

CONNECTION COMMUNICATION

A STRONGER COMMUNITY





Community Services Coordinating Body

A Community Collaborative



"...leading the way in the development of services to meet the needs of the community."

CONNECTION PLUS COMMUNICATION EQUALS A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Deb Johnson, Chair, St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body

As we begin to emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic and survey the after-effects of it, the Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) remains an accurate measure of the Blue Water community. Evaluating the changes, needs, and landscape of our community continues to be at the forefront of the committees and initiatives launched and supported by the CSCB. The CSCB's ability to rally together to face challenges and celebrate the uniqueness that sets the Blue Water area apart are distinctive and intrinsic qualities of the organizations making up the whole body.

The CSCB is stronger and is routinely united in a common purpose. In 2022, we welcomed three new members, Economic Development Authority, Autism Systems, and Offender Success through Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties. Additionally, we are continuing to work collectively to present pressing community needs that can be addressed through local municipality and county funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). These initiatives include addressing the need for a men's homeless shelter in our community.

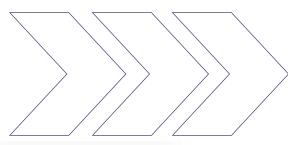
Our associated initiatives remain strong in the collaborative work they are accomplishing. With the increase in youth mental health concerns and greater understanding of the pandemic effects on youth, the alliance established by the Adolescent Services Workgroup, positions it to make significant and lasting impacts on our community. The new associated initiative, Overdose Fatality Review, addresses the ongoing substance use epidemic facing our county. Joining together to address community wide needs, which touch many of our member organizations, is the hallmark of the CSCB's more than 35 year history. The establishment of the CSCB's workgroups fosters greater community benefit than the impact of a single organization.

In line with our strategic plan and the CSCB's collaborative nature, we continue to welcome member organizations to present at regular meetings to inform others of programs, highlights, and services. These presentations keep our membership informed, while shining a light on the work happening in our community. Allowing our members to gain a deeper understanding of the services available in our community is an additional connection and bridge to partnership members benefit from.

While we continue to resolve the concerns and highlight the strengths of our community that the pandemic brought to light, our membership remains committed to working together though these challenging times. The greatness and compassion in our community shines brightly through the dedication and work of the Community Services Coordinating Body and its members.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate action of its members."

Coretta Scott King



2022 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AWARD

DEBRA JOHNSON, CEO ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH



Deb Johnson has been the motivating force behind the growth of the CSCB through the last several years. Her commitment to community collaboration guides her leadership style. In recent years, Deb has led the CSCB through a strategic planning process, which has been instrumental in the group's focused emphasis on outcomes.

As the director of St. Clair County Community Mental Health (SCCCMH), Deb leads by example. SCCCMH is a mainstay in many community collaborative partnerships, engaging with organizations such as the Port Huron Police Department, the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, Lake Huron Medical Center, and St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency (RESA) to highlight a few. Her passion for developing community partnerships to reach a common goal was the driving force

behind many pandemic related initiatives, which assisted with testing, vaccination, and community supports.

Deb is also currently the president of the St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, the chair of the Dementia & Alzheimer's Resource Committee of St. Clair County, and a member of the boards of directors for the YMCA of the Blue Water Area, Taking a Shot at Breast Cancer, and the Lake Huron Medical Center Foundation. She is also active in Women's Life Chapter 836 and as a United Way Champion. Her spirit for community commitment and improvement through action show through her work and volunteerism.

With nearly 35 years of community service, she is a worthy recipient of this year's Community Collaborative Award. Thank you for all you do Deb for the community and the CSCB, and for exemplifying Connection + Communication = A Stronger Community.



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet the Community Services Coordinating Body's new members in 2022:



Spectrum Disorder, as well as their families, in achieving their full potential through assessment, education, and therapy.

Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties is the Offender Success Program Manager for Region Six Led by Michigan Department of

Autism Systems supports children and young adults who have an Autism



Success Program Manager for Region Six. Led by Michigan Department of Corrections, the purpose of Offender Success is to reduce crime by implementing a seamless plan of services, supervision, and opportunities developed with each offender and delivered through state and regional collaboration. The goal for each participant is to obtain employment and become self-sufficient.



The Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County (EDA) creates economic prosperity by growing companies, cultivating vibrant communities, developing a workforce with 21st century skills, and marketing our regional advantages. The EDA is committed to collaboration and embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion.

ARPA FUNDING AWARDED TO ST. CLAIR COUNTY



As the country entered a new phase of normalcy after almost two years of struggling through the global COVID-19 pandemic, federal funds were earmarked for municipalities nation-wide to help expedite economic recovery. A total of \$30,908,749 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding was awarded to St. Clair County, with the City of Port Huron receiving the largest allocation of \$17,959,874. With the funds having to be allocated no later than December 31, 2024, this money created a great deal of discussion for the Community Services Coordinating Body's (CSCB) Steering Committee. Several member organizations were individually seeking funding to support their agencies' needs, but the Steering Committee wondered if collaboratively, these funds could serve the community.

At the April Steering Committee meeting, a small subcommittee was created and charged with identifying the county's human service needs and developing a process to prioritize them. Throughout the summer, subcommittee undertook several fact-finding activities and received proposals from CSCB Full Body Members with requests and ideas they had for the ARPA funding. In August, the Steering Committee submitted the final prioritization list to St. Clair County administration and the City of Port Huron for consideration. The City of Port heeded one of the request and agreed to help fund a homeless shelter within the city limits to house and support men struggling with homelessness.

For the Steering Committee, this process underscored that despite all the different collaborative activities under the CSCB umbrella, having a list of priorities is integral. Having a list of prioritized projects and goals for the community, ensured that the CSCB is well positioned when funding opportunities become available.

OVERDOSE FATALITY REVIEW TEAM LAUNCHED

As the number of deaths due to drug overdoses continue to rise in St. Clair County, the CSCB has launched a new strategy to address this issue. Beginning in January 2023, an Overdose Fatality Review Team will be established and members trained to review cases of people who have died because of a drug overdose. The purpose of this group is to gain insight and information that could prevent others from succumbing to the same fate.

The Overdose Fatality Review Team is modeled after the Child Death Review Team, which began in SCC as a state pilot in 1997 and has been meeting ever sense. Working closely with the Michigan Public Health Institute, training will be provided once the team is established. Members will include representation from the medical examiner's office, physicians or other medical practitioners, first responders, and human service providers. The CSCB Steering Committee endorsed this new Associated Initiative under the CSCB umbrella to ensure information exchange and to help address any barriers that may arise as the team begins this important work.

CONNECT WITH THE CSCB



The St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) maintains a website to help area residents, businesses, and service providers find up-to-date information on community resources and initiatives WWW.CSCBINFO.ORG that are actively working to improve

the quality of life for everyone who calls St. Clair County home. On the website, you'll find: food distribution sites, housing information including shelters and eviction and foreclosure prevention resources, information unemployment applications, resources for small businesses, lists of medical and mental health resources, and more!

In addition to community resources, the CSCB website contains information on each workgroup, including mission and goals, membership lists, contact information, meeting calendars, minutes, agendas, and other materials. Information about CSCB Associated Initiatives can also be found on the website to help the broader community learn more about other collaborative efforts happening in St. Clair County. The St. Clair County Help Card, one of the CSCB's most frequently used resources, can be found under the resource tab. The new version will be uploaded each time updates are made. The events tab lists upcoming CSCB events as well as community events that members request to share.

SHARING THE BURDEN OF CHILDCARE NEEDS

In recent years, securing reliable and affordable childcare in St. Clair County has been difficult for working families and it continues to impact households and business alike. Statewide, Great Start Collaborative bodies are partnering with resources in their communities to address the child care crisis.

In St. Clair County, our Great Start Collaborative along with St. Clair County RESA, The Economic Development Alliance, Blue Meets Green, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, MiWorks, the Business Resource Network, child care companies, and others have joined together to develop solutions. This year, these St. Clair County partners received the Tri-Share Child Care Grant to help qualifying parents offset the cost of childcare. Tri-Share is a three-fold partnership with a portion of the childcare cost being paid by the grant, a portion by the participating employers, and the

remaining portion by the parents, reducing their childcare costs by two-thirds.

In March, the GSC presented the child care crisis information to Blue Meets Green, resulting in connections with legislators, childcare licensing entities, and further partnerships with Economic Development Alliance.

Entities in St. Clair County stand to benefit from a new state funding stream called "Caring for MI Future" which will support the childcare industry by addressing barriers including, space, start-up funding, staffing, and other business

support.



ST. CLAIR COUNTY STRUGGLES WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The definition of affordable housing can cover a wide range, but there seems to be consensus across multiple sectors; there is simply not enough affordable housing in St. Clair County. For individuals and families meeting the threshold of low-income, the cost of renting an apartment or house has nearly doubled this year. Whether these individuals are working more than one job or unable to work and are receiving assistance, the cost of most rentals on the market are out of reach. Similarly, for young adults just beginning their professional career, the availability of housing stock that can be attained on a starting salary is abysmal. Creative solutions that could possibly address the workforce shortage in St. Clair County have stalled due to not enough workforce housing.

These challenges are not unique to our county, but are the result of a perfect storm: changes in zoning ordinances, reduction in rental housing inventory, a worldwide pandemic resulting in federal and state moratoriums on evictions, supply chain issues, reduction in workforce, increase in housing costs, and the rising costs of many other goods and services. These circumstances have created unique opportunities for groups concerned with this issue to begin to collaborate. The Housing & Support Services Workgroup under the CSCB has met with the Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County, the City of Port Huron, and St. Clair County Metropolitan Planning Commission to discuss such issues. The Blue Meets Green Committee and the Business Resource Network Workgroup of the CSCB are also exploring the effects on our community. Looking to move this issue forward, the Housing & Support Services Workgroup hosted a virtual "Housing Summit - from Homeless to Housed; Community-Driven Solutions" in November as part of Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. The goal of this summit was to create community awareness, share accurate local data, and to engage more community stakeholders in developing creative solutions to a very large, multi-faceted continuum of housing needs.



ST. CLAIR COUNTY CAR SEAT PROGRAM CONTINUES MISSION TO KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

In 2003, St. Clair County received a grant from Office of Highway Safety Planning to begin a car seat program that would become part of a workgroup called Safe Communities

through the Community Services Coordinating Body. Though the grant and the workgroup has long since ceased to exist, the St. Clair County Car Seat Program continues its mission through the CSCB as a collaborative project of MDHHS, Michigan State Police, the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, and St. Clair County Community Mental Health.

When the COVID 19 pandemic shuttered many similar car seat programs

throughout the state of Michigan, or converted to a "virtual appointment" format, the dedicated Child Passenger Safety Technicians through the St. Clair County Car Seat program

chose to take the necessary precautions to continue offering hands-on car seat appointments to families in need. The car seat appointments are offered one day each month. Any

parent or caregiver is welcome to make an appointment to have their car seats inspected. Each family receives education on proper fit, use, and installation of their seat. For families who meet eligibility criteria, the St. Clair County Car Seat Program may be able to provide a brand new car seat completely free of charge, ensuring that regardless of financial means, ALL children are riding safely. This is a great program

for our community and thank you to the organizations who collaborate to make it happen. To refer an individual or family for an appointment, call: (810) 966-3706.

PREVENTING SUICIDE IS A COMMUNITY ISSUE

As the country continues to rebound on the heels of the COVID pandemic, the national rate of deaths by suicide continued to increase. In St. Clair County, the Suicide Prevention Committee continues to monitor the local number of county residents who die by suicide, and the attempts where there is law enforcement interventions. Although in St. Clair County the 2021 deaths by suicide number decreased over the prior two years, (30 deaths by suicide) a specific pattern emerged. Individuals 55 and older resulted in nearly 50% of all of the deaths that year. There are many possible reasons for this shift in the demographics; however, the Suicide Prevention Committee made the decision to target this group with information and local resources. The billboard campaign was designed with the message of "If the meaning of your life is lost, ask for help finding it" with the national Suicide Prevention Helpline listed. The committee entered a contract with the billboard company to ensure that this message appeared throughout the county. The Committee worked closely with the Council on Aging to create additional materials that were delivered to residents through the Meals on Wheels program, and were available in their community centers. An article was published in a local senior magazine that is distributed throughout the county in various businesses and medical offices addressing this issue.

Death by suicide can be so devastating for families and friends of the deceased. We, as a community need to continue to work together to make people aware of what resources are available and in some instances help make the connection for them. Help is available and the Suicide Prevention Committee will continue to share these resources, including the 988 crisis line when it is available in our area. In the meantime, if you need any resource material, please contact the CSCB Planning Office.

The 7th Annual Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent was held on October 9th at East China Park. This event is intended to: support survivors to celebrate the life of their loved one, break the stigma that is associated with suicide, provide community resources as a way to support anyone struggling with this issue and is a fundraiser for community prevention efforts. This year an additional support for all in attendance was Love on a Leash. These gentle dogs were such a nice addition and just the thing many people appreciated.



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ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

For the second year in a row, the annual St. Clair County Community Resource Fair was held as a drive-thru style event. St. Clair County Community College once again generously hosted this event in their parking lot on campus. Each vehicle that drove through received numerous grocery items from the Mobile Food Pantry, personal care items such as soap and toothpaste, and a Resource Bag full of information and goodies provided by businesses and non-profit organizations in St. Clair County. In all, 280 vehicles drove through collecting food and resources for 560 households. More than six tons of food were

distributed courtesy of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan! The Resource Fair Planning Committee is looking forward to returning to their previous event format with vendor tables in spring of 2023. Stay tuned!



HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES WORKGROUP

Chairperson: Kathy Swantek, Citizen Member

WORKGROUP GOALS:

- Provide community education & awareness regarding the issue of homelessness in St. Clair County.
- Work collaboratively to reduce the number of people struggling with homelessness in St. Clair County.
- 3. Re-evaluate and update the St. Clair County Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness to coordinate with various federal, state, and local requirements.

Identified Gap:

Not enough affordable housing for all the families and individuals struggling with homelessness, and the housing options are very limited.



COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Annual Point in Time Count was conducted on January 26, 2022.
 The Shelter Count concluded there were 33 people in local shelters;
 15 adults, 18 children. The Unsheltered Count found 114 people who were homeless and not in a shelter; 80 adults and 34 children.
- The Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA) spent all available Federal COVID Relief funding:, assisting many residents:
 - ⇒ Emergency Solutions Grant COVID (ESG-CV): \$607,905 Assisted 74 households with housing costs.
 - ⇒ COVID Emergency Relief Aid (CERA): \$6,399,718 2,098 applications submitted, 1,126 approved for assistance.
 - ⇒ Coronavirus Aid Relief & Economic Security Act (CARES): \$72,244 Assisted 13 renters & 24 homeowners.
 - ⇒ Eviction Diversion Funding \$660,062 assisted 218 households.
- The Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA) screened125 households; 148 adults and 112 children from 1/3/2022 9/30/2022.
- Spent \$188,000 on hotel vouchers for people experiencing homelessness from 10/1/2021 through 9/30/2022, totaling 432 bed nights.
- 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant award from MSHDA totaled \$204,027 to be used for HARA costs, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and prevention efforts, a decrease of \$8,501 from last fiscal year.
- The 14th Annual Community Resource Fair was held on July 13, 2022 as a drive-through event at St. Clair County Community College.
- November 15, 2022 the Workgroup held a virtual event entitled "Housing Summit, from Homeless – Housing: Community Driven Solutions"
- The Workgroup reviewed, updated, and endorsed the 2022-2023 Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness in May.

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SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT & RECOVERY

Co-Chairs: Ken Heulveman, Port Huron Odyssey House Deb Walbecq, MDHHS

WORKGROUP GOALS:

- Data Collection Increase accurate, relevant, and current local data that will be used to increase community awareness and to support informed decision making to decrease the negative impact of substance use in St. Clair County.
- 2. **Community Education -** Create a public awareness and education marketing campaign to promote awareness of substance use concerns, with the focus on prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- 3. **Resources & Support -** Identify, assess ,and promote current resources and supports for people who have a concern regarding substance use and recovery.

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Drafted a mission, vision, and workgroup goals:
 - ⇒ Mission: A county free of unaddressed substance use concerns.
 - ⇒ Vision: To provide a coordinated approach of all available community resources, public and private, to address and reduce substance use concerns through the promotion of prevention, treatment, and recovery.
- Workgroup divided into three subgroups to begin to accomplish workgroup goals: Data, Community Education & Awareness, and Resources & Supports. Modified workgroup calendar to meet six times a year to allow for subgroups to meet more frequently to complete objectives.
- Presentations to various organizations help educate members of the scope of this workgroup: law enforcement & Drug Task Force, Region 10, Opioid Settlement Funds, etc.
- Discussed and endorsed start of an Overdose Fatality Review Team.
 Some workgroup members will serve on this new Associated Initiative.
 Information learned from the review team will be shared with this workgroup.

ADOLESCENT SERVICES WORKGROUP

Chairperson; Karen Palka, A Beautiful Me

WORKGROUP GOALS:

- Develop comprehensive list of existing resources to support children, their families, and providers serving those 8 – 18 years of age.
- 2. Identify gaps in services based on survey data/needs assessment data
- 3. Help support development of needed programs as identified through needs assessment process.
- 4. Develop a countywide Speakers Bureau listing.
- 5. plan and execute Resource Fair for providers and possibly families.

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Adolescent Resource Guide has been developed in an electronic version using a QR code. It is a living document and at any point in time, users will have current information. This document was distribute at the Community Resource Fair, with all school districts in time for the start of the school year, as well as the CSCB membership. The committee continues to re-visit this document to identify additional supports to be included, as well as additional locations to market it.
- A comprehensive speaker's bureau has been created on a variety of adolescent topics and is available to any group, committee, parents, or school that would be interested and request a topic county-wide. This goal has been completed.
- Work has been underway to expand the workgroup membership to be more inclusive of all types of adolescent services.
- Discussions are occurring regarding the feasibility of hosting an inperson Resource Fair for families & professionals, and what would such an event look like. With the use of technology, is some other format a better option.
- Workgroup is in the process of setting new goals to work toward for 2023.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES GREAT START COLLABORATIVE

Chairperson: Julie Pemberton, Blue Water Community Action

WORKGROUP GOALS:

- Early childhood services/programs are reaching and engaging all families in need of support/early childhood programming and information.
- 2. Improve maternal and child health outcomes through an active collaboration with WIC, the GSC, and GSPC.
- 3. Increase access to high-quality early care and education services and supports.
- 4. Children in St. Clair County have access to early literacy services that are high-quality.

Identified Gap:

The childcare crisis continues to be a priority in St. Clair County and across the state. New partnerships were created in 2022 leading to increased grant awards and new projects heading into 2023.

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- There were 871referrals made to the HUB between 10/1/21 and 9/30/22. Pregnant women made up 47% of the referrals.
- Partnership with McLaren Port Huron continues with social worker providing early childhood literacy bags that includes information about programs in St. Clair County to all new moms.
- New Talking is Teaching literacy spaces in restaurants and laundromats.
 This project will bring literacy to families in the spaces they visit.
- A new Regional Literacy Support Hub partnership enabled the GSC to distribute more than 1,700 books to families that have limited access to literacy resources.
- Help Me Grow launched Ages & Stages Questionnaire, a free developmental screener available to all families in St. Clair County.
- St. Clair County RESA along with the EDA partnered to write and receive the Michigan Tri-Share Child Care grant. Tri-Share builds a partnership between businesses, child care facilities, and families splitting the cost of child care three ways.
- A new Child Care Tuition Assistance grant was awarded by the United Way to support families returning to work and the cost of child care.
- The GSC, St. Clair County Library, St. Clair County Rec, Megan Simmons State Farm, and the Community Foundation partnered together to put a StoryWalk in at Fort Gratiot County Park.

BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK

Chairperson: Ann Austin, Macomb/St. Clair MIWorks

WORKGROUP GOALS:

- To focus on system issues that may interfere with people applying for and maintaining employment once hired
- Work with employers to assist with breaking down barriers that prevent people from obtaining and maintaining employment.
- 3. Identify and create supports for employees who may need extra assistance to maintain employment

Identified Gaps:

Childcare issues, living wages, affordable housing, labor force shortage and turnover

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Held several Focus Groups with MIWorks clients to learn about barriers to applying for work as well as issues effecting length of employment.
- Working with a variety of early childhood experts to explore a variety of options to address the shortage of day care options and possible ways to reduce expense for families
- Working to expand workgroup membership to include employers, human resource specialist, and human service providers.
- Staying informed on other barriers currently facing the community: workforce housing, transportation, living wages, etc.



ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES

Child Death Review Team:

- Mission: To understand how and why children die in St. Clair County in order to take action to prevent other children deaths.
- Membership includes: SCC Prosecutor Office, McLaren Port Huron and Lake Huron Medical Center Emergency Departments, SCC Health Department, Medical Examiner's Office, Tri-Hospital EMS, SCC Community Mental Health, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, SCC Child & Family Court, Physician, Law Enforcement (State, Sheriff, & Port Huron), and Safe Sleep Coordinator.
- Reviewed 17 Cases: 10 were birth to age one, one was between ages one to four years of age, and six were between ages 13 – 18.
- Manner of Death: 10 were natural, two accident, two suicide, one infant death related to unsafe sleep, and two pending.
- Discussion on healthy pregnancy and risk factors such as drug use, stress, smoking, and obesity occurred as a result of natural deaths due to prematurity and pre-term labor or delivery.

Critical Incident Stress Management:

- Collaboration between Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Management & St. Clair County Community Mental Health.
- Members trained in the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) model are able to respond when there is a traumatic event for First Responders as well as the Community.
- A training was held in March to recruit new CISM Team Members, 22 attendees applied to become members.
- There have been 11 interventions from January September, 10 for First Responders and one for a local business.
- There was one Pandemic Fatigue Training which is an off shoot of the CISM model.



Dementia/Alzheimer's Resource Committee:

- The Dementia and Alzheimer's Resource Committee is committed to improving the lives of those living with dementia and the lives of those that love and care for them. We achieve this mission by supporting education throughout our community, and distributing grant funding to provide caregiving relief and support.
- Sponsored two trainings: a webinar titled, Newly Navigated Territory, and an in-person training titled, Understanding Alzheimer's Disease.
- Issued an RFP for marketing and communications management, website development, and social media management; Contract awarded to JH Strategies. The first priority is to change the name of the DARC.
- We applied for and received \$30,000 in ARPA funds from the county to pay for the contract with JH Strategies, as well as to provide additional respite services to families in need.
- Will be hiring a part-time executive director (posting ends 11/30/2022).
- Hosted 5k Run/Walk on September 18, 2022 (first in person run/walk since 2019).
- Provided 12 grants for respite services for a total of \$12,000.
- In the planning phase is the inaugural "Friend Raising Luncheon" at Port Huron Golf Club on May 24, 2023 at which time the Marcia Haynes Advocate of the Year awards will be presented.

ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES

Offender Success:

- Statewide strategic approach to create safer neighborhoods through the delivery of a seamless plan of service.
- All services are delivered in collaboration with state & local agencies to provide the tools necessary for returning citizens to successful transition into the community.
- St. Clair County's Offender Success Program had a change in leadership this year from Macomb/St. Clair MI Works to Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties as part of Region 6 Offender Success.
- 55 returning St. Clair County citizens were served in FY 22
- Of those served, 35 received transitional housing services and 22 received public transportation assistance. Five received behavioral health assistance, six received assistance with getting ID, 14 received clothing assistance and four received job readiness services.
- Region wide (seven counties), our job placement rate was 64% and job retention (12 months or longer at same job) was 55%. That put Region 6 in the top third of the 10 regions in the state.

Suicide Prevention Committee:

- Working with the St. Clair County Medical Examiner and local law enforcement collect local data on deaths by suicide and suicide attempts in St. Clair County. In 2021, the Medical Examiner ruled there were 30 deaths by suicide and 16 indeterminate. There were at least 264 attempts requiring police during the same time. In 2022, law enforcement agencies in St. Clair County have recorded 287 suicide attempt interventions through October.
- In 2022 began a billboard campaign highlighting the National Suicide Prevention Helpline.
- Created additional marketing material for teens and seniors. Worked with the schools and the Council on Aging to help distribute the material.
- Continue to provide community trainings on suicide prevention with local resources.
- Seventh Annual Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide was held on 10/9/22 with approximately 300 people in attendance.
- The Survivors of Suicide Support Group continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Wraparound:

- Four full-time Wraparound Coordinators are now employed; the two new coordinators came on board this summer.
- 29 Families served in FY:22, 10 kids successfully exited the program.
- Eligibility: St. Clair County Children 0-17 with a Severe Emotional Disturbance and meeting two of the following five criteria:
 - ⇒ Children/youth who are involved in multi child/youth serving systems.
 - ⇒ Children/Youth who are at risk of out of home placement or in an out of home placement.
 - ⇒ Children/Youth who have received other mental health services with minimal improvement in functioning.
 - ⇒ The risk factors exceed capacity of traditional community-based options.
 - ⇒ Numerous providers are working with multiple children/youth in a family and the identified outcomes are not being met.

Healthy Lifestyles:

- Meets monthly at YMCA, currently via Zoom with around 30 members
- Prompted National Get Fit Don't Sit Day.
- Reviewed Community Health Needs Assessment.
- Sharing and dissemination of information regarding virtual programming, vaccinations, community needs with the pandemic, Walk Michigan, nutrition classes, and community events.
- The Healthy Lifestyles group is currently on hiatus but will begin meeting again in February and is looking for a new Chair/Co-Chair.



2022 MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



A Beautiful Me, Area Agency on Aging I-B, Autism Systems, Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce, Blue Water Area Transportation Commission, Blue Water Community Action, Blue Water Developmental Housing, Blue Water Habitat for Humanity, Blue Water Recovery Outreach Center, Blue Water Safe Horizons, Bridge Builders Counseling and Mentoring, Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, Citizen Representatives: Juanita Gittings, Robert Furtado, Terry Krueger, Michael McCartan; City of Port Huron, Colonial Woods Christian Counseling Center, Community Enterprises of St. Clair County, Community First Health Centers, Community Foundation of St. Clair County, Comprehensive Youth Services - The Harbor, Disability Network of Eastern Michigan, Economic Development Alliance of St. Clair County, Ennis Center for Children, Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County, Harbor Impact Ministries, Harbor Oaks Hospital, Hunter Hospitality House, IMPACT, Innovative Housing Development Corporation, Lake Huron Medical Center, Lake Huron Physician PHO, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, Macomb/St. Clair MiWorks!, Marysville Department of Public Safety, McLaren Port Huron, Michigan State Police Lapeer Post, Mid-City Nutrition, MSU-Extension Services of St. Clair County, NorServ Group, Odyssey House of Port Huron, Offender Success, Operation Transformation, People's Clinic for Better Health, Port Huron Area School District, Port Huron Police Department, Professional Counseling Center, Region 10 PIHP, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Spero Center, St. Clair County Administration, St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, St. Clair County 31st District Court Family Division, St. Clair County Child Abuse/Neglect Council, St. Clair County Community College, St. Clair County Community Mental Health, St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services, St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs, St. Clair County Health Department, St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management, St. Clair County Library System, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, St. Clair County Probate Court, St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney, St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency, The Arc of St. Clair County, The Council on Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County, United Way of St. Clair County, Visiting Nurse Association/Blue Water Hospice, YMCA of the Blue Water Area **Bold denotes new member in 2022

