



**St. Clair County
Community Services Coordinating Body**

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



40 Years of Growth & Transformation

Celebrating decades of
working together to meet
the needs of our community



**Years of Collaboration
1984 - 2024**



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A Message from the Chair



Looking Back... *Moving Forward!*

As we commemorate the 40th anniversary of the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB), we are reminded of the incredible power of collaboration. Over the past four decades the CSCB has grown from a small pilot project with just seven members to a dynamic and diverse body of more than 75 organizations, each committed to building a stronger, healthier, and more resilient St. Clair County.

The CSCB has grown into a vital foundation for strengthening community connections. Today, it is a hub where public, private, and nonprofit organizations unite to tackle some of our most pressing challenges. These issues have demanded innovative solutions and collective action through the years, and the CSCB has continuously risen to meet these demands.

As we enter our 40th year, we reflect on the incredible impact we've had - made possible by the dedication of our members. The strength of the CSCB lies in its ability to bring together organizations, each with unique strengths, to work toward a common purpose. Whether sharing resources, coordinating services, or developing innovative solutions, our collaborative spirit has been key to driving meaningful change in our community.

We are excited to continue this work and confident in our ability to navigate the challenges and opportunities. Together, we will continue to build on the foundation laid over the past 40 years, ensuring that collaboration remains at the heart of everything we do.

Debra Johnson, Chair

St. Clair County

Community Services Coordinating Body

Meet Our Steering Committee



The CSCB Steering Committee is the Executive Committee of the CSCB. This committee is responsible for managing the daily operations of the CSCB, membership recruitment, recommend direction and future planning, fiscal operations and data oversight. This committee also monitors local, state and federal trends that may affect the residents of St. Clair County.



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Vision

All individuals and families in St. Clair County will live in a community that provides opportunities to achieve personal and economic wellness.

Mission

Members of the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) collaborate to strengthen our community and meet identified community needs.

Guiding Principles

The following principles describe **HOW** we do our work as members of the CSCB:

- We approach our work with a commitment to promoting **equity**
- We believe in **empowering residents** in their own journey of personal and economic wellness
- We respect the **cultural and ethnic diversity** of our community
- We value the importance of **various perspectives**
- We work toward **common goals with shared leadership and mutual respect**
- We make decisions based on **data, research, and evidence-based practices**
- We believe that to achieve our mission a **community-wide approach is essential**

Core Functions

Working together, CSCB members carryout seven core functions:

1. Identifying Gaps and Needs
2. Providing Focus and Direction
3. System Coordination and Improvement
4. Strengthening Relationships
5. Leveraging Resources
6. Networking and Infrastructure
7. Providing Objectivity



IN THE BEGINNING



OUR HISTORY

In 1984, the **St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body** began as a state pilot project under the Model Life Services System in 1983. The initial group included eight agencies providing services for adults with disabilities. In 1985, members looked beyond the coordination of services for adults with disabilities. Over the years, the CSCB has continued to grow a public-private membership of more than 75 organizations. The CSCB responds to emerging issues through a workgroup structure.

1985 - 1989

- Formalized structure and name change to Human Services Coordinating Body
- Created Workgroups with different charges, membership included line staff
- Completed a comprehensive needs assessment
- Expanded Issues Addressed: Wraparound, Traumatic Brain Injury, Youth Violence, Substance Use Prevention, Aging, Vulnerable Adults, Community Response to Trauma, etc.
- Developed Blue Water Center for Independent Living, Pathway Shelter, Teen Health Center, Alice McKinnon Family Center

1990 - 1995

- Additional Issues Addressed: Transportation, Crisis Response, Cross-System Training, Drug Free Schools, etc.
- Collaborative Accomplishments: Capac Community First Project, Seaway Clinic, Community Dispute Resolution Center, Youth Violence Task Force, Comprehensive Health Assessment, etc.

1995 - 1999

- Completed the state mandated "Systems Reform" process and created a new 5-year prevention plan and created Operational Guidelines
- Upgraded Workgroups, created Associated Initiatives, and Ad-Hoc Committees
- Changed name to St. Clair County (SCC) Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB)
- Expanded membership to 35 members
- Received five (5) Innovative Awards for Interagency & Cross System Trainings from the state

More Milestones...



2000 - 2005

- 5 Workgroups, 10 Associated Initiatives, 2 Ad-Hoc Committees
- Numerous funding streams supported various projects
- Created and distributed a teen drunk driving video called "It Will Never Happen to Me"
- Early childhood distributed Ready Kits, Parent University, and helped sponsor Learning Train
- Began the car seat safety program through Office of Highway Safety and Planning
- CSCB began recognizing a Community Collaborative Winner and started collecting dues
- Began Senior Connections with Robert Woods Johnson Planning Grant

2006 - 2010

- CSCB membership grew to 65 and Operational Guidelines updated
- Created the first 10-year plan to End Homelessness
- First Community Resource Fair held
- Special projects included: Senior Growth Study, Poverty Summit, KnowHowtoGrow SCC, Tobacco Free Initiative, etc.

2011 - 2015

- Launched the SCC Car Seat Program
- Community Resource Fair identified as a Best Practice Model by Michigan's Coalition Against Homelessness
- Created a Housing Resource Center to address homelessness and homelessness prevention
- Completed a Juvenile Justice Planning Grant to streamline services
- Began addressing prescription drug abuse issues

2016 - 2019

- Changes in funding streams required CSCB members to complete a self-assessment of the value of belonging to the CSCB and agreed to the initiation of a tiered-dues structure
- Reviewed and updated Mission, Vision, Guiding Principles and Memorandum of Understanding
- Underwent a strategic planning process
- Created three strategic areas of focus: 1) economic self-sufficiency; 2) education; and, 3) health and wellness
- Created the first End-of-the-Year Annual Report to use for marketing

More Milestones & Moving Forward!



2020 - 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSES

- CSCB worked closely with Emergency Operations Center to provide necessary information and resources to address basic needs identified
- Created a CSCB Facebook page and website to share ever changing information
- Streamlined supports and education to promote vaccinations
- Meetings were virtual then moved to a hybrid model
- Supported and prioritized state and federal funds that were targeted to address the pandemic

2022 - 2024

- A comprehensive workgroup was established to focus on all types of substance use and prevention
- A workgroup was established to support employer and employee issues exacerbated by the pandemic
- An Ad-Hoc Committee was developed to create a men's homeless shelter
- Second Housing Summit was held to focus on housing insecurity in the county
- Community Resource Fair began again as a "drive through" then in-person for the past two years
- The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) was completed and intertwined into various workgroups of the CSCB
- Membership has continued to grow and is diverse

40 Years of Collaboration in 15 Minutes

How do you capture four decades of dedication, growth, and community impact? With a powerful video! Featuring insights from 24 past and present CSCB members, this 15-minute video celebrates the remarkable journey of the CSCB, from its early days to its current achievements.

Premiered at the 40th Anniversary Celebration on November 20, 2024, the video offers an inspiring look at how true collaboration has shaped St. Clair County.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience the highlights of our history and community progress - watch it now at www.cscbinfo.org or scan the QR code below.

While visiting our website, take a few minutes and give us a look!



www.cscbinfo.org



40th Anniversary



CSCB in One Word

2024 Community Collaborative Award Recipient



JOSH CHAPMAN

PRESIDENT & CEO, YMCA OF THE BLUE WATER AREA

Josh Chapman's dedication to community betterment has made him an invaluable asset since his return to the area a few years ago. As CEO of the YMCA of the Blue Water Area, Josh has led numerous initiatives to support residents in meaningful ways. His work has ranged from addressing childcare shortages and establishing a temporary

Warming Center for men experiencing homelessness to ensuring that youth at the Y receive nutritious meals. Josh's programs also support the Community Health Improvement Plan, helping to foster a healthier, stronger community.

Beyond his role at the YMCA, Josh serves on multiple community boards, further contributing his time and expertise. Josh's efforts exemplify the spirit of collaboration, making him a well-deserved recipient of the 2024 Community Collaborative Award.

Past Award Recipients

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| 2001 | William Smiley
Community Member | 2013 | Laura Newsome
Council On Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County |
| 2002 | Donald Dodge
SCC County Administrator / Commissioner | 2014 | Tom Seppo
Operation Transformation |
| 2003 | Gerri Kimbro
Community Member | 2015 | Jim Wilson
Blue Water Transit |
| 2004 | Arnold Larson
Economic Opportunity Committee | 2016 | Melinda Johnson
Blue Water Community Action |
| 2005 | Juanita Gittings
Community Member | 2017 | Mike Caza
Professional Counseling Center |
| 2006 | Patricia Anger
SCC County Commissioner | 2018 | Randy Maiers
Community Foundation of St. Clair County |
| 2007 | Community Foundation of St. Clair County | 2019 | Amy Smith
SCC Community Services Coordinating Body |
| 2008 | Jenny Schultz-MacReady
Blue Water Safe Horizons | 2020 | Dr. Annette Mercatante , SCC Health Department
Justin Westmiller , SCC Homeland Security /
Emergency Management |
| 2009 | Jon Parsons
SCC Public Health Department | 2021 | Scott Crawford
Council on Aging, Serving St. Clair County |
| 2010 | Kathy Swantek
Blue Water Developmental Housing | 2022 | Debra Johnson
SCC Community Mental Health |
| 2011 | Tim Donnellon
SCC Sheriff's Office | 2023 | Barbara Hanneke , Harbor Impact Ministeries
Port Huron Police Department |
| 2012 | Michael McCartan
SCC Community Mental Health | | |

2024 Highlights



Disaster Planning Under the CSCB: Building a Resilient St. Clair County

Have you heard of **SCC Strong?** Launched by the Community Foundation, this campaign ensures local organizations have immediate financial support to respond when a disaster strikes in St. Clair County. Introduced to the CSCB Steering Committee in April 2024, the campaign sparked discussions with St. Clair County Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) on the status of the county's disaster recovery plan and the role of human services in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The CSCB Steering Committee established the Disaster Planning Recovery Ad-Hoc Committee to address gaps. This group began by reviewing the current recovery plan and supports needed when the county would shift into recovery mode of a disaster. Next, the committee created a survey to assess the resources CSCB members can contribute to disaster recovery efforts. The survey, conducted in June and July, sought input on available services and organization contacts with authority to activate resources.

After initial responses showed some gaps, the survey was reopened, extending invitations to additional organizations outside the CSCB to participate by October 31, 2024. In mid-November, the ad-hoc committee met to categorize responses into key areas such as shelter, transportation, food, volunteer resources, health services, and financial aid. The goal is a comprehensive, up-to-date data resource to support the EOC and facilitate a coordinated response to any disaster in St. Clair County.

For more information or to get involved, visit www.cscbinfo.org.

Opening Doors: Free Preschool and Childcare Support for SCC Families

Childcare has been a key priority for the Great Start Collaborative in recent years, recognized as essential to supporting a robust local economy and empowering families. In response, the Great Start Collaborative and its community partners are actively addressing critical challenges in workforce development, accessibility and affordability.

One innovative approach to improve affordability is the Tri-Share Program, which divides childcare costs equally between the employer, employee, and the State of Michigan. Currently, five (5) employers in St. Clair County participate, providing this benefit to their staff.

Another important initiative, PreK for All, ensures, free, high-quality preschool for every four-year-old in the county. St. Clair County now has 35 PreK for All classrooms across seven (7) school districts and three (3) Community-Based Organizations (CBO), including Head Start.

2024 Highlights



St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan: We all Have a Role to Play

The 2023-2027 St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has entered its second year, focusing on three key priorities:

1. **Mental and Behavioral Health:** Supporting St. Clair County residents' mental and behavioral well-being.
2. **Substance Abuse:** Reducing substance abuse, unintentional injuries, and drug-related deaths.
3. **Obesity and Health Behaviors:** Decreasing rates of overweight and obesity while promoting healthier behaviors.

Led by the Health Department, CHIP calls on all community members to contribute to these shared goals. Throughout the county, presentations and updates highlight strategies and progress within each area, emphasizing that achieving these goals is a collaborative effort.

Organizations, groups, and individuals actively working on these initiatives are invited to submit their activities via a brief survey at www.healthyscc.org. With 54 responses submitted thus far, each contribution strengthens our collective impact.

To learn more or schedule a presentation, contact healthed@stclaircounty.org or (810) 987-5300. Together, let's drive better health outcomes in St. Clair County.

St. Clair County Car Seat Program: A Legacy of Child Safety

Launched in 2002 through the CSCB's Safe Community Workgroup, the St. Clair County Car Seat Program has worked to prioritize child safety on the road for years. Initially funded by grants from the Office of Highway Safety and Planning (OHSP), local Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPST) are trained to provide free car seat inspections to the community. Through OHSP funding, which ended in 2011, CSCB maintained this essential service on a smaller scale, recognizing the ongoing need.

This July, the CSCB Steering Committee officially designated the St. Clair County Car Seat Program as an Associated Initiative, affirming its importance. The program continues to offer free monthly inspections, hands-on education, and - through partnership with local agencies - free car seats to eligible families. Certified CPSTs work directly with caregivers ensuring each car seat is installed correctly and tailored to each child.

Through support from partners such as St. Clair County Community Mental Health, the Department of Health and Human Services, the St. Clair County Sheriff's Department, and the Michigan State Police, the Car Seat Program remains a trusted resource in reducing preventable injuries and safeguarding children on the road.

2024 Highlights



St. Clair County's Community Resource Fair



For nearly two decades, the Housing and Support Services Workgroup has hosted an annual event connecting residents facing financial hardships, housing insecurity, or homelessness with essential community resources. The first St. Clair County Community Resource Fair (CRF) took place in 2007 at the Salvation Army in Port Huron, drawing more than 800 attendees. Since 2009, St. Clair County Community College has hosted this expanding event, which now includes physical and behavioral health services, legal support, housing resources, education, law enforcement, transportation, pet care, employment, utilities and more!

Despite the pandemic requiring drive-through formats in 2021 and 2022, the CRF returned in person in 2023, and the planning committee is preparing for the next fair on May 14, 2025. The ongoing success of this "one-stop shop" event is a testament to the commitment and teamwork of numerous organizations and volunteers. All are welcome to join the CRF Planning Committee as we continue building this essential community resource.

Re-Connecting with 2-1-1

The 2-1-1 service, available nationwide, provides confidential connections to local resources such as housing, utilities, caregiver support, mental health services, and food assistance. Despite its wide availability, 2-1-1 is underutilized in St. Clair County. In April, CSCB Steering Committee members met with Northeast 2-1-1 to discuss ways to increase local awareness, improve marketing efforts, and enhance resource listings. As a result, 2-1-1 representatives now regularly attend CSCB Full Body meetings to share updates and encourage members to review and update service information.

This valuable tool offers St. Clair County residents critical support and specific data, as needed, and is a practical addition to our community's resources.

Workgroup Reports



Housing & Support Services Workgroup

Chair: Kathleen Swantek, Citizen Member

Workgroup Goals:

1. Raise community awareness about homelessness in St. Clair County.
2. Collaborate to reduce homelessness in the region.
3. Re-evaluate and update the St. Clair County Strategic Action Plan to End Homelessness in coordination with various federal, state, and local requirements.

Identified Gap: A shortage of affordable housing options for individuals and families struggling with homelessness remains a significant barrier.



2024 Community Resource Fair



Collaborative Accomplishments:

Point in Time Count:

- Conducted the annual count on January 31, 2024 identifying 186 homeless individuals (155 adults, 31 children, and 18 families).
- Conducted a Summer Point in Time Count on July 31, 2024, identifying 137 homeless individuals (104 adults, 33 children, and 22 families).

Housing Assistance Resource Agency (HARA):

- Expended all the Federal COVID Relief Funding allocated between 2020 and 2023.
- In FY 24, screened 183 families, totaling 217 adults and 176 children and responded to 1,366 calls from homeless individuals and 991 calls from people who were facing eviction.

Community Resource Fair:

- Held the 16th annual event in person on May 8, 2024 at St. Clair County Community College, with 340 people that registered and took advantage of meeting with 73 different vendors in the areas of medical, legal, counseling, housing, children and senior services, and hygiene products.
- Approximately 959 household members benefited from the food truck.
- Mid City Nutrition provided a bag lunch to 500 participants, volunteers, vendors, and college staff.
- Planning is underway for the next fair on May 14, 2025.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG):

Received \$209,267 from Michigan State Housing Development Authority for FY 24 to support HARA services, emergency shelters, rapid rehousing, and prevention. The FY 25 award increased to \$219,980 reflecting performance achievements.

Hunger & Homeless Awareness Week:

Conducted awareness campaigns from November 17-23, 2024, to engage the community on homelessness issues.

Strategic Planning:

The Workgroup's 2023-2025 Strategic Plan to End Homeless is reviewed and updated at each meeting.

Business Resource Workgroup

Chair: Ann Austin, Friend of Court



Workgroup Goals:

1. Address system issues that interfere with job application and retention processes.
2. Advocate for employer initiatives to reduce barriers to employment and retention.
3. Support employees who may need additional assistance to maintain stable employment.
4. Advocate for legislative solutions to benefit workforce families, creating a more reliable workforce for local employers.

Collaborative Accomplishments:

Regional Collaborative Grant:

Supported a regional grant to collect data from childcare providers and parents to inform solutions for workforce families.

Membership Expansion:

Worked to expand workgroup membership to include employers, human resource specialist, and human-service providers to broaden perspectives and resources.

Community Awareness:

Remained informed on key workforce barriers, including housing, transportation, and living wage issues.

Workgroup Ended: The Workgroup chose to disband due to workforce improvements and challenges in expanding membership and addressing systemic gaps. The CSCB Steering Committee endorsed this decision in October.

Adolescent Services Workgroup

Chair: Karen Palka, A Beautiful Me

Workgroup Goals:

1. Maintain and distribute a comprehensive resource list for children, families, and providers serving youth ages 8 to 18.
2. Identify service gaps using local adolescent survey data.
3. Support the development of programs based on adolescent needs identified through survey data.
4. Update the county-wide Speakers Bureau listing.
5. Promote adolescent health and wellness through Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Strategy 3 on obesity and associated health behaviors.



Collaborative Accomplishments:

Resource Guide:

In January, the Adolescent Resource Guide (electronic format) was updated, and a QR code postcard was distributed at schools, the Community Resource Fair, and other locations. The guide is accessible on the CSCB website homepage with a full document link on the Resources page. The Workgroup continues to identify additional support services and distribution sites.

Speakers Bureau:

Reformatted and updated the Speakers Bureau to include a variety of adolescent-focused topics, now accessible to any group or school via the CSCB website under Resources.

Adolescent Survey:

Distributed a county-wide survey to gather adolescents' perspectives on pressing issues. This led to a collaboration with students from the Virtual Learning Academy to address these topics.

Youth Focus Group:

Held in August to gather adolescent insights on healthy lifestyles and recreational interests, aligning with CHIP Strategy 3.

Community Event:

Co-hosted "Nature's Canvas: A Day of Art, Recreation, and Well-Being by the Pond" with the Virtual Learning Academy at 40th Street Park on October 26, 2024.

Membership Expansion:

Actively expanded the Workgroup to include various adolescent service providers across the county.

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Workgroup

Chair: Ken Heuvelman, Professional Counseling Center



Workgroup Goals:

1. Increase accurate, relevant, and current local data to increase community awareness of and support informed decision-making to decrease the negative impact of substance use in St. Clair County.
2. Create a public awareness and education marketing campaign to promote awareness of substance use concerns, focusing on prevention, treatment, and recovery.
3. Identify, assess, and promote current resources and support for people concerned about substance use and recovery.

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.

Collaborative Accomplishments:

Educational Outreach:

Conducted presentations to various organizations to increase awareness of the Workgroup's mission and scope.

Overdose Fatality Review Team:

The St. Clair County (SCC) Overdose Fatality Review Team initiated reviews of local overdose deaths with guidance from the Michigan Public Health Institute (MPHI), helping to identify barriers and strategies to prevent future overdose fatalities.

Opioid Settlement Committee Representation:

Two Workgroup members are members of SCC's Opioid Settlement Committee to advocate for human services priorities, focusing on the effective use of opioid settlement funds for treatment, recovery, and prevention.

Strategic Alignment with CHIP:

Many substance use reduction strategies outlined in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) align with the Workgroup's goals, fostering collaboration and reducing redundancy between overlapping committees.

Annual Recovery Summit:

Hosted in September, this month-long event featured Workgroup members presenting on various topics related to substance use. Professionals attending earned continuing education credits, supporting their ongoing development.

Early Childhood Collaborative Workgroup

Chair (Coordinator): Jennifer Gunderson

Workgroup Goals:

1. Ensure early childhood programs reach and engage all families needing support and information.
2. Improve maternal and child health outcomes through active collaboration with WIC, the Great Start Collaborative (GSC), and the Great Start Parent Coalition (GSPC).
3. Increase access to high-quality early care and educational services.
4. Provide access to high-quality early literacy services for children in St. Clair County.

Collaborative Accomplishments:

Community Baby Shower:

Hosted 51 mothers and 43 guests, offering educational sessions on car seat safety, health, safe sleep, Shaken Baby Syndrome, postpartum depression, nutrition, and child development. Parents also connected with 24 vendors providing information on local programs and services.

Help Me Grow Collaborative:

Partnered with 16 organizations to provide ASQ developmental screeners to families, completing 5,597 screenings since launching the online portal in June 2022.

Parent Education Workshops:

The GSPC organized four workshops attended by 52 parents, receiving positive feedback and requests for future sessions.

Imagination Library:

Provided 52,133 free books to registered children (birth to age 5) in St. Clair County, fostering early literacy development.

Associated Initiatives



Child Death Review Team:

- **Child Death Review Team** is led by St. Clair County Health Department.
- **Manner of Death:** Reviewed 18 cases: 10 Cases were Birth to One Year; 1 case was ages 1 to 12 years; and 7 cases were ages 13 to 18 years.
- **Prevention Efforts:** Team discussions focus on identifying contributing factors and advancing initiatives that support safe, healthy pregnancies and childhood outcomes. Members promote community engagement in early prenatal and infant support programs, such as the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS). These programs offer nutritional support, health education, counseling, and access to healthcare and social services.
- **Family Support:** Members share local grief and support resources with families impacted by the loss of a child.

Dementia and Alzheimer's Association of St. Clair County (DAASC):

- Hosted the second annual Marcia Haynes Advocacy of the Year Awards in June, honoring Kathy Vertin of Thumbcoast Theaters, Shirley "Cricket" Trendy, Starpath Senior Day Care, and Marwood Nursing and Rehab, with special recognition of Anna Mathews and Kyle Schiewick. The event welcomed 142 attendees and raised \$5,700.
- Joined the St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body as a new member.
- Completed a \$25,000 respite care grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation.
- Organized the Annual 5K Run/Walk at Keifer Park in September, with nearly 150 participants, raising more than \$9,500.
- Held two *Socialize and Dance* events at the Council on Aging attracting around 100 caregivers and their loved ones for a day of music and dance.
- Awarded a \$154,000 Southeast Michigan Exhale grant from the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation and BCBS Foundation of Michigan to host regional expos in 2025 and 2027, 1 of 11 selected from 200 applicants.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM):

- A collaborative initiative between the Department of Homeland Security/Emergency Management and St. Clair County Community Mental Health.
- The CISM team includes trained professionals from various sectors, including law enforcement, emergency medical personnel, fire services, mental health providers, business, education, clergy, and community members.
- Team members trained in the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) model provide support following traumatic events impacting first responders, schools, businesses, and the community.
- From October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024, the team conducted 12 interventions for first responders, schools, hospitals, human service organizations, and the broader community.
- For more information or to request an intervention, contact St. Clair County Community Mental Health at (810) 985-900 and inquire about the Critical Incident Team.

Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) Team:

- Team meetings began in late 2024, with two case reviews completed in FY 24.
- The Substance Use Disorder Prevention and Treatment Recovery (SUDPTR) subcommittee, the Community Action Team (CAT), supports the OFR initiative under the CSCB.
- Key Recommendations:
 - Enhance law enforcement training on overdose death investigations.
 - Develop and distribute an up-to-date resource list for substance use disorder and treatment services, enabling law enforcement to provide resources to those in need.
 - Improve mental health service access to individuals seeking support related to drug use, including timely follow-up for those who miss appointments.
 - Investigate the creation of a shared database for emergency services and other providers to log encounters with individuals actively using opiates, modeled after the infant safe sleep tracking program.

Associated Initiatives



Offender Success

- Statewide strategy focused on creating safer neighborhoods through coordinated prisoner re-entry services, delivered in partnership with state and local agencies to support successful community reintegration.
- In FY 24, 138 returning St. Clair County citizens received support (FY 23: 77). Of those:
 - 76 received transitional housing services (FY 23: 42).
 - 74 received transportation assistance (FY 23: 28).
 - 15 received behavioral health support (FY 23: 7).
 - 20 obtained assistance with ID services (FY 23: 12).
 - 9 received food assistance (FY 23: 9).
 - 47 received clothing assistance (FY 23: 32).
 - 12 accessed employment services, including job-related tools (FY 23: 10).
- Across seven (7) counties:
 - Job placement rates reached 51.6% (FY 23: 48%).
 - Job retention- 12+ months at the same position also hit 51.6% (FY 23: 44%).
- The regional return-to-prison rate dropped by 3.9%.
 - Now at 14.4% compared to FY 23 at 18.3%

Wraparound Program:

New for FY 25: Intensive Care Coordination with Wraparound (ICCW):

- To qualify for ICCW, children, youth, or young adults (ages 0-21) must have a Serious Mental Illness (SMI), Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED), and/or an Intellectual / Developmental Disability with complex behavioral needs and an identified home and community.
- Additionally, at least two of the following criteria must be met:
 - Involvement in two or more systems (e.g., mental health, criminal justice, welfare, special education).
 - Risk of or currently in an out-of-home placement, recent discharge from state hospital/CCI, recent inpatient psychiatric stay, or release from a non-medical facility in the last year.
 - Lack of support system.
 - Requirement for higher intensity services than prior case management.
 - Unstable complex medical needs.
 - Frequent school suspensions or expulsions.
 - Significant distress following a traumatic event.
- Lead agency: St. Clair County Community Mental Health - Child and Family Services

Suicide Prevention Committee

- Partnered with the St. Clair County Medical Examiner and local law enforcement to collect data on suicide deaths and attempts. In 2023, 21 deaths were recorded, with 52% of those over age 55. Police responded to 432 suicide-related interventions, with 39% involving individuals under age 25.
- Compiled data from six law enforcement agencies on suicide attempts.
- Continued a billboard campaign to raise awareness about youth mental health and the 988 National Suicide Prevention & Crisis Helpline.
- Updated marketing materials to include 988 information, collaborating with the Council On Aging for senior outreach.
- Created and distributed additional 988 resource for teens, collaborating with schools and youth organizations.
- Provided community suicide prevention trainings that include local resources.
- Held the 9th Annual Walk2Remember, Walk2Prevent Suicide on October 13, 2024, drawing approximately 250 attendees.
- Supported the SOS Memorial Garden in East China Park as a place of reflection and remembrance.
- Community fundraisers for suicide prevention efforts raised more than \$12,000.

SCC Car Seat Program

- The St. Clair County Car Seat program prioritizes child safety in vehicles by providing accessible education and car seat resources to families.
- There are currently 15 Child Passenger Safety Technicians covering St. Clair County.
- Six car seat check events were held to date in 2024.
- At the car seat check events, the program saw 75 children from 54 households.
- The program distributed 58 new car seats to children in need and checked the seats of 22 children who did not need a replacement seat.
- Of the seats distributed, 2 infant carriers, 37 rear/forward convertible seats, 13 combination car seat/boosters, and 6 belt-positioning boosters.

2024 CSCB New Member Spotlight



Friends of the St. Clair River inspire community engagement and awareness by promoting waterway preservation and safe enjoyment of St. Clair County's natural resources.



Vinculum Care provides essential home healthcare services, offering supportive care to community members without coverage options.



Based in Port Huron, The Athletic Factory empowers youth from kindergarten through 12th grade with recreational activities, mentoring, and enriching after-school programs.

Member Benefits: In 2024, CSCB membership expanded to 75 members, reflecting our commitment to collaboration and community impact. Members highlight the benefits of CSCB participation, including networking, resource-sharing, addressing significant community issues collectively, and building supportive relationships across sectors. Members gain insight into local, state, and federal trends, and the collaborative support is valuable for grant applications. As one of the largest, most robust collaboratives in Michigan, the CSCB invites any organization, group, business, or governmental entity to join us in making differences in St. Clair County.

To learn more about how your business or organization can benefit from CSCB membership, contact Amy Smith at (810) 966-7830 or asmith@scccmh.org

Connect with the CSCB



www.CSCBINFO.ORG

The St. Clair County Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB) website, www.cscbinfo.org, connects you to an array of essential community resources, all in one place. Here, you'll find the annually updated **Help Card**, featuring contact information for more than 100 local agencies and organizations. The site also hosts resources from the Adolescent Services Workgroup, including the Speaker's Bureau and Adolescent Services Resource Guide, making locating support for youth and families easy.

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. Stay informed on upcoming events and regularly updated listings, such as the Pop-Up Mobile Food Pantry calendar.

Find the CSCB on Facebook and stay connected in the community!

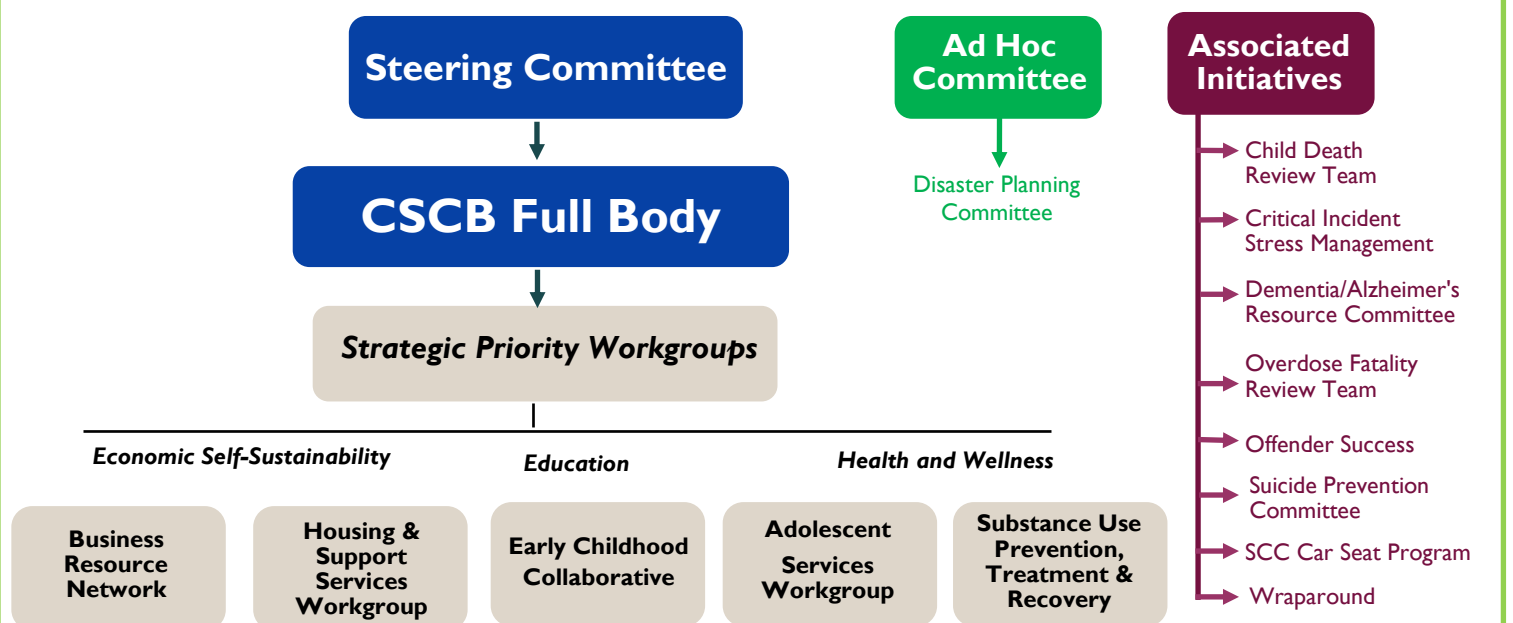


2024 Member Organizations

A Beautiful Me, Area Agency on Aging I-B, Blue Water Allies, 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, Catholic Charities of Southeastern 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, **Friends of St. Clair River**, Goodwill Industries of St. Clair County, Harbor Impact Ministries, Harbor Oaks Hospital, Hunter Hospitality House, I.M.P.A.C.T., Innovative Housing Development Corporation, Lake Huron Medical Center, Lake Huron Physician PHO, Lakeshore Legal Aid, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan, Michigan Works! Macomb/St. Clair Counties, 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, Ltd., Odyssey House of Port Huron, Offender Success - Catholic Charities of Shiawassee & Genesee Counties, Operation Transformation, People's Clinic for Better Health, Port Huron Area School District, Port Huron Police Department, Professional Counseling Center, P.C., Region 10 PIHP, Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home, Spero Pregnancy 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, Inc., St. Clair County Community College, St. Clair County Community Mental Health Authority, St. Clair County Department of Health and Human Services, St. Clair County Department of Veterans Affairs/MI Veterans Funds, St. Clair County Health Department, St. Clair County Library System, St. Clair County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, St. Clair County Probate Court, St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney, St. Clair County Regional Education Service Agency, St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, The Arc of St. Clair County, **The Athletic Factory**, The Council on Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County, The Salvation Army of St. Clair County, United Way of St. Clair County, **Vinculum Care, LCC**, YMCA of the Blue Water Area

****Bold/Italics** denotes new member in 2024

2024 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



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