	MDHHS Remarks - Patricia Neitman
10:00AM	Keynote Speaker - Andrew Griffin

STORY

10:30AM	Awards - Dr. LaTonya Shelton and Trinilda Johnson
10:45AM	Parent Presentation
11:00AM	Youth Presentation
11:15AM	Recognition of Human Services Collaborative Committee & Recognition of Cross System Management Committee
11:30AM	Closing Remarks

Keynote Speaker

Andrew Griffin is a husband, father of four beautiful daughters, a musician, and motivational speaker who is no stranger to hardship. Having dealt with low confidence, low self-esteem, an inability to read and write as a young adult, health issues and financial problems, he immersed himself in how own professional development. Through his growth and improvement, he realized he was called and capable of reaching others.

Andrew's calling ignited a passion that compels him to help people, but most of all, the youth of today quash all manner of negative perception (fear of failure, peer pressure, depression, focus and clarity, etc.) so that they can realize their worth and then begin to see their desires manifesting in the real world.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Seal of the State of Michigan
- Resolution for Outstanding Community Service - Detroit City Council
- Community Service Certificate for Outstanding Community Service - Wayne County Commission
- Spirit of Detroit Award - Detroit City Council
- Community Service Award - Detroit Urban League



Connections History Highlights

1990s

The State of Michigan allocates CASSP grant funds to begin coordinating a System of Care (SOC) approach. In 1992, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) launches a competitive grant program to translate the system of care concept into systems reforms and concrete services to benefit children, youth and families.

1980s

In 1984 Congress appropriates funds for the Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CASSP) moving states toward a system of care philosophy – laying the foundation for supports and services today.

2010s

Family Alliance for Change (FAFC) was formed to advise Connections leadership, support parents, and advocate for children, while the Parent and Youth Advisory Council was formed to elevate family and youth voices. In partnership with the Ruth Ellis Center, Connections is improving access to culturally competent services for unique persons. The implementation of the Crossover Youth Practice Model has expanded resources for youth involved in both the Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare systems. Connections' begins building a trauma informed system. The School-Based Mental Health Initiative was launched. The Autism Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Benefit was moved under the Children's Initiatives umbrella to strengthen the continuum of care in Wayne County. To better coordinate care, Utilization Management (UM) Service Guidelines were developed and shared system-wide. Services for children and youth with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities have also been integrated into the System of Care. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, telehealth services were implemented to maintain and improve access to care.

2000s

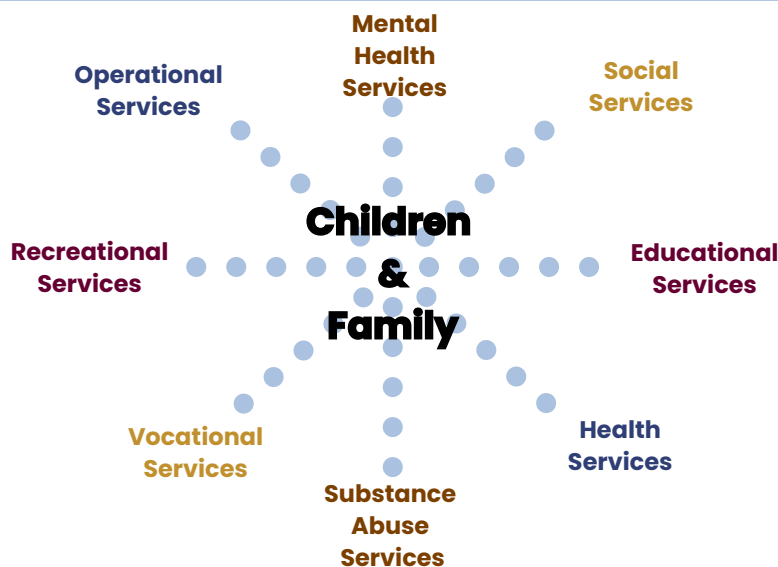
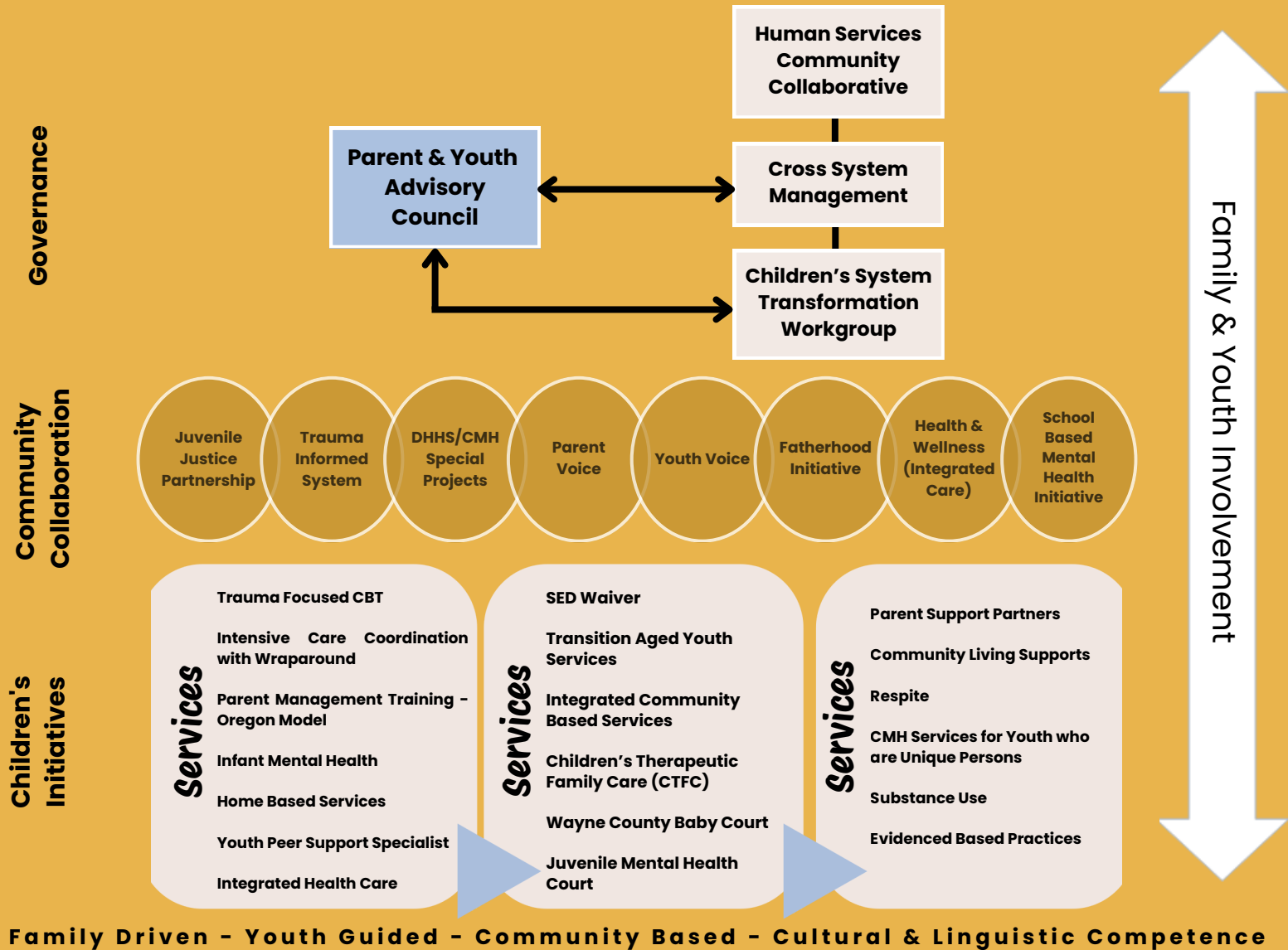
DWIHN develops the Children's Initiatives. In 2003 "Youth United" is created. In 2009 The Human Services Community Collaborative (HSCC) is assembled to provide a framework for SOC activities and sustainability. Wayne County Systems of Care is renamed Connections.

2020s

Implemented a value-based incentive for the children providers achieving performance indicators. The Integrated Biopsychosocial Assessment was revised to include sexual orientation and gender identity and expression (SOGIE), along with training for providers across the network. Service capacity was expanded to meet increasing needs, including enhanced IDD Wraparound services, autism services, home-based and waiver services, and school-based prevention programs. DWIHN and Children's providers also participated in a pilot program that connected children in the child welfare system—who received trauma screenings—to appropriate community mental health services. Clinicians took part in the first CE-CERT (Components for Enhancing Clinical Experience and Reducing Trauma) evidence-based practice cohort. Partnered with Detroit Chempreneurist to teach entrepreneurship skills to K-12 youth. Launched the MichiCANS screening and assessment tool and expanded evidenced based practices to support high risk youth (Strengthening Families and Multisystemic Therapy)

Connections - System of Care Overview

System of Care is an approach to services that recognizes the importance of family, school and community, and seeks to promote the full potential of every child and youth by addressing their physical, emotional, intellectual, cultural and social needs.



COMMUNITY-BASED

Services that are delivered in the community in which the youth and family identify as their place of belonging and feel that their relationships are centered around individualized needs.

CULTURALLY & LINGUISTICALLY COMPETENT

A workforce that reflects competencies in racial, ethnic, gender, socio-economic status, linguistic and age. This trained workforce allows system, agency and professionals to come together and enable effective work to be done while serving children, youth and families.

VALUES DRIVEN & YOUTH GUIDED

This belief ensures that each youth and family voice is heard in all aspects of service delivery and directs care/services for their unique family.

Structure and Governance

HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE (HSCC)

Human Services Community Collaborative (HSCC) is a body of leaders working together to establish and maintain a barrier free continuum of services for children and their families. As the governing body for Wayne County's Connections System of Care, membership includes representatives from law enforcement, education, community mental health, substance use, child welfare, juvenile justice, public health and court systems. Guided by the vision of enriching lives through collaboration, the HSCC works to identify concerns and initiates action to support children and their families on their paths to success and wellness.

CROSS SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (CSM)

Cross Systems Management is a subcommittee comprised of leaders of the system of care partners charged to operationalize system changes within their organization through policy and process development. The team works to: 1. Make policy and practice recommendations to the Human Service Community Collaborative and/or State-level stakeholders; 2. Determine the strategic direction of Connections; and 3. Remove system-level barriers in policy, practice, or non-statutory definitions that impede cross-systems service delivery for Wayne County families.

CHILDREN'S SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION (CST)

Children's System Transformation (CST) is a subcommittee of key children's service leaders who assist in defining operational issues, workforce development activities and advising the Director of Children's Initiatives. This action oriented team focuses on sustaining and expanding the Evidence-Based/Promising Practices of Wayne County Children's Initiatives and on ensuring availability and access to a board array of quality holistic services to the whole youth-behavioral, emotional, physical, social and spiritual.

System of Care Committees:

Children's Outpatient Meeting
Children's Practice Standards Committee
Crossover Youth Practice Model Implementation Team
Department of Health and Human Services Special Projects Committee
Early Childhood Task Force
Fatherhood Initiative
Great Start Collaborative
Home Based Task Force
Intensive Care Coordination Wrap Around (ICCW) Project Team
Infant & Early Childhood Active Community Team
Juvenile Justice Partnership
Parent Involvement Advisory Council
Trauma Leadership Committee
Transition Age Youth Leadership Committee
Wayne County Youth Involvement Committee

Partnerships

SYSTEM PARTNERS

DETROIT WAYNE INTEGRATED HEALTH NETWORK (DWIHN)
DETROIT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROMOTION
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ALLIANCE
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF MICHIGAN
WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE AND YOUTH SERVICES
WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICE AGENCY

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

ALTERNATIVE FOR GIRLS
ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH
BLACK CAUCUS FOUNDATION OF MICHIGAN
BRILLIANT DETROIT
CALEB'S KIDS
CHILD'S HOPE
COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION (GOAL LINE)
DETROIT FIRE DEPARTMENT
DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT
DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT
ENCOURAGE ME, I'M YOUNG
FAMILY ALLIANCE FOR CHANGE
HOMELESS ACTION NETWORK OF DETROIT (HAND)
KID'S HEALTH CONNECTIONS
MICHIGAN ALLIANCE FOR FAMILIES
MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH
MICHIGAN DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES INSTITUTE
SER METRO
SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN PERINATAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COALITION (SEMPQIC)
VISTA MARIA
YOUTH MOVE NATIONAL
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
WAYNE RESA
WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY

SERVICE PROVIDERS

ACORN HEALTH OF MICHIGAN, LLC
ADVANCED ABA CARE
ATTENDANT CARE AUTISM SERVICES
ALL WELL BEING SERVICES
AMERICA'S COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ARAB COMMUNITY CENTER FOR ECONOMIC & SOCIAL SERVICES
ASSURED FAMILY SERVICES
ATTENDANT CARE AUTISM SERVICES
AUTISM SPECTRUM THERAPIES OF MICHIGAN
BEHAVIORAL FRONTIERS
BRIDGEWAY SERVICES, INC.
CARE FIRST COMMUNITY HEALTH
CARE OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN
CCMO CENTER FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES
CENTERS FOR FAMILY DEVELOPMENT
CENTRIA HEALTHCARE
CHANCE FOR LIFE
CHANGING LIVES AND STAYING SOBER
CLINIC FOR CHILD STUDY
COMMUNITY EDUCATION COMMISSION
COMMUNITY LIVING SERVICES
CNS HEALTHCARE
DETROIT ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ORGANIZATIONS
DETROIT RECOVERY PROJECT
DEVELOPMENT CENTERS (MISIDE)
DWIHN OUTPATIENT CLINIC
EASTERSEALS MORC
EMAGINE HEALTH SERVICES, LLC
EMPOWERMENT ZONE COALITION, INC.
GATEWAY PEDIATRIC THERAPY
GENERATIONS WELLNESS
GESHER
GROWTH WORKS
HEALTHCALL OF DETROIT
HEGIRA HEALTH, INC.
ILLUMINATE ABA SERVICES, LLC
INSIGHT YOUTH AND FAMILY CONNECTIONS
IOA, LLC
JUDSON CENTER
KIDS-TALK CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER
LEADERS ADVANCING AND HELPING COMMUNITIES
LINCOLN BEHAVIORAL SERVICES
LIVONIA SAVE OUR YOUTH COALITION
LUMEN PEDIATRIC THERAPY, LLC
MARINERS INN
MERAKEY INC.
METRO EHS PEDIATRIC THERAPY
MICHIGAN INNOVATIONS IN CARE COORDINATION
MICHIGAN INFANT MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM & DRUG DEPENDENCE
NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES ORGANIZATION
NEW OAKLAND FAMILY SERVICES
OPEN DOOR LIVING ASSOCIATION, INC.
PATTERNS BEHAVIORAL SERVICES MICHIGAN INC.
PEAK AUTISM CENTER
PIAST INSTITUTE/HAMTRAMCK DRUG FREE COMMUNITY COALITION
POSITIVE BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS CORPORATION
POSITIVE IMAGES
PSYGENICS INC.
RUTH ELLIS CENTER
SOCIAL CARE ADMINISTRATORS
SOUTHWEST COUNSELING SOLUTIONS (MISIDE)
SPECTRUM CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES
SPROUT EVALUATION CENTER
STARFISH FAMILY SERVICES
STRATEGIES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES AND AVOID RECIDIVISM TAYLOR
STRIDENT HEALTHCARE
TEEN HEALTH CENTER
THE CENTER OF WELLNESS
THE CHILDREN'S CENTER
THE GUIDANCE CENTER
THE YOUTH CONNECTION
TEAM WELLNESS
TOTAL SPECTRUM
VITAL HEALTH
WAYNE CENTER
WESTERN WAYNE CMO
ZELEXA, LLC

Children and Youth Served

The Children’s System of Care has received Block Grant funding for the 19th year in a row, in the amount of \$1.04 million from the State of Michigan. Funds are used for specialty positions, programs designed to focus on system change, special projects, evaluation, advocating for parent and youth voice, and development of the workforce that serves children, youth and their families in Wayne County.

Connections’ Goals

- 1. Increase access to services
- 2. Improve quality of services
- 3. Increase youth and parent voice
- 4. Improve quality of workforce

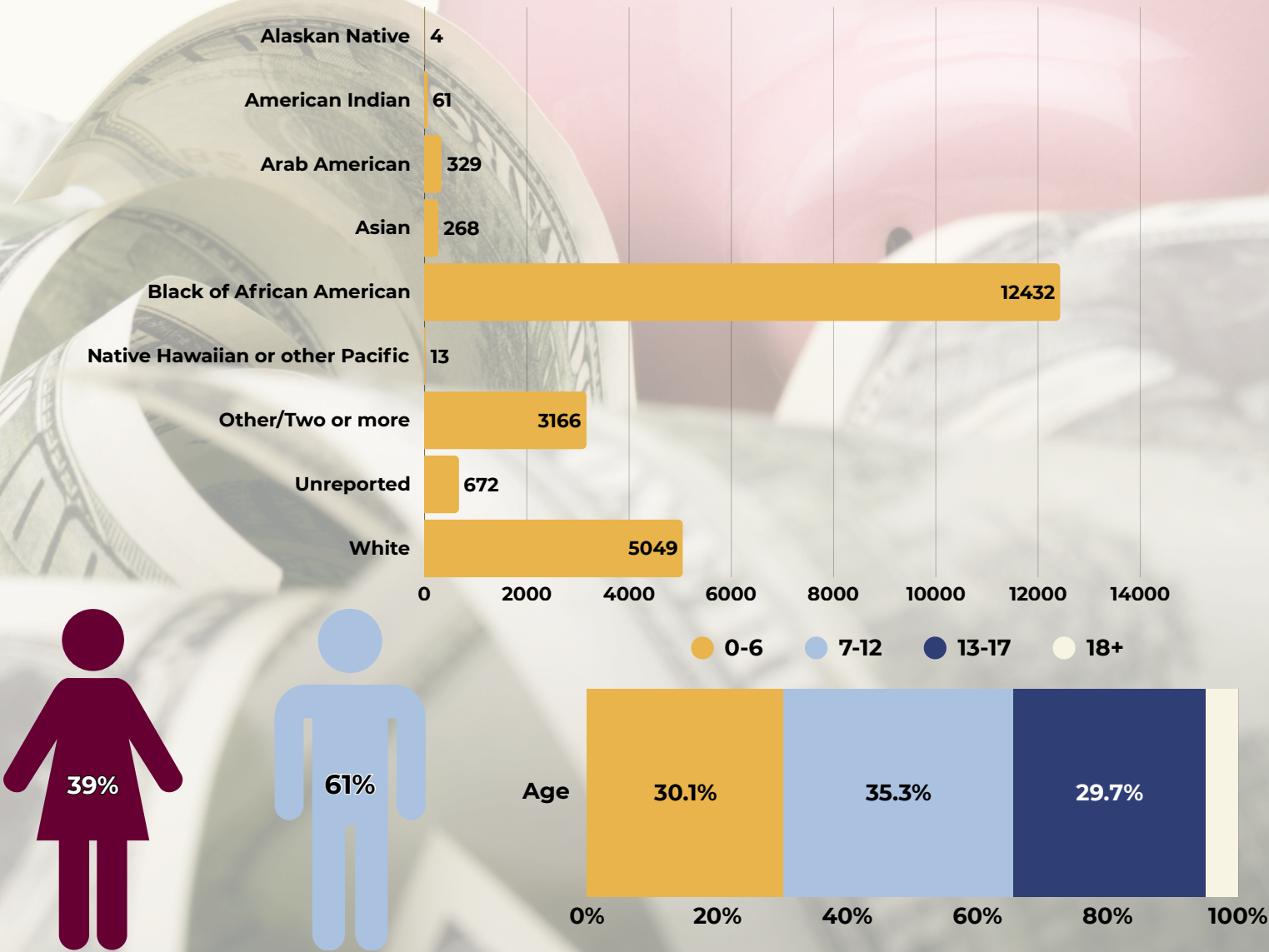
20, 799 Children, Youth, and Families Served

11,204 Children Aged 0-21st Birthday with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Served by 17 SED Provider Agencies

9,575 Children Aged 0-21st Birthday with an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability (I/DD)

Served by 17 I/DD Provider Agencies



Youth and Family Involvement

Youth Involvement is a system approach designed to promote meaningful youth participation in all aspects of System Of Care. Decision making should start within a youth's personal treatment. Over time, youth leaders can advance to actively participating in agency activities, sitting on committees, and providing feedback for new and/or existing policies and programs. Youth involvement is simply a group of young people coming together to make a difference on various topics.

MEET AND GREET

On December 13, 2024, there was a Meet and Greet Bowling event at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park
15 participants

On March 26, 2025, Youth Move Detroit facilitated a Meet and Greet at The Children's Center in Detroit
37 participants

On June 5, 2025, Youth Move Detroit facilitated a Meet and Greet in partnership with Detroit PALs at the Corner Ball Park in Detroit
33 participants

On July 18, 2025, Field Day with Cass Community Social Services
Over 200 participants



YOUTH MOVE DETROIT MEETINGS

6 PART SERIES

October 11, 2024 - General Meeting

June 25, 2025 - Self Care Workshop
15 participants

February 26, 2025 - Youth Move Detroit
Vision Board Meeting
16 participants

August 25, 2025 - Movie Night
34 participants

April 23, 2025 - Youth Move Detroit Art
Therapy workshop
6 participants

September 23, 2025 - Youth Move
Ambassadors meeting
7 participants



Youth and Family Involvement



BREAKING DOWN STIGMA TRAININGS

Each training discussed stigma and mental health, including its definitions, history, and types. It also examined how adults stigmatize youth, explored factors contributing to stigma in young adults, and outlined strategies to reduce it. Additionally, it covered suicide risk warning signs, common myths, and available prevention resources.

November 14, 2024
28 participants

January 8, 2025
34 participants

January 29, 2025
34 participants

February 25, 2025
11 participants

June 26, 2025
11 participants

July 30, 2025
12 participants



FOCUS GROUPS

Each focus group discussed current youth issues and potential solutions, identifying gun violence, peer pressure, social media influence, anxiety, depression, and communication challenges with parents as key concerns. They expressed interest in learning about setting boundaries, public speaking, interviewing, money management, and work-life balance. Participants received community resources such as Michigan 211 and Youth United social media links to stay engaged. The following focus groups took place:

October 24, 2024
11 participants

March 17, 2025
19 participants

September 11, 2025
19 participants



Youth and Family Involvement

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

The Children's Mental Health Awareness Summit took place at the Lansing Center. The theme was, "Great Change from the Great Lakes: Driving the Revolution for Youth Mental Wellness," which reflects a shared commitment to fostering transformative change in youth mental health across Michigan. The intent was to bring together students, educators, mental health professionals, and community leaders to address critical mental health challenges and empower young people to become advocates for change. The keynote was a panel discussion among several youth and community stakeholders including Jarrel Farley (student of Romulus High School and founder of Wisdom Minds), Natalia Cuthrell (Northwest Region Youth Advocate), and Robert Pettaway (Parent Support Partner of Black Family Development). The discussion surrounded actionable solutions for creating awareness of youth mental health in various settings

May 21, 2025 - 120 participants

TAY FORUM

The theme for this event was "Dream Big, Hustle Hard: Your Blueprint to Navigating Success. The event feature Keynote speaker, Dr. Eddie Connor. It also included youth-led presentations that provided authentic perspectives on mental health, as well as a goal-setting workshop designed to help participants apply what they learned and develop actionable steps for personal growth and advocacy
August 11, 2025 - 40 participants

HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR

The event featured 32 vendor organizations, including the FBI Detroit, Wayne Mobile Health Unit, Molina Healthcare, and Blue Cross Complete. Activities included youth arts and crafts ("star jars") and free refreshments such as Italian ice, donuts, and hot dogs
August 7, 2025 - 125 participants

TEEN EMPOWERMENT SUMMIT

This event was in collaboration with MDHHS where Youth United hosted a resource table
August 19, 2025 - 40 participants



Youth United Events

**July 12, 2025
80 participants**

**BBQ style with field games, mental health activities,
DJ and keynote by Bethany Boik**

**STIGMA
BUSTING BBQ**

**YOUTH UNITED
LEADERSHIP ACADEMY**

**July 21, 2025 – July 31, 2025
12 participants**

**Certified youth advocates
Narcan trained
Public Speaking skills
Basic Microsoft skills**

**Facilitated group presentations at the Transitional Age Youth
Forum**

**Attendees received \$500 stipends and a laptop upon completion
of the academy and group presentations**

September 18, 2025 at Stefan's Banquet Hall

**This event highlights the accomplishments of the youth leaders. System of
Care partners nominated youth in the following categories:**

**Advocacy Award: April Cardinal
Youth Peer Support Specialist Award: Johnnie Salazar
Youth Advocate Award: Jennifer Rosas-Zapatas
Change Maker Award: Kenlee Morris
Leadership Award: Dakari Gray
Perseverance Award: Sebastian Orr-Givens
Volunteerism Award: George Latham IV
Adult Youth Champion Award: Tajaa Goshay**

**YOUTH SPOTLIGHT
AWARDS**



Courageous Conversations



"Let's Talk Gun Violence"

There was a panel discussion with the following: Sargent Bryant George of the Detroit Police Department, Coach George Ward and Bishop Darryl Harris both from CeaseFire Detroit, KJ Branch, Youth United Advocate and Adell W. sister of the late Rayshawn Bryant who was a victim of the September 15, 2024 eastern market shooting

November 6, 2024 - 37 participants

"Let's Talk Human Trafficking and Youth"

Shevonne Woodson and Candice Woods, both from Alternative for Girls in Detroit, facilitated this presentation. They defined human trafficking, talked about how traffickers target youth, identified the signs of a person being trafficked, discussed why a youth does not leave his/her trafficker and shared statistics

January 29, 2025 - 32 participants

"Healthy Boundaries"

The topic focused on and lead by Youth Involvement Specialist, Bianca Miles. The presentation covered what are boundaries, how to set boundaries, the barriers to setting boundaries and how to respond when setting those boundaries.

September 22, 2025 - 5 participants



Family Alliance for Change

Family Alliance for Change (FAFC) is a parent driven, peer-to-peer service with the objectives of supporting, educating and empowering parents with special needs children to meet their family's goals. FAFC provides a family/youth friendly atmosphere where family support, advocacy, referrals, resources and education are offered to all Wayne County families

PSP OUTREACH EVENTS

SANTA DAY

Attendees engaged in face painting, arts and crafts and cookie decorations. There was a bounce house and other inflatables. There was a live disc jockey playing holiday music, and photos with Santa were taken by many of the attendees
December 14, 2024 – 378 participants

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

This event was well attended by the community. The event included 11 vendor tables, arts and crafts activity provided by Youth United, food, inflatables, a 'choo-choo' train, and free immunizations for the youth
August 15, 2025 – 1,372 participants



PARENT FORUMS

"Co-Parenting: How Communication Can Build Better Relationships"

There was a panel discussion, and the panelists were Luz Zuniga, Infant Mental Health Specialist from MiSide (formally Southwest Counselling Solutions), Anthony Graham, Juvenile Justice Outreach Worker from MiSide (formally Southwest Counselling Solutions), Danyelle Orr McNeil, Parent Support Partner from Assured Family Services, Julene Sims, Parent Support Partner from MiSide (formally Southwest Counselling Solutions), Dylan Price, Peer Recovery Coach from MiSide (formally Development Centers), Robert Pettaway, Parent Support Partner from Black Family Development, Inc. and Phillip Shannon, Mentor from Friends of the Children Detroit
December 17, 2024

"Parental Responsibility-How Your Child's Actions Affect You Legally",

There was a discussion among Lynda McGhee, Co-Executive Director of the Michigan Children's Law Center, Johanna Huss Jackson, Multisystemic Therapy (MST) Supervisor at MiSide (formally Southwest Counseling Solutions) and Katrina Tinsley Woodruff, Training Program Manager from Children Protective Services
March 11, 2025

Trauma: How It Impacts the Brain and Presents in Behavior"

Melissa Panter from The Guidance Center talked about how trauma contributes to youth behaviors as a result of trauma symptoms. Various professionals and parents participated on a panel discussion.
June 10, 2025

Fatherhood Initiative

The Wayne County Fatherhood Initiative Committee was created to work on increasing community engagement, awareness, outreach and activities for fathers.

PARENT FORUM

The forum, titled "Co-Parenting: How Communication Can Build Better Relationships," featured a panel discussion on effective communication and collaboration between parents. Panelists represented several partner agencies, including MiSide, Assured Family Services, Black Family Development, Inc., and Friends of the Children Detroit, sharing strategies to strengthen co-parenting relationships and support family well-being.

December 17, 2024

"DADS AND DONUTS"

At this event, Calvin Mann from Encourage Me I'm Young spoke on the importance of today's fathers and male caregivers being present in their family and being a positive role model for children and youth. Then Gerald Edwards from COTS talked about the importance of creating partnerships with fatherhood organizations and the value of expanding outreach to fathers and male caregivers in need of support. Finally Elder Johnathan M. Wynne from St. Paul Tabernacle Church shared his personal experience being a father of 3 and how this led to him working with father's and male caregivers in the community

November 2, 2024 - 100 participants

MARCH DADNESS

The purpose of this event was to inform individuals about the Wayne County Fatherhood Initiative and other services in Wayne County. College basketball games were streamed onto large screens. There also was refreshments and sport themed games. There were resource tables from Detroit Public School Community District, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Fathers Justice Law, Conan Garden Dental, DTE Community Outreach, UIA Community Connect, Wayne County Mobile Health Unit, The Order of the Fishermen Ministry Head Start, Detroit at Work, Parent Support Partners and Youth United

March 20, 2025 - 45 participants

13TH ANNUAL FATHERHOOD FORUM

This year's theme was "Reclaiming Fatherhood".

Opening remarks were provided by Desiree Jennings, President & CEO of The Children's Center and James White, President & CEO of DWIHN. Keynote presentation was provided by Heaster Wheeler, former Assistant Secretary of State of Michigan. The event included various workshops and there were 15 resource tables

June 26, 2025 - 116 participants



Fatherhood Initiative Podcasts

PODCASTS

November 19, 2024, the Fatherhood Initiative Coordinator hosted a podcast with Jerry Grayson from 2 Times Focus titled, "After the Vote: How Are Father's Impacted". They discussed how the election both in Michigan and across the County may impact mental health services, especially from a male giver perspective

18 – viewers via Facebook and YouTube

On February 28, 2025, the Fatherhood Initiative Coordinator hosted a podcast with Jermaine Wyrick, lawyer and founder of Fathers for Justice Law. He discussed grandparents' visitation rights and other legal matters for grandparents raising grandchildren

20 – viewers via Facebook and YouTube

On August 28, 2025, the Fatherhood Initiative Coordinator hosted a podcast with Jamal Joseph (former Black Panther & Liberation Army), Robert Earl "Kinetik" Council (Free Alabama Movement), and Too Black (Black Liberation Media) titled, "What is Our Role in the Prison Movement". They discussed the theme of mass incarceration, political prisoner campaigns, and the long, ongoing struggle of the prison movement

20 – viewers via Zoom



www.facebook.com/DetroitFatherhood
243 Followers



The Fatherhood Connections Group
www.facebook.com/groups/letstalkaboutfathers/ 90 Members



Fatherhood Initiative's
Instagram 86 followers

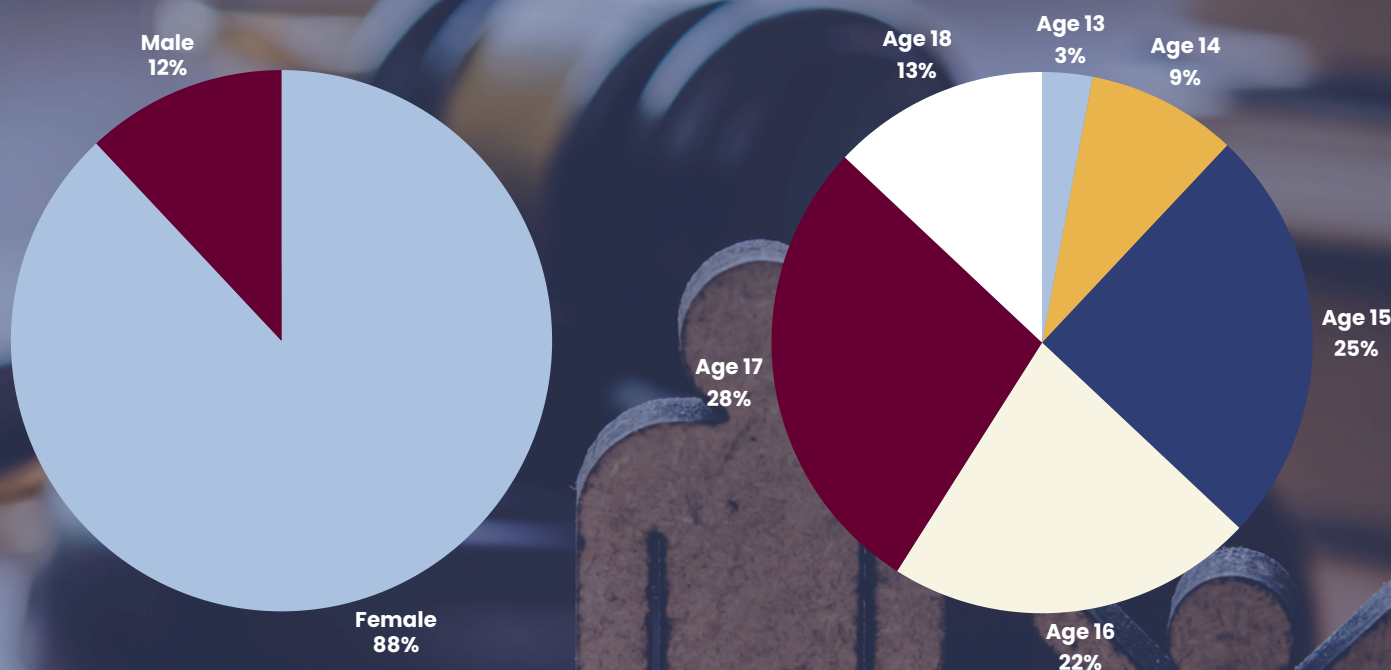


Fatherhood Initiative's
X (Twitter) 98 followers



Juvenile Restorative Program

Team Wellness launched the Juvenile Restorative Program (JRP) July 2023. JRP is a short-term 3-to-6-month program that includes a comprehensive array of services including therapeutic services (individual, group, and family), care management, peer supports, educational services, skill building services, meals and transportation to all members.



HIGHLIGHTS

During, FY25 there were **73 youth** on probation connected to community mental health services and out of the total **32 of the youth** were referred to JRP and participated in the program

- **Discharges:** 19 out of 20 youth successfully discharged from the program and completed probation (95%)
- **Patient Health Questionnaire Adolescents (PHQA):** 75% of the youth PHQA score remained below a total score of 10
- **Community Inclusion:** Youth engaged in positive activities in the community successfully (homecoming dance, holiday parties, Youth United Events: Leadership Academy and Mario Karts Social Emotional Learning Activity)
- **Crisis/Hospitalizations:** 100% of the youth avoided crisis screenings and hospitalizations
- **Juvenile Detention Facility:** 100% of the youth avoided returning back to JDF

Integrated Community Based Services

This is an integrated approach to services for multi-system involved youth. It provides a variety of services designed to intervene with supportive mental health services when youth are having problems coping, dealing with traumatic, stressful events; behavioral problems and experiencing mental illness symptoms.

CMH ELIGIBLE PROBATION LEVEL ONE YOUTH

CMO Agencies	SED	DD	SMI
CCMO	86%	1%	9%
Insight Youth & Family	83%	2%	10%
Western Wayne	83%	2%	11%
Bridgeway	88%	1%	7%

A total of **466 youth** on probation for FY 25

PROBATION LEVEL 1 AND 1.5 - CMH LINKED

ICBS INVOLVED YOUTH

CMH LINKAGE FOR YOUTH

Central Care Management Organization: 57%

InSight Youth & Family: 55%

Western Wayne 73%

BridgeWay: 78%

ICBS Eligibility Criteria:

Wayne County Resident
adjudicated in the Juvenile
Justice System
Medicaid Eligibility
Diagnosed with a disability
designation of SED, IDD, or SMI
Ages 6-21 years



Children's Therapeutic Foster Care

An evidence-based practice developed as a community alternative to hospital, residential, and other inpatient treatments for children with significant emotional and behavioral challenges. CTFC offers intensive, behaviorally focused, and data-driven clinical treatment in a non-restrictive setting.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Guidance Center completed 24 licensing orientations. TFCO had 7 families begin the licensing process, and complete applications. TFCO licensed 3 homes in FY 2024-2025. The Guidance Center had 6 licensed homes total in FY 2024-2025. TFCO parents attended weekly parent meetings, to learn about the model and their roles as Therapeutic Parents. The Guidance Center closed 2 licensed homes in FY 2024-2025.

RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

TFCO attended 55 community events to recruit Therapeutic Parents. TFCO was interviewed by "It's a Grand Life" Podcast and KiwaniTalk Show. TFCO held monthly fundraisers with local restaurants and continued to post on Indeed.com. The Guidance Center created a promotional video to help recruit Therapeutic Parents.

OUTCOMES

The Guidance Center served 2 youth in TFCO during FY 2024-2025. The Guidance Center placed 1 youth during FY 2024-2025. The Guidance Center had 1 youth successfully graduate in FY 2024-2025.

Serious Emotional Disturbance Waiver

The SEDW enables Medicaid to fund necessary home and community-based services for beneficiaries up to age 21 with SED who meet the criteria for admission to a state inpatient psychiatric hospital and/or who are at risk of hospitalization without waiver services. Beneficiaries may be connected to child welfare, juvenile justice, adopted through the public or private sector, or have commercial insurance and seeking community mental health services under Medicaid.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During FY 25, **89 youth** were served in the SEDW in Wayne County



Intensive Community Based Services

ICCW is an evidence-informed approach to ensuring comprehensive coordination and holistic planning for children, youth, young adults, and their families with the most intensive needs. The Wraparound Planning Process follows four stages: 1) Hello-Engagement and Team preparation, 2) Help-Initial plan development, 3) Heal-Implementation, and 4) Hope-Transition. The Wraparound Planning Process utilizes a collaborative Wraparound Team approach including a child, youth, or young adult and their family and their choice of professional and natural supports. Care Coordinators facilitate the Wraparound plan development, considering all life domains.

ICCW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

For FY 25, **334 children**, youth and families were served in ICCW. This is an 10% increase from FY 24 where **303 children**, youth and families were served. At the end of Q4, FY 25 there were **35 Care Coordinators** working to serve families in ICCW

HOME-BASED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

During FY 25, DWIHN was able to expand the Home-Based provider network and onboard DWIHN Outpatient Clinic (DOC). As a network we also served 586 youth in Home-Based therapy with 44 dedicated clinicians in the field providing therapy to youth and families

BROWN BAG TRAININGS

Writing SMART Goals

December 11, 2024

46 ICCW & Home-Based Staff

ABA Training

January 30, 2025

60 ICCW & Home-Based Staff

Parent Engagement

June 4, 2025

45 ICCW & Home-Based Staff

Treatment Interventions/Considerations Specifically for Individuals with an I/DD

September 22, 2025

66 ICCW & Home-Based Staff



Michigan Child Collaborative Care (MC3)

The is a contracted service provided by the University of Michigan to Wayne County. The MC3 program provides psychiatry support to primary care providers who are managing patients with behavioral health problems. Psychiatrists are available to offer guidance on diagnoses, medications and psychotherapy interventions so that primary care providers can better manage patients in their practices. MC3 also provides an embedded Pediatric Behavioral Health Consultant (BHC) to a pediatric clinic in Wayne County. The BHC acts as the liaison with primary care staff and U of M psychiatric staff and Starfish Family Services.



FY 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

69 children served

150 regional MC3 consultation calls facilitated by Behavioral Health Consultant

172 additional consults Behavioral Health Consultants to Patients

168 embedded direct Behavioral Health Consultant services

School Success Initiative

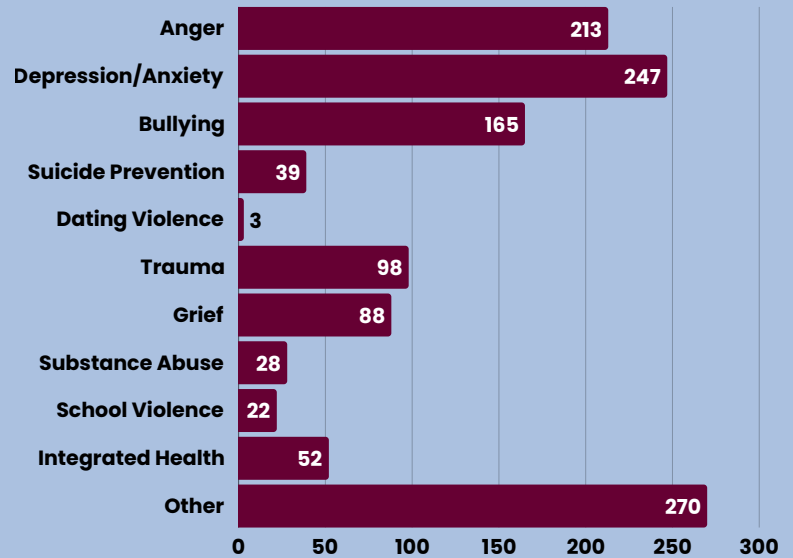
The School Success Initiative (SSI) is an evidence and prevention-based mental health program provided to students K-12 in Wayne County. The SSI program is needed to address the behavioral health needs of students by providing Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 services to students in school as a result of the administered Strengths and Difficulties (SDQ) questionnaire.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

A total of **837 students** were accepted to participate in Tier services, **with 222 new student referrals** joining the SSI Program. Throughout the year, **817 students received Tier 2 services** while **545 students received Tier 3 services**, resulting in **287 students successfully completing the program**, with only 2% of participants experiencing unsuccessful discharges. The program also saw a positive impact on student well-being, with a **decrease of 64 crisis and hospital events** compared to the previous year. In addition, **1,225 Risk Factor Presentations** were delivered to students and educators, further supporting proactive intervention and promoting a safer, more informed school community.



RISK FACTORS



TIER SERVICES



GOAL Line

GOAL Line is a high-impact afterschool enrichment program serving students in grades K-8 in Northwest Detroit



Overall enrollment is **765 students** across Northwest Activities Center, Library, Rec Center, Detroit Academy of Arts and Sciences, and Homeschool.

375 students attended the Northwest Activity Center GOAL Line Program

Transition Age Youth

Transition Age Youth (TAY) are individuals between the ages of 16 and 26, receiving mental health services that are transitioning from child-serving systems to adult serving systems

Youth Peer Support Specialist (YPSS)

This is a service provided by people ages 18-26 who have lived experience and who are willing to support and empower the youth they are working with. Youth Peer Support Specialists (YPSS) are great additions to the clinical treatment team as they work closely with the clinicians to help youth and families achieve goals identified in their Individualized Plan of Service. All children's providers are committed to providing and expanding this service and are at various points in the hiring process.

12 YPSS Staff
100 Youth Served
8 Participating Agencies

183 Youth Served
7 Group Cycles Held
2 Participating Agencies

Cornerstone

An evidence-supported practice which provides a bridge for youth and young adults ages 16-21 as they transition into adulthood. Cornerstone services can occur individually or in a group. Clinical topic areas focus on independent living and life skills

Unique Persons

This is a Connections partner and social services agency with a mission to create opportunities for unique persons to build their vision of a positive future. REC envisions a world where unique persons are safe and supported. REC offers a range of programming to support the young people they serve grounded in the principles of work: Trauma-Informed Care, Restorative Justice, Harm Reduction, and Positive Youth Development.

QUARTER 1

"SOGIE 101"

October 7, 2024 - 32 participants

"Inclusive Data Collection and How to Ask About SOGIE is Systems of Care"

September 14, 2024 - 11 participants

"Gender Affirming Care"

September 18, 2024 - 5 participants

"Family Support with LGBTQ+ Children"

October 9, 2024 - 12 participants

QUARTER 2

"SOGIE 101"

February 3, 2025 - 32 participants

"Family Support with LGBTQ+ Children"

February 5, 2025 - 23 participants

"Inclusive Data Collection and How to Ask About SOGIE is Systems of Care"

February 10, 2025 - 25 participants

"Gender Affirming Care"

February 12, 2025 - 27 participants

QUARTER 3

"SOGIE 101"

March 31, 2025 - 38 participants

"Building Family Support with LGBTQ+ Youth"

April 2, 2025 - 18 participants

"Inclusive Data Collection in Systems of Care"

April 7, 2025 - 16 participants

"Gender Affirming Care"

April 9, 2025 - 6 participants

QUARTER 4

"SOGIE 101"

September 9, 2025 - 29 participants

"Building Family Support with LGBTQ+ Youth"

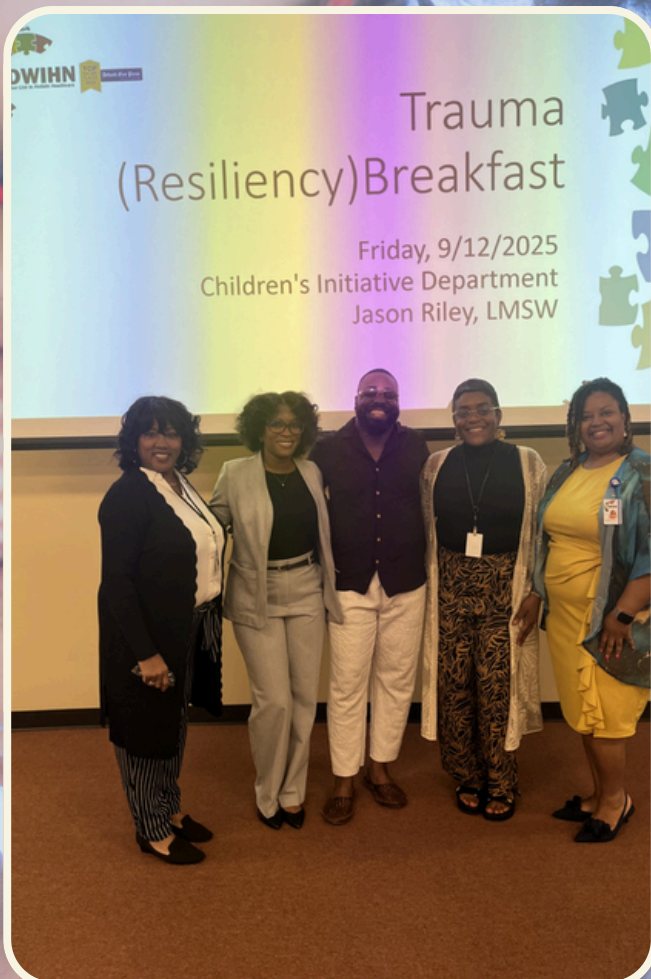
September 17, 2025 - 7 participants

Trauma-Informed Care

TRAUMA RESILIENCY BREAKFAST

Guidance was provided on using TF-CBT modifiers—ET for active cohorts and ST for completed cohorts—along with updates from the DWIHN FY25 Coding Bulletin and MDHHS CPT code revisions. DWIHN is reviewing internal processes to align with these changes and will share final guidance with the System of Care.

Additionally, new grant funding expanded the Strengthening Families Program (SFP) for high-risk youth ages 6–12, supporting family and group therapeutic services. A training held on September 24–25, 2025, engaged 25 staff members, with the grant providing materials and curriculum for five Children's Services Providers and one SUD Provider

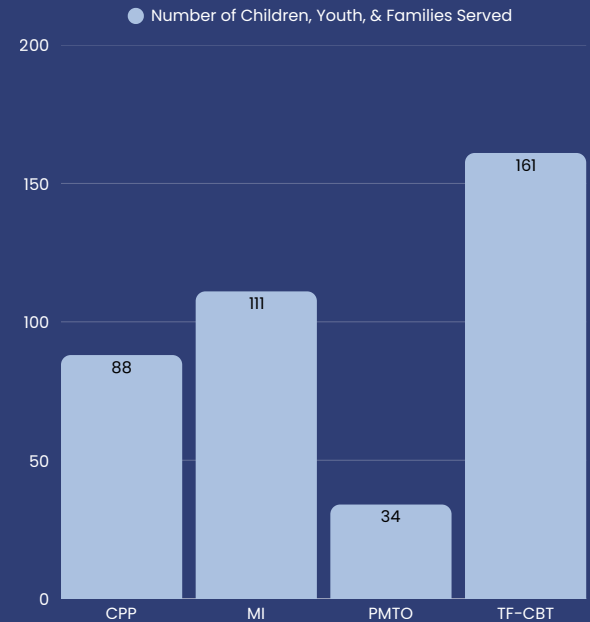


Evidenced Based Practices

Several children's providers have utilized other engaging Evidence Based Practices (EBP) which are interventions for which there is scientific evidence consistently showing that they improve outcomes.

Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) is an intervention model for children aged 0-6 who have experienced at least one traumatic event and/or are experiencing mental health, attachment, and/or behavioral problems, including posttraumatic stress disorder.

Motivational Interviewing (MI) for Adolescents is a specific type of psychotherapy aimed at facilitating change, especially among people who feel ambivalent about modifying their behavior. Research has found that this treatment modality works particularly well with adolescents.



PARENT MANAGEMENT TRAINING-OREGON MODEL & PARENTING THROUGH CHANGE

An evidence-based intervention to help parents and caregivers manage their children's behavior. Tailored for serious behavior problems, PMTO empowers parents as primary treatment agents to promote and sustain positive change in families.

United Parenting Front
November 12, 2024 - 2 participants

Families with Multiple Children
January 28, 2025 - 2 participants

Kids in Session
May 12, 2025 - 2 participants

**Wayne County two (2) half day
PMTO information training:**

October 11, 2024 - 7 participants

November 13, 2024 - 1 participant

The following **Regional Coaching** took place where individuals view PMTO and/or PTC videos and participate in a role-play of a PMTO and/or PTC session. Coaching, guidance, and a group discussion took place to strengthen PMTO and/or PTC skills:

October 16, 2024 - 9 participants

November 20, 2024 - 7 participants

January 15, 2025 - 8 participants

February 19, 2025 - 9 participants

March 19, 2025 - 11 participants

April 16, 2025 - 9 participants

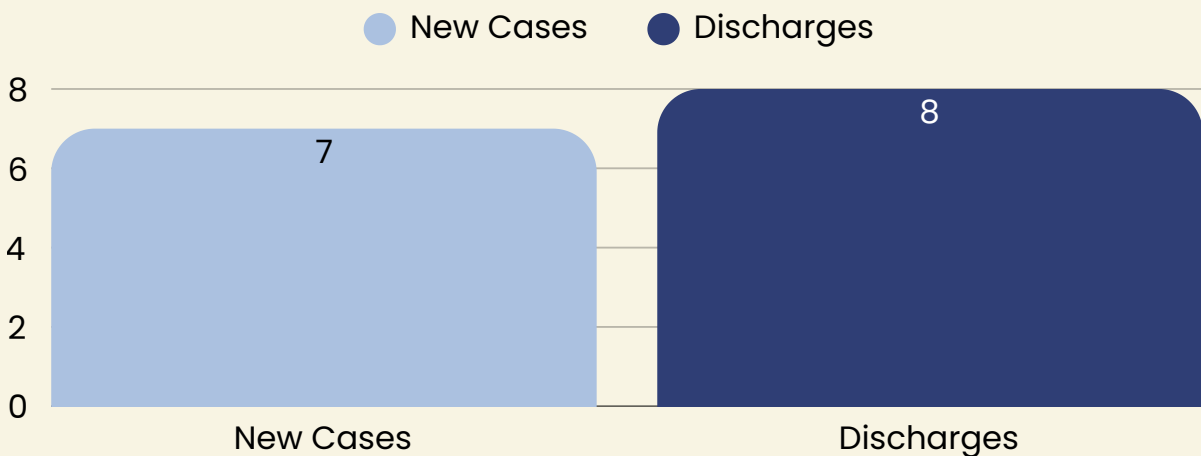
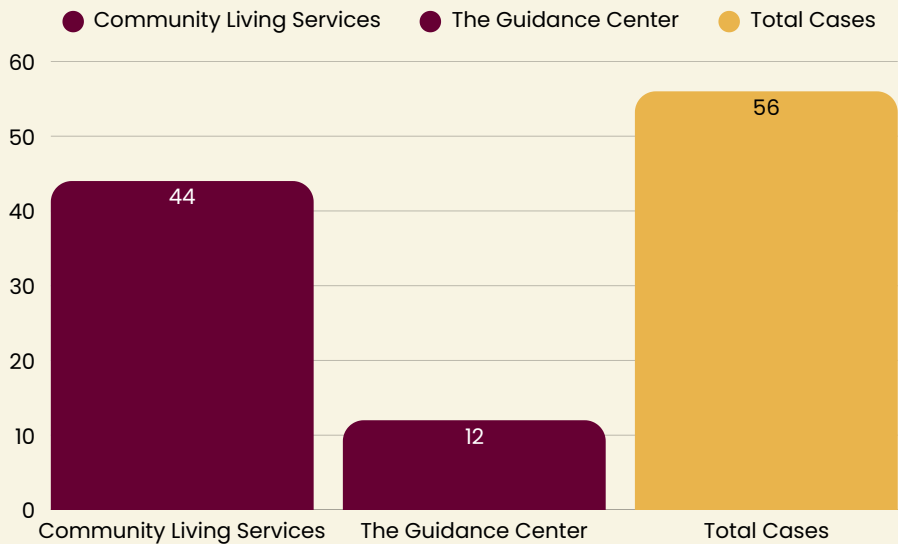
June 18, 2025 - 11 participants

Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities

Services for children, youth, and families affected by I/DD continue to be an important piece of the System of Care. Collaboration continues with I/DD provider agencies for service provision and information sharing. The I/DD body of work is not funded by the SOC Block grant; however, it is work that falls under the Children’s Initiatives Department.

THE CHILDREN’S WAIVER PROGRAM

The program makes it possible for Medicaid to fund home and community-based services for children with I/DD who are under the age of 18 when they otherwise wouldn’t qualify for Medicaid-funded services. Two Provider Agencies deliver services to children and youth on this waiver: Community Living Services and The Guidance Center



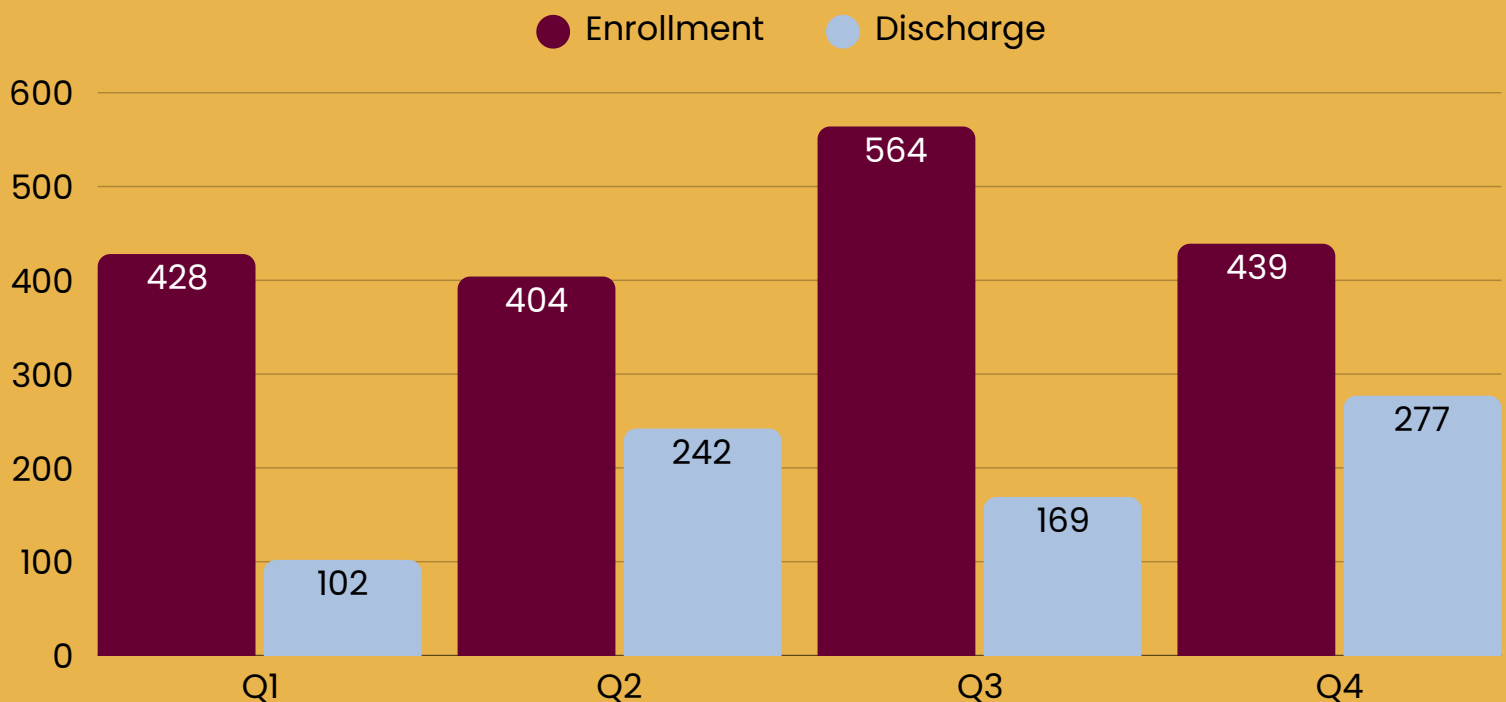
Applied Behavior Analysis

This is an intensive, behaviorally based treatment using various techniques to bring about meaningful and positive changes in the communication, social interaction, and repetitive/restrictive behaviors that are typical of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In fiscal year 2025, the DWIHN Autism Services team implemented four system changes to strengthen operations, enhance communication, and improve service access. These included:

- Electronic Enrollment, Discharge, and Transition (EDT) Form – to capture detailed enrollment and discharge reasons.
- ABA Provider Availability Form – requiring biweekly updates from providers to help support coordinators and case managers find open providers more efficiently.
- Referral Procedure for Applied Behavior Analysis – a step-by-step guideline to streamline referral and enrollment processes.
- Electronic ABA Referral Form and Provider Contact List – ensuring providers use standardized forms and that coordinators can easily access provider details via the DWIHN website.



Infant Mental Health/Early Childhood

Also known as “early childhood mental health,” refers to the mental health of young children from birth to age five.

698 children from
ages 0–5 years
old were served in
FY25

PROGRESS UPDATES

IMH Home-Based programs are now offered through **10 provider agencies**, with **21 new IMH clinicians** joining the network. The initiative includes a collaboration with **Wayne State University’s Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute** to provide **Perinatal Mood Disorder** and **Reflective Supervisor** training. Additional funding and support were secured through the **SEMPQIC Grant** for **Perinatal Mood Disorder Certification** in partnership with **Perinatal Support International**, as well as through the **IECMH Consultation** and **IECMH Home Visiting Grants**. The **Early Childhood Task Force** continues to work closely with IMH providers to **reduce barriers and improve outcomes** for families and caregivers.

Baby Court

The Wayne County Baby Court program is a specialized court docket focused on the unique developmental needs of children under three years old who are involved in the Child Welfare system. Through a partnership with DWIHN, Third Circuit Court, MDHHS, Infant Mental Health, and Wayne State University, the program fosters equitable, impactful practices that prioritize safety, stability, and a healthy development for infants and toddlers under court supervision or in foster care.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 HIGHLIGHTS

8 Referrals

5 Referrals Accepted

18 Active Cases

8 Reunifications

DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PARENT PARTNERS

Developed and implemented policies and procedures to onboard Parent Partners as vendors, enabling them to receive stipends for trainings, court tasks, and leadership activities, while promoting sustainability and equitable compensation for lived-experience representatives.

CROSS-SITES CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Participated in the Cross-Sites Baby Court/Infant-Toddler Court Program Conference to learn national best practices and innovative strategies, shared insights with the local Baby Court team, integrated new approaches into planning, and strengthened collaboration with state and national partners.

BABY COURT PUBLICATION

Contributed to a Baby Court publication showcasing program development, family-centered practices, and outcomes, elevating local work to a broader audience and positioning the program as a state and national leader in infant mental health-informed court practices.

SECURED LOCATION FOR ACTIVE COMMUNITY TEAM MEETINGS

Secured a consistent location for Active Community Team (ACT) meetings, enhancing stability, accessibility, and participation among community partners and stakeholders in collaborative planning.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PBS KIDS (IN PROGRESS)

Initiated a partnership with PBS Kids to create future training opportunities for Baby Court stakeholders, offering innovative, family-friendly resources that promote child development, parent engagement, and community education.

Innovation and Community Engagement

CAFAS AND PECFAS TRAININGS

3 CAFAS Initial Trainings – 35 participants
1 CAFAS Booster Training – 1 participant
3 PECFAS Initial Trainings – 8 participants
1 PECFAS Booster Training – 8 participants

NAVIGATING-ACCESSING CMH TRAININGS

March 5, 2025 – 14 staff from Growth Works

March 6, 2025 – 20 staff from various Wayne
County School systems

March 12, 2025 – 12 staff from Community
Mental Health Supports for Children & Families
of Wayne RESA

May 20, 2025 – 12 Wayne RESA Nurses

September 24, 2025 – 22 school staff
from various Wayne County School
systems

CORE COMPETENCY TRAININGS

The Core Competency trainings were facilitated to all provider staff quarterly. The purpose is to improve the skills of our Children's Mental Health Professionals and ensure services are being provided by a well-trained, qualified workforce. The following trainings took place:

November 7, 2024 – 74 participants

May 8, 2025 – 49 participants

Annual Conferences

FALL COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Cassandra Phipps and Christie Spudowski presented at the Fall 2024 Conference in October 2024 on Putting Children First: Sharing Solutions for Infants, Toddlers, and Families



HOSPITAL RECIDIVISM

The percentage of readmissions of children during the quarter to an inpatient psychiatric unit within 30 days of discharge. Goal to remain below 15%. During FY25 successfully remained below 15% hospital recidivism (12.64%). Hosted 2 half day trainings with Providers on Crisis Planning & Hospital Discharge Planning 191 attendees

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

On 12/5/24, Children Initiative Department hosted the Annual Report to the Community "Shine Brighter Together" to highlight system of care accomplishments for FY24. Children Providers, community partners, stakeholders, and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) representatives were in attendance. Dr. Eddie Connor was the keynote speaker who spoke on the message "Win Within." In addition, 6 awards were given to recognize those in the community who have been influential in the advancement of children services 76 attendees



Children's Lecture Series

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder in Youth Children 0 to 6 Years Old: Signs, Symptoms and Strengths

Presenter: Christine Dowdell, MA, LPC

This training explained the causes, signs and treatment for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). She discussed how to use strength-based strategies for managing the symptoms at home and in school. She talked about how to use assessment tools, and where to refer for further testing. October 17, 2024 - 57 participants

Collaborating to Address Pediatric Mental Health Emergencies: Integrating MC3 Into Emergency Settings

Presenter: Nasuh Malas, MD, and Sarah Wise, RN

This training discussed about past and present needs for psychiatric care of individuals under the age of 21 in emergency room settings across Michigan. They identified barriers to providing behavioral care to children and adolescents who are experiencing a crisis before, during and after their emergency room encounter. November 21, 2024 - 57 participants

Beyond the Wound: Realizing the Reach of Trauma in the Lives of Youth

Presenter: Melissa Panter

This training discussed the affects trauma has throughout the life span of children and adolescents. She talked about how trauma affects youth people academically, relationally and developmentally. She also shared evidence-based approaches to assist children and families in dealing with traumatic stress. January 16, 2025 - 64 participants

Signs of Suicide

Presenter: Melissa Panter

This training spoke about myths and facts regarding suicide. She discussed the warning signs and explained how to talk about suicide. She then shared resources. March 20, 2025 - 66 participants

Adolescent Substance Misuse: A Clinical Perspective

Presenter: Elizabeth Ray, MA, LPC, CAADC

This training discussed myths about adolescents including a clinician's personal and professional biases. She also explained the formation of the brain, especially in relation to adolescences. She then talked about clinical interventions and how to start a conversation about substance use with youth. April 17, 2025 - 87 participants

Childhood Obesity and Asthma

Presenter: Kathleen Fouche Brazzle, MD

This training identified common comorbidities associated with childhood obesity, discussed pharmacological and non-pharmacological approaches to obesity, described the psychological impact of obesity and talked about weight related trauma and how its impact can last into adulthood. Nancy Treece, MD, identified asthma symptoms, common triggers and risk factors. May 15, 2025 - 48 participants

Child Sexual Assault: Signs and Symptoms

Presenter: Melissa Panter

The group discussed the signs and symptoms of child sexual assault among children adolescents and teens. Discussion about how to identify harm to children and what you should do as a clinician to help the youth and families served in various counties. Participants provided great feedback about cultural considerations when contacting Children's Protective Services (CPS) and how that interaction may influence service delivery within the system of care. June 19, 2025 - 119 participants

The Intersection Between Substance Misuse and Suicide in Adolescent

Presenter: Marika Orme, MA, LPC, CAADC

This training offered participants and opportunity to delve into the intersection of substance misuse and suicide. It went over signs and symptoms to look out for, early intervention strategies and Identify evidence-based strategies and options for adolescents struggling with SUD. July 17, 2025 - 30 participants

Navigating the Workplace for New Clinicians Part 2

Presenters: Tenna Harris, Carlotta Mitchell, and Danyelle Orr-McNeil

This training discussed navigating the transition from education to clinical practice is a significant milestone for newly trained clinicians. These new clinicians must adapt to fast-paced clinical workflows, understand organizational culture, build relationships with colleagues, and effectively communicate with families to develop clinical judgment while managing the complexities of client care and documentation. August 21, 2025 - 8 participants

Future-Ready Care: Empowering Youth to Heal from Trauma and Navigate Substance Use

Presenter: Marika Orme, MSA, MS, LLP

This training provided an in-depth exploration of the intersection between trauma and substance use in adolescents, with a focus on developmentally appropriate, trauma-informed, and future-focused care strategies. The session includes a brief review of current evidence-based practices such as Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), Seeking Safety, and Risk Reduction through Family Therapy (RRFT), as well as emerging approaches leveraging technology, peer engagement, and creative expression. September 18, 2025 - 33 participants

Chemprenuinst Events

THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Bubble Up Your Brand: Where Fizz Meets Biz!

40 participants

CNS HEALTHCARE

Happy Mind Summer Camp

24 participants



10th Annual Cultural and Linguistic Competency Summit

The Summit was held in August and the theme was "Connecting The Dots: Grounding Our Humanity Across Multiple Domains of Life". The keynote speaker was Kathleen Fouche-Brazzle, MD. Her presentation focused on discussing the disconnection of relationships within our society. The closing keynote speaker was Danyelle Orr-McNeil "Everything Is Connected: A Guiding Assertion for Reaffirming Our "Why". There were 70 participants who received 5.5 continuing education credits



WORKSHOP TOPICS:

"Generational Fluency: The New Dimension of Cultural Competence"

Presenter: Marika Orme

"Self-Care in Real Life: How Culture and Environment Shape the Way We Heal"

Presenter: Jessica Ross

"SOGIE 101- Incorporating Diverse *SOGIE Into Youth Work Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression"

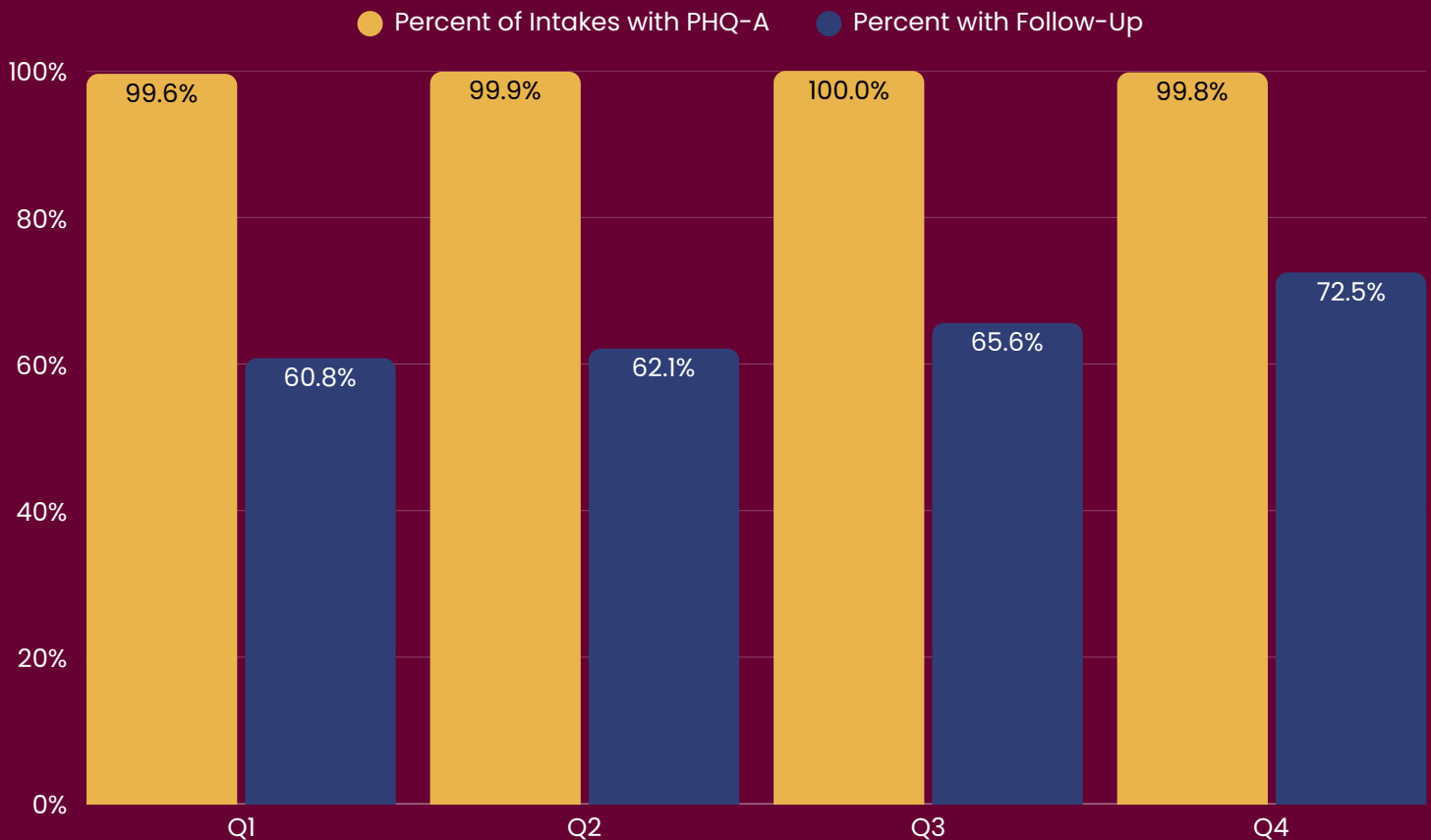
Presenter: Kenlee Morris and Azalea Roman

"But What Do They Really Mean? Decoding Youth Slang in the Therapy Room"

Presenter: Jessica Mayfield-Ashwood

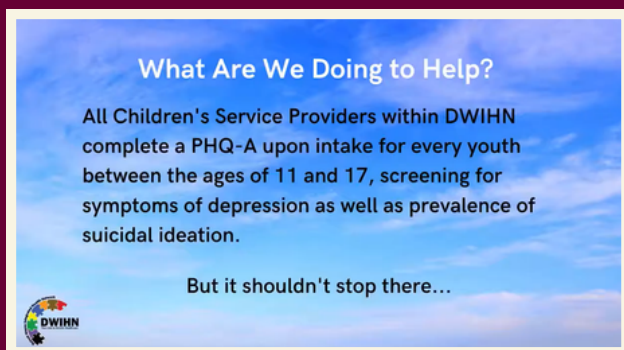
PHQ-A

All Children's Service Providers within DWIHN complete a Patient Health Questionnaire for Adolescents (PHQ-A) upon intake for every youth between the ages of 11 and 17. The PHQ-A screens for symptoms of depression as well as prevalence of suicidal ideation. These screenings are repeated every three months, until symptoms recede and the youth's score drops below a certain threshold, and help to decrease symptomology of Depression as well as thoughts of suicide.



During Fiscal Year 2022, all children's provider clinical staff were asked to view a brief video, developed by DWIHN, which explains the purpose and importance of the consistent use of the PHQ-A screening tool.

Scan the QR code to view the video

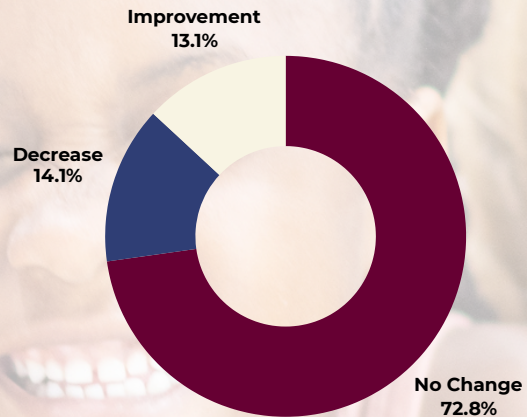


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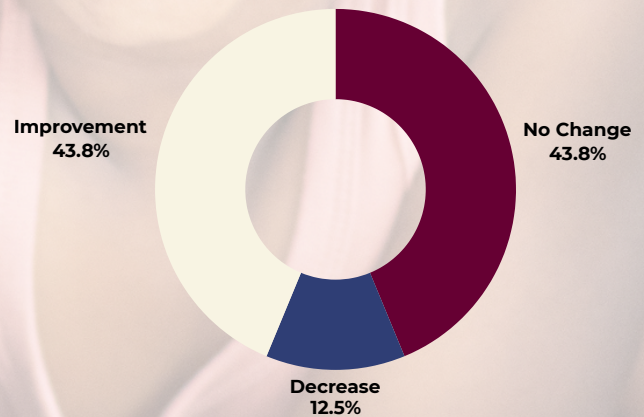
The Devereaux Early Childhood Assessment (DECA) is used to measure social and emotional functioning in domains depending on the child's age, including initiative, attachment, self-regulation, self-control, and behavioral problems. Scores from each domain are summed into a total score and normed by age (1-47 months of age). Children scoring at or below 40 are considered to have at least one "Areas of Need," between 41-59 are considered to be "Typical," and 60+ have above average "Strengths". Positive outcomes result from an increase in total protective factors, both overall and in individual domains.

TOTAL PROTECTIVE FACTORS AT INITIAL ASSESSMENT FY25

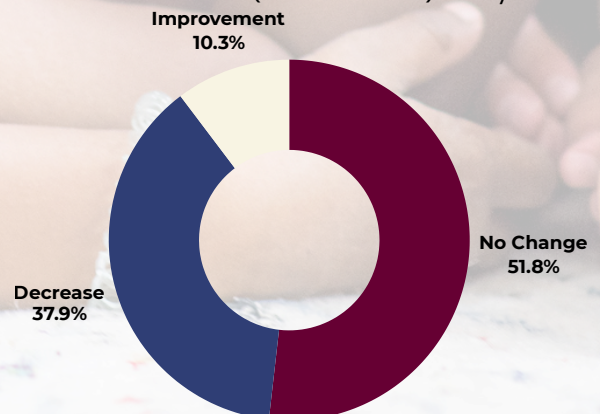
DEC A Clinical Assessment (24 months - 6 years old) - 120 youth total



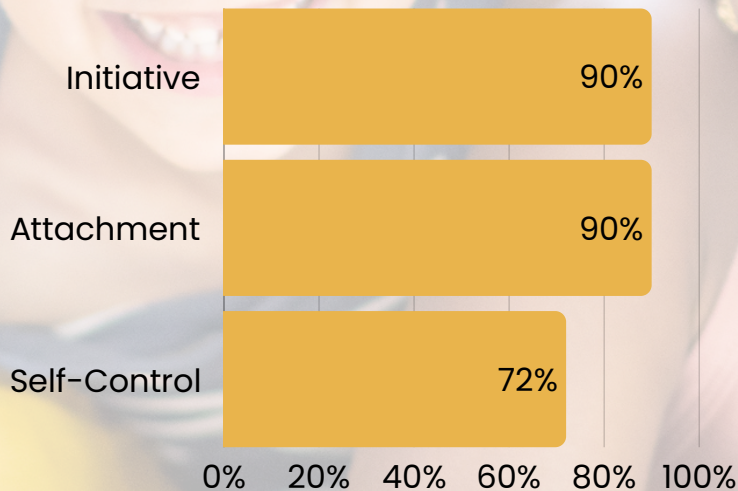
DECA Infant Assessment (0-18 months) - 35 youth total



DECA Toddler Assessment (18-36 months) - 33 youth total



FY25 outcome analysis included **172** children with more than one assessment

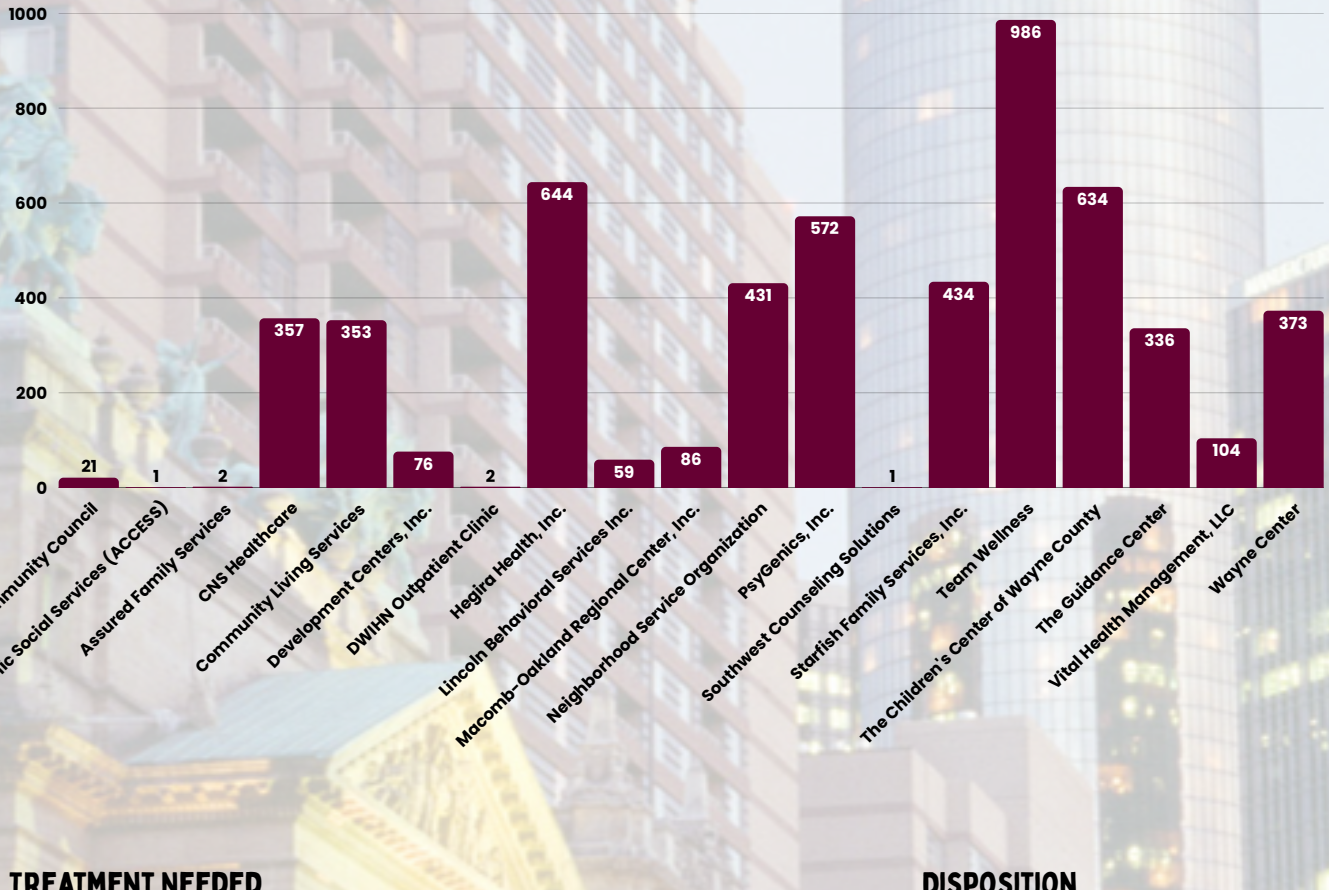


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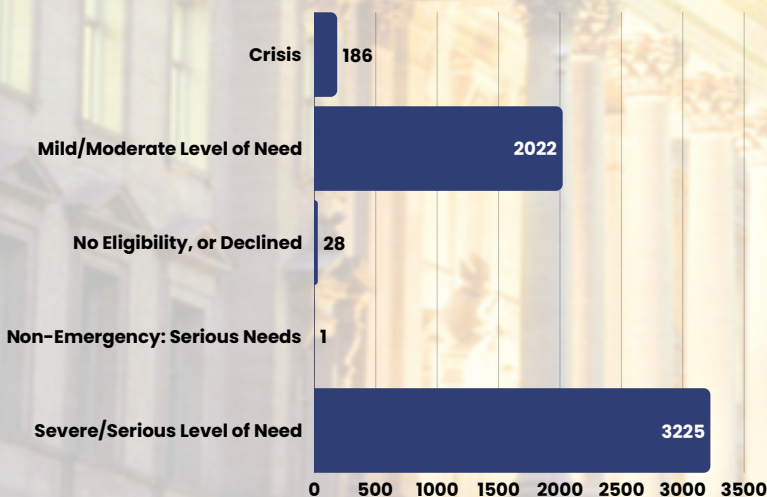
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AGES 0 - 5 YEARS OLD

5,472
MichiCANS
Screenings
were
completed in
FY25 for
youth 0 -5
years old

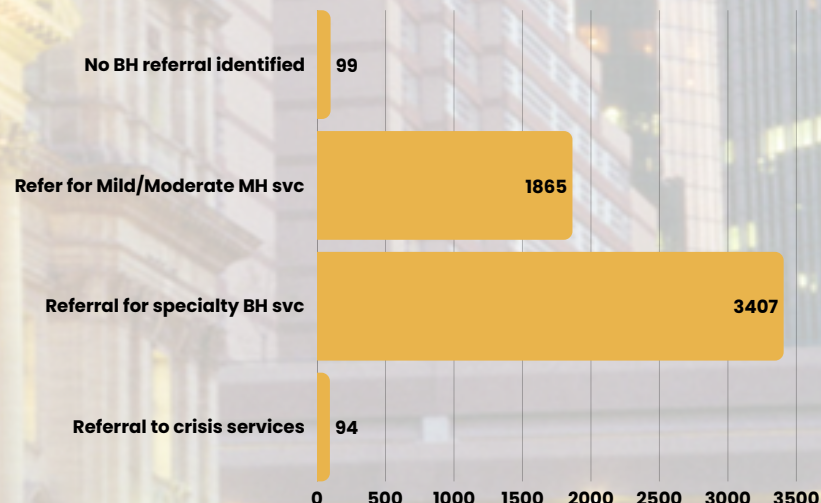


TREATMENT NEEDED



Treatment needs are based on a rated scale, 0 to 3, with 0 showcasing there is no need for action and a 3 showcasing the need is dangerous/disabling

DISPOSITION



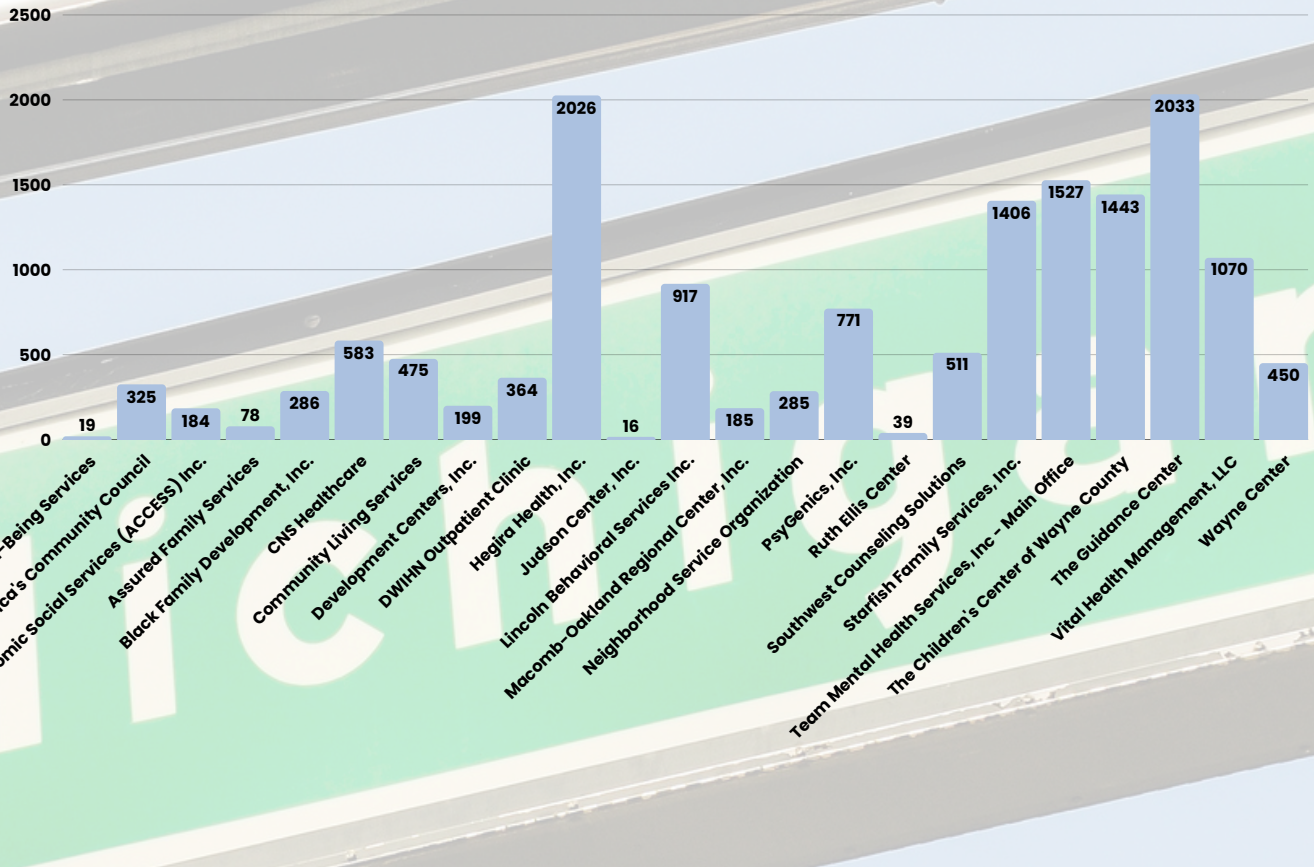
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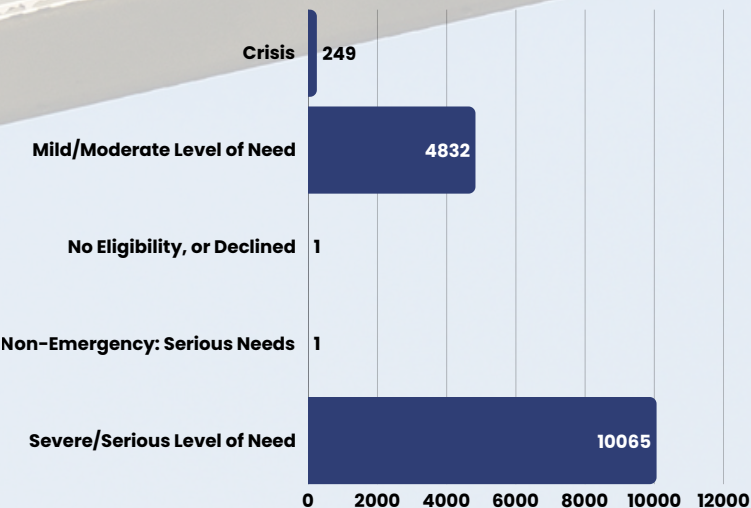
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AGES 6 - 20 YEARS OLD

15,192
MichiCANS
Screenings
were
completed in
FY25 for
youth 6 -20
years old

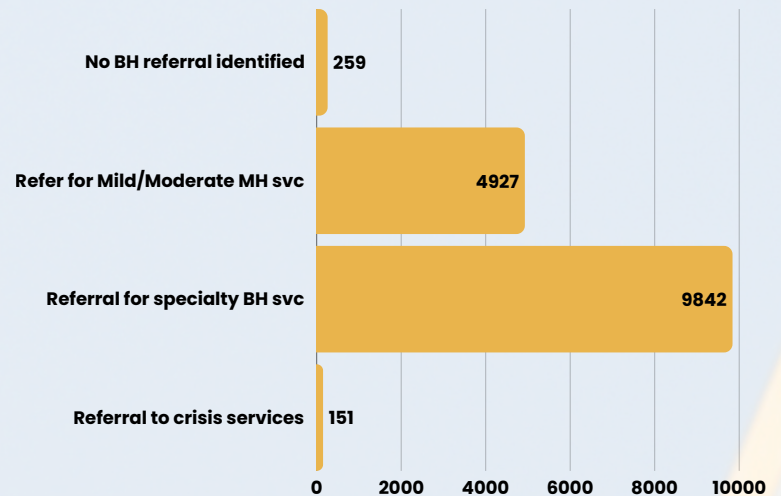


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Spotlight Employee Recognition Awards

Aniqua Bailey
Amanda Waite
Stephanie Schave
Sonya Shelman
Lisa Atkins
Kevin Bryant
Anthony Bowen
Javon Reese

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