

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY
SERVICES COORDINATING BODY

ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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As a 70+ member body working to strengthen connections and meet identified community needs, the Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) remains a critical component of the successful initiatives and resource-sharing the Blue Water Area is known for.

This year's annual report shows evidence of how the CSCB has worked to build bridges to connect our community. The unwavering commitment of our members to promote well-being and growth through collaboration and innovation has been instrumental in ensuring that the most vulnerable populations in our area are served. This goes beyond providing shelter options for displaced residents and initiatives incorporating successful workplace practices, such as child care affordability.

Our pledge to improve health outcomes with our focus on the Health Department's Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) to the proactive work of the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Workgroup underscores the commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all community members.

We are a strong community, highlighted not just by our teamwork but by the work of our Community Collaborative award winners. Barb Hannake has been a uniting force in our area, bridging people, services, and organizations together to accomplish great things. The Port Huron Police Department continues to build bridges that have proven to serve our community well.

We look forward to building on the work started in the last year and continuing to work together to keep St. Clair County a thriving and resilient community where every resident can live a healthy, fulfilling life.



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

2023 CSCB NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Blue Water Allies

Blue Water Allies serves as a supportive bridge between LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies, aiming to benefit the entire community. Through the Blue Water Ally Center in downtown Port Huron, a secure space is provided for LGBTQIA+ members to gather, offering support, education, and resources for both physical and mental health. The goal is to promote acceptance, visibility, and justice for LGBTQIA+ individuals in the Blue Water Area and beyond.

Dementia & Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County

The Dementia & Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County is a support network for individuals and families affected by dementia and Alzheimer's disease. They provide information on educational programs, support groups, and resources tailored to both individuals dealing with these conditions and their caregivers to enhance the quality of life for those impacted by dementia and Alzheimer's in St. Clair County.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army in Port Huron offers vital assistance to those in need within the community. Their services include providing shelter, meals, and support to individuals facing homelessness, offering essential resources for food assistance, and aiding those in crisis situations. Additionally, they run programs for youth development, offering educational support and extracurricular activities. Through their initiatives, the Salvation Army serves as a beacon of hope, extending a helping hand to people who are homeless, families in distress, and the community's vulnerable members.

2023 COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE AWARDS

BARBRA HANNAKE, HARBOR IMPACT MINISTRIES

Barbra Hannake has been a driving force behind the formation and success of Harbor Impact Ministries. Through her collaborative approach, Barb has effectively united diverse community partner agencies, cultivating robust relationships and establishing a network of support that has significantly bolstered the organization's ability to serve those in need.

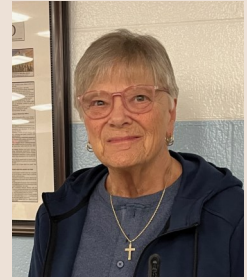
An outstanding aspect of Barb's work is her steadfast commitment not only to offering immediate assistance but also to providing individuals with the resources necessary for long-term success. Under her guidance, Harbor Impact Ministries has evolved into a critical resource hub, distributing essential items like food, clothing, and household goods to those experiencing hardship. Barb's emphasis on linking individuals to vital resources, including job training, education, and healthcare services, has empowered many to break the cycle of poverty.

Barb's collaborative spirit has been instrumental in forging strong partnerships with local businesses, community

groups, and government entities. Her exceptional networking skills and magnetic personality have successfully secured crucial support for Harbor Impact Ministries, extending the organization's reach.

"Deeply admired within the community, Barb's leadership and collaborative efforts have garnered respect from peers, volunteers, and the individuals she serves. Her ability to bring together stakeholders, promote collaboration, and establish sustainable solutions sets an inspiring example for others", says Deb Johnson, chair of the Community Services Coordinating Body.

Through her work, Barb has steered Harbor Impact Ministries to significantly impact the lives of individuals and families in need. Her unwavering dedication resource connection, and community collaboration makes her a remarkable recipient of the 2023 Community Collaborative Award.



PORT HURON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Port Huron Police Department (PHPD) has a long history of creating and nurturing community partnerships, vital for serving our community better.

An integral priority for the PHPD has been fostering partnerships with diverse groups within Port Huron, firmly believing that active involvement enables the department to better assist its citizens. This engagement offers numerous benefits, including an improved understanding of community issues, stronger relationships with different groups, enhanced transparency, collaborative initiatives, and a deeper connection with our residents.

The PHPD's collaborations are exemplified in several initiatives:

- **St. Clair County Community Mental Health (SCCCMH) Partnership:** This collaborative effort has proven invaluable for the PHPD and the community. By working in tandem, the PHPD and SCCCMT have facilitated prompt access to mental health resources for those in need. The partnership allows an SCCCMT counselor to operate from the police department, providing immediate support during mental health crises.

- **Mobile Opioid Response Team (MORT):** Collaborating with Port Huron Odyssey House, the MORT follows up after an individual experiences an overdose, offering educational resources, referrals for recovery, and assistance at the individual's home.
- **Chief's Resource Committee (CRC):** A collaborative group composed of PHPD members and community representatives, the CRC serves as a platform where community concerns are voiced, allowing for clarification or necessary actions from the PHPD.

Moreover, the PHPD actively engages in various projects, committees, and collaborative endeavors, including Project Blue Light, Virtual Neighborhood, Community Engagement Trailer, National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch, and involvement in numerous community-focused boards and committees. In recognition of their commitment to fostering collaboration and community engagement, the

Port Huron Police Department has been honored with the 2023 CSCB Community Collaborative Award.



COMMUNITY HEALTHY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The 2023-2027 St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) marks our community's commitment to enhancing overall health. The plan is designed to implement a collaborative set of strategies that improve health outcomes prioritized by community stakeholders, ensuring equity and inclusion. Spearheaded by the St. Clair County Health Department, with the active involvement of various community stakeholders, the plan focuses on three critical priority areas:

- **Mental and Behavioral Health:** Aiming to enhance the mental and behavioral well-being of county residents.
- **Substance Abuse:** Targeting the reduction of substance abuse rates, unintentional injuries, and drug-induced deaths among county residents.
- **Obesity and Associated Health Behaviors:** Striving to lower overweight and obesity rates and promote healthier behaviors among county residents.

Each priority area has identified specific strategies with measurable outcomes to gauge the improvement of our community's health. **The full CHIP document can be viewed at: www.healthyscc.org.**

Within the CSCB structure, the CHIP is has been integrated into various areas:

- As standing agenda item, CHIP updates are routinely presented at the CSCB Steering Committee and Full Body Membership meetings.
- The Adolescent Services and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Workgroups, and Suicide Prevention Committee all contribute to behavioral health or substance use priority areas and actively contribute towards achieving targeted outcomes.
- Several CSCB member agencies have played pivotal roles in implementing different priority areas of the CHIP. All CSCB members are encouraged to report their initiatives, programs, activities, or events contributing to each of the priority area strategies **via survey found at www.healthyscc.org.**

The St. Clair County CHIP embodies a community-wide commitment to better health, where each of us shares a role in nurturing a healthier tomorrow. Your participation and collaboration are deeply appreciated in this collective effort toward a healthier community!



BUILDING BRIDGES AROUND CHILD CARE HELPS FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES

Child care is one business that allows other businesses to thrive. Parents rely on child care to work and provide for their families. But one of the biggest barriers for people seeking employment is the cost of child care - resulting in more parents being left out of the work force.

St. Clair County's Community Services Coordinating Body, Great Start Collaborative, St. Clair County RESA, United Way, Community Foundation of St. Clair County and business partners have been working together to address workforce development, affordability, and accessibility.

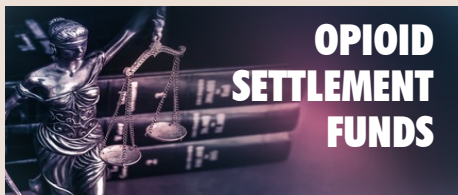
St. Clair County RESA was awarded the Tri-Share grant which shares the cost of child care equally among the employer, the employee and the State of Michigan. Since October 2022, 19 families with 23 children have utilized Tri-Share funding. In addition to Tri-Share, United Way of St. Clair County partnered with the Great Start Collaborative and RESA to provide cost sharing for families not eligible for Tri-Share. Six families with eight children have benefited from this support.

Child care issues are not isolated to St. Clair County. Because of this, a Regional Child Care Planning Grant was created. "Through the Regional Child Care Planning Grant, Early Childhood Investment Corporation, in partnership with Michigan Department of Education and Michigan Economic Development Corporation, will bring economic development, employers, municipalities, parents, and early childhood leaders together in regional coalitions to understand childcare facilities and workforce needs and develop a plan that meets the needs and preferences of working families." St. Clair County has partnered with Genesee, Shiawassee and Lapeer counties to look at child care at the regional level.

Finally, under the CSCB, the Business Resource Network (BRN) brings organizations and businesses together to address child care, housing, and other issues that create challenges for employment. The BRN has held focus groups to hear directly from working parents, supported the Regional Child Care Planning grant application and has connected employers with information needed to support staff with child care, preschool, Tri-Share and other supports.

The child care crisis impacts the employee and the employer. By working together as a community, St. Clair County can support both families and businesses and create a thriving community for our youngest learners.

MICHIGAN'S \$800 MILLION DOLLAR QUESTION



In 2021, a \$26 billion nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all opioid litigation brought by states against the three

largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen ("Distributors"), and manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson. In 2022, additional settlements with pharmacies and manufacturers were announced, including CVS, Walgreens, Walmart, Allergan, and Teva. This is adding, at a minimum, an additional \$450 million to be dispersed over the next 18 years.

The state of Michigan will receive at least \$800 million over the same period. Fifty percent (50%) of the settlement will be disbursed directly to county and local governments who signed on as part of the lawsuits. The allocation to Michigan will increase as additional settlements are reached. In order to determine how the funds should be allocated two state-level committees have been developed; the Opioid Advisory Commission, charged with providing guidance and

recommendations to state legislators, and the Michigan Opioid Task Force, which falls under the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services and has a Governor-appointed membership that includes a representative from each of Michigan's Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHP).

St. Clair County has been allocated approximately \$12,456,304 from these settlement funds over the next several years. The City of Port Huron, Fort Gratiot Township, and Port Huron Township will receive some of these dollars as part of settlement agreements. When this funding was announced, the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Workgroup proposed the development of an Opioid Settlement Task Force to the CSCB Steering Committee. The purpose of this task force would be to identify and prioritize the current services and gaps in our community related to substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery and develop and share this information and recommendations with the CSCB Steering Committee. This will ensure alignment of values and priorities so that the CSCB is ready to provide suggestions to the county when the funds become available.

988 ROLL OUT IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY

In July 2022, the National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Helpline was unveiled. This extensive initiative, led by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), contracted with each state to develop the infrastructure and promote this vital resource. In Michigan, the contract for this service was awarded to MI Cal, operated through Common Ground in Oakland County. Introducing a new, more easily remembered 3-digit number, 988, this round-the-clock hotline can receive both calls and text messages. All interventions will seamlessly connect individuals to local resources for ongoing support and replaces the current Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-Talk (8255) phone number.

The St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Committee, operating under the CSCB, has continued to follow the progression of the statewide rollout. By March 2023, the committee confirmed that MI Cal had effectively tackled most of the implementation challenges of this project, and that it was ready for local promotion. The committee integrated 988 into all billboard messages. All marketing materials were either updated or newly created to

incorporate the 988 number, including various promotional items like business cards, magnets, pins, buttons, bracelets, keychains, and more. Additionally, letterheads, flyers, and brochures for the Suicide Prevention Committee, the Survivor of Suicide Support Group, and the Lending Library were all revised. Signage for high-traffic community locations like the Avoca Trestle Bridge and St. Clair County Parks was also produced.

The responsibility for suicide prevention lies within the community. If you wish to have the updated marketing materials at your workplace, place of worship, or home, please refer to the CSCB website's Suicide Prevention page for contact details. Members of this committee are also available for presentations to groups of any size and for various outreach activities. We invite you to join us in spreading the word about the new Suicide Prevention & Crisis Helpline.





SUMMERTIME POINT IN TIME COUNT TAKES PLACE

Annually, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) mandates counties across the state to conduct a Point in Time Count (PIT) to identify individuals experiencing homelessness according to the federal Housing and Urban Development (HUD) definition. Typically scheduled during the last week of January, the Housing & Support Services Workgroup, under the CSCB, takes charge of this task with the assistance of community agencies. However, due to extreme weather conditions during this period in Michigan, it is challenging to locate homeless individuals and families in uninhabitable conditions. So the Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA), through Blue Water Community Action, initiated a summer PIT Count on July 26th. This alternate count revealed a higher number of homeless individuals and families in St. Clair County compared to the January count. In July, 184 people were counted, including 150 adults, 34 children, and 29 families, whereas in January, 133 individuals were identified—92 adults, 41 children, and 23 families. The breakdown of living situation is outlined below:

Sheltered - Carolyn's Place, Pathway Shelter, Wings/Harbor:

- July: 20 adults, 16 children & 11 families
- January: 20 adults, 12 children & 4 families

Unsheltered – living in places not meant for habitation:

- July: 58 adults, 4 children & 6 families
- January: 15 adults, 7 children & 4 families

Precariously Housed – no fixed residence of one's own, staying with others as a temporary measure, in the hospital, recovery housing, jail, etc.:

- July: 72 adults, 14 children & 12 families
- January: 53 adults, 22 children & 15 families

Considering the state's housing challenges and an increased monthly cost for rental properties, the Housing & Support Services persist in collaborating to distribute available funding creatively, aiming to assist individuals facing homelessness and housing insecurity in the community.

WARMING CENTER OPENS IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY

Amid the global COVID-19 pandemic, the awareness of homelessness and housing instability was heightened nationwide and particularly evident in St. Clair County. Struggling financially due to reduced economic status, many faced housing challenges. The pandemic led to reduced capacity in homeless shelters and stringent COVID protocols, while the federal eviction moratorium ceased in August 2021, exacerbating homelessness.

In response to the closure of the Blue Water Area Rescue Mission in March 2022 which all but eliminated shelter options for homeless men, a dedicated group of CSCB stakeholders formed the "Homeless Shelter Committee." Their aim was to address the pressing need for a men's shelter in the county. Securing funding from entities like the United Way of St. Clair County and the City of Port Huron via the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with most funding coming from the city, the committee faced zoning challenges and a shortage of suitable locations. With winter approaching, the committee pivoted to establish a short-term solution—a temporary overnight warming center.

All Nations Church in Port Huron stepped up to offer a physical location and was willing to modify the basement of their building. The YMCA of Blue Water Area managed the operations and daily tasks of the Warming Center. Blue Water Community Action was the fiduciary for this project as well as offering the services of the Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA) to ensure each person who stayed the night at the Warming Center was enrolled in programs and services to assist them with housing options. Operation Transformation worked closely with All Nations Church and the contractors completing the renovations to help All Nations Church pass inspection once the modifications were complete. Prior to opening, a community meeting was held to help educate neighbors about the warming center, to answer questions, and to address concerns.

Despite challenges, the Warming Center welcomed guests from January 10 to April 30, 2023, providing shelter nightly from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., assisting 65 men with a total of 1,024 bed nights. Notably, seven individuals found permanent housing through the support received.

While the committee's ultimate goal remains to establish a permanent shelter, their dedication continues, steadfast in their belief that through collective efforts, this vision will be realized soon.

CSCB INFO:YOUR RESOURCE HUB!

Need an updated County Help Card? Wondering what the next CSCB event is or when is your next workgroup meeting? All this information and more can be located on the CSCB Website. By visiting www.cscbinfo.org you will have access to general information about the CSCB. There are updates on each workgroup, including goals,

Looking for the QR code for the Adolescent Services Resource Guide?

accomplishments, membership, calendars, etc. Under the Associated Initiatives tab, you will find out about each of the seven committees, their projects, goals, accomplishments, and contact information. Under the Resources and Events tabs, there is a variety of information about local resources and supports that can be easily accessed. Take a few minutes and give it a look!

WWW.CSCBINFO.ORG



WORKGROUP REPORTS

HOUSING & SUPPORT SERVICES WORKGROUP

Chairperson: Kathy Swantek, Citizen Member

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Provide community education and awareness regarding the issue of homelessness in St. Clair County.
2. 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: There is an inadequate amount of affordable housing options for the number of families and individuals struggling with or at risk of homelessness, and the housing options are very limited.



COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- November 15, 2022, the Workgroup held a virtual housing summit, titled, "From Homeless to Housed: Community Driven Solutions." This event started with a keynote address from author Matthew Desmond, Ph.D., followed by a presentation with local data, video interviews of people with lived experiences, and ended with a panel discussion with community stakeholders. The recorded presentation can be found on the CSCB website.
- Annual Point in Time Count was conducted on January 25, 2023, and 133 people were identified as homeless: 92 adults, 41 children, and 23 families.
- For the first time, a summer Point in Time Count was conducted on July 26, 2023 and 184 people were identified as homeless: 150 adults, 34 children, and 29 families.
- The Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA) spent the remaining Federal COVID Relief funding allocated to St. Clair County.
- During FY '23 - The HARA screened 215 families, 287 Adults and 169 children, a total of 456. Also, the HARA fielded 1,275 calls from people who were homeless and 1,116 calls from people facing eviction.
- The 15th annual Community Resource Fair was held on May 10th and in-person at St. Clair County Community College. More than 300 people registered and visited with 66 different vendors. The committee has begun planning for the May 8, 2024 event.
- Emergency Solutions Grant award from MSHDA totaled \$204,027 for FY '23, to be used for HARA supports, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and prevention efforts. The FY '24 allocation totaled \$209,267, an increase of more than \$5,000.
- The Workgroup finalized the 2022 Strategic Action Plan and developed and endorsed the new plan for 2023-2025.

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION, TREATMENT & RECOVERY

Chair: Ken Heulveman, Port Huron Odyssey House

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. **Data Collection:** Increase accurate, relevant, and current local data that will be used to increase community awareness of and 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 a focus on prevention, treatment, and recovery.
3. **Resources & Support:** Identify, assess, and promote current resources and support for people who have a concern regarding substance use and recovery.



COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Made presentations to organizations about the scope and mission of the workgroup, broadening their understanding of its goals.
- Initiated the Overdose Fatality Review Team, led by the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), to analyze local overdose deaths, our local team will formally commence case discussions in early 2024. Recommendations arising from the committee aim to prevent further overdose deaths.
- Established the Opioid Settlement Task Force to prioritize ideas for using opioid settlement funds to enhance services for people in treatment, recovery, and for prevention. These priorities will serve as suggestions to the County Opioid Settlement Committee.
- Sponsored a virtual town hall on August 31st, on International Overdose Day. Supported by an MDHHS grant, the event featured a panel discussion with individuals with lived experiences, medical and mental health professionals, and law enforcement. Streamed live on CSCB's Facebook and recorded for future viewing, this town hall aimed to raise community awareness and share resources.
- Strategies outlined in the 2023-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) focusing on Substance Abuse align with the goals of this workgroup. With overlapping membership between the two committees, collaboration ensures support without duplicating efforts.
- The annual Recovery Summit concluded on September 29th, featuring workgroup members as presenters covering diverse topics and specialties. Professionals attending any of the one-hour workshops could acquire continuing education credits, enhancing their expertise.

ADOLESCENT SERVICES WORKGROUP

Chairperson: Karen Palka, A Beautiful Me

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. Develop a 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 the development of needed programs as identified through the needs assessment process.
4. Develop a countywide Speakers Bureau listing - COMPLETED!

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- An electronic version of the Adolescent Resource Guide was developed and a postcard with a QR code to access it was distributed at the Community Resource Fair, to all school districts at the beginning of the school year, as well as to the CSCB membership. It was updated in January, and the committee continues to monitor and identify additional supports to be included, and additional locations to market it. A link to the Adolescent Resource Guide can be found on the banner of the CSCB website.
- A comprehensive speakers bureau was created on a variety of adolescent topics and is available to any group, committee, or school that would be interested in a presentation.
- Work is underway to expand the workgroup membership to be more inclusive of all types of adolescent services.
- The workgroup is in the final stages of creating and disseminating a survey that will be completed by youth to identify what supports they believe they would benefit from. This data, once collected will assist the committee in developing future goals.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SERVICES GREAT START COLLABORATIVE

Chairperson: Julie Pemberton, Blue Water Community Action

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. 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, 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 of high quality.

Identified Gap: The child care crisis continues to be a priority in St. Clair County and across the state.

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Partnered with WomenInfant Children (WIC), Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), and other preschools to distribute 100 WIC Talking is Teaching bags promoting WIC and literacy.
- Two new StoryWalks were installed - Marysville Park and Pine River Nature Center.
- New Talking is Teaching literacy space created at Megan Simmons - State Farm. This project will bring literacy opportunities to the families in the spaces they visit.
- Help Me Grow is supporting partners in providing Ages & Stages Questionnaires® (ASQ) to their families. Three new partners joined this year: Great Start Home Visiting, Community First Health Centers, and Dr. Barnes.
- 260 Talking is Teaching bags were distributed to Maternal Infant Health Program families.
- The Great Start Parents Coalition (GSPC) hosted its first Parent Education event with 10 parents attending. The parents left positive feedback and asked for another educational event.

BUSINESS RESOURCE NETWORK

Chairperson: Ann Austin, Macomb-St. Clair MiWorks!

WORKGROUP GOALS:

1. To focus on system issues that may interfere with people applying for and maintaining employment once hired.
2. Advocate with employers the need to break down barriers that prevent people from obtaining and maintaining employment - including the role employers can play in driving solutions.
3. Identify and advocate for support for employees who may need extra assistance to maintain employment.
4. To become a strong advocate for legislative solutions that meet the needs of our workforce families and thereby benefit area employers by developing a more stable workforce.

Identified Gaps: Child care issues, living wages, affordable housing, labor force shortage and turnover

COLLABORATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Worked across agencies/counties to win collaborative grants allowing for data collection from child care providers and parents from which the group hopes to derive solutions that better meet our families/workforce needs.
- Working to expand workgroup membership to include employers, human resource specialists, and human services providers.
- Staying informed on other community barriers: workforce housing, transportation, living wages, etc.



ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES

Child Death Review Team:

- Child Death Review Team is led by St. Clair Health Department.
- Reviewed 22 cases. Fourteen were birth to age 1, three were between 1–11 years of age, and five were between 13–17.
- Manner of Death: 16 were natural, 3 accident, 2 suicide, 1 sudden unexpected infant death related to unsafe sleep.
- Discussions include contributing factors and proposed initiatives that may help prevent future deaths. Members are encouraged to promote community participation in programs that provide early prenatal and infant support programs such as Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), Women Infant & Children (WIC) and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) to increase healthy pregnancy, birth, infant, and childhood outcomes. and link families to prevention and early intervention services offered in St. Clair County.



Dementia and Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County

- The Dementia and Alzheimer's Resource Committee changed the organization's name to the Dementia and Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County (DAASCC).
- Revamped/redesigned the DAASCC website and Facebook page.
- In June, DAASCC was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Legacy Fund for Caregivers from the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan to provide respite support services.
- Co-sponsored Caregiver Wellbeing workshops with the University of Michigan and St. Clair County Community Mental Health in October.
- Held the first annual Marcia Haynes Advocate of the Year Awards in May at the Port Huron Golf Club. Marcy Cameron was the recipient of the Individual Advocate of the Year; Lakeshore Woods and Elite Feet/Road Runner Timing were the recipients of the Community Advocates of the Year awards. More than 140 people attended and raised \$4500.00.
- Lynn Wilhelm was hired as the part-time Executive Director on August 1, 2023.
- In 2023, 12 respite care grants totaling \$6,973 were provided. To date, 76 grants totaling \$45,913.44 have been provided.
- Hosted the Annual 5K Run/Walk at Keifer Park in Port Huron on September 24, 2023, with nearly 200 walkers/runners and raised more than \$5,000.
- Attended several community resource events.
- Applied for membership to the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body.

Healthy Lifestyles:

- With the finalization of the 2023-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), the Healthy Lifestyles Committee decided to disband and join the Obesity & Other Associated Health Issues Priority area. This transition took place in March 2023.

Critical Incident Stress Management:

- Collaboration between the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Management and St. Clair County Community Mental Health.
- Team members include individuals in law enforcement, EMS, fire, medical, mental health, business, schools, clergy, etc.
- Team members are trained in the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) model and are able to respond when there is a traumatic event in the community.
- There have been 14 interventions from January – October 30th for a variety of first responder entities, schools, hospitals, human services organizations, and community members.
- For more information or an intervention, contact St. Clair County Community Mental Health and request the Critical Incident Team.

ASSOCIATED INITIATIVES

Offender Success:

- Statewide strategic approach to create safer neighborhoods through the delivery of a seamless plan of prisoner re-entry services. All services are delivered in collaboration with state and local agencies to provide the tools necessary for returning citizens to transition into the community successfully.
- Served 77 returning St. Clair County Citizens FY '23
- Of those served, 42 received transitional housing services, and 28 received public transportation assistance. seven received behavioral health assistance, 12 received assistance with getting ID, nine received food assistance, and 32 received clothing assistance, 10 received employment services, including assistance in obtaining tools or other necessary work-related items.
- Region-wide (seven counties), our job placement rate was 48%, and job retention (12 months or longer at the same job) was 44%. The region-wide return to prison rate dropped by 2% to 18.3%.

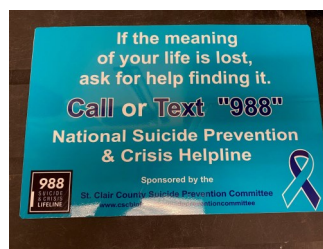
Information provided by Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties.

Wraparound:

- Lead by St. Clair County Community Mental Health Children & Family Services Division with five full-time Wraparound Coordinators.
- In FY '23, 61 families served and 14 children successfully exited the program.
- Eligibility: St. Clair County Children 0-17 with a Severe Emotional Disturbance and meeting two of the following 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 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.

St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Committee:

- Work with the St. Clair County Medical Examiner and local Law Enforcement departments to collect data on deaths by suicide and suicide attempts in St. Clair County. In 2022, there were 24 deaths by suicide; 7 of those were individuals under age 25. There were at least 398 police interventions that were suicide-related; and 43% of those interventions were individuals under 25 years of age.
- Have expanded data collection from three police departments in 2022 to six in 2023.
- Continued a billboard campaign to highlight the increase in youth data and to roll out the National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Helpline 988.
- Updated all marketing material to include new 988 number for the National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Helpline. Collaborated with the Council on Aging to distribute updated information to seniors.
- Created additional marketing material for teens with the 988 call or text number. Continue to share with the school systems and organizations to ensure the information gets into the hands of youth.
- Continue to provide community trainings in person and virtually on suicide prevention which include local resources.
- Worked with SCC Parks to create a sign that will be posted on the Avoca Trail Trestle Bridge.
- The 8th Annual Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide was held on October 8, 2023 with approximately 300 people in attendance.
- Survivors of Suicide Memorial Garden in East China Park continues to be supported and utilized.
- Two community members held different fundraisers: YOUth Matters and Crop2Remember, Crop2Prevent and raised a combined donation of \$5,500.



2023 CSCB MEMBERS

A Beautiful Me, Area Agency on Aging I-B, Autism Systems, Blue Water Area Chamber of Commerce, **Blue Water Allies** 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, Michael McCartan, Kathleen Swantek; 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, **Dementia & Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County**, 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, Hunter Hospitality House, IMPACT, Innovative Housing Development Corporation, Lake Huron Medical Center, Lake Huron 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, **The Salvation Army** United Way of St. Clair County, YMCA of the Blue Water Area ****Bold denotes new member in 2023**

2023 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

