

# ANNUAL REPORT 2024







# 40 Years of Growth & Transformation

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





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## Chairman's Message



# 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 evolved into a cornerstone of community building. 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, Chairman**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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## **Steering Committee Members**

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#### **Business Resource Network:** Ann Austin

#### **Early Childhood:** Becky Gorniac

#### **Housing & Support Services:** Kathy Swantek

#### Substance Use, Prevention, Treatment & Recovery: Ken Heuvelman

# 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 ethic 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:

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

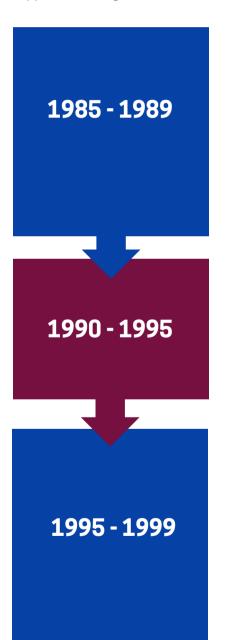
# IN THE BEGINNING



#### **OUR HISTORY**

In 1984, the "**SCC Model Life Services System Coordinating Body**" began as a state pilot project. It's focus was on coordination of services for vulnerable adults.

Executive level to focus on system and policy level decisions, create networking, information sharing, and support. We began with 8 core member agencies and CMH was lead.



- 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
- 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.
- 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 SCC Community Services Coordinating Body (CSCB)
- Expanded membership to 35
- Received five (5) Innovative Awards for Interagency & Cross System Trainings from the state

## More Milestones...



- 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 safety seat program through Office of Highway Safety
- CSCB began recognizing a Community Collaborative Winner and started collecting dues
- Began Senior Connections with Robert Woods Johnson Planning Grant
- 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.
- Launched the SCC Car Seat Program
- Community Resource Fair identified as a Best Practice Model by MI'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
- 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 3 strategic areas of focus: 1) economic self-sufficiency; 2)
   education; and, 3) health and wellness
- Created the first End-of-the-Year to use for marketing

# **More Milestones & Moving Forward!**



2020 - 2021 PANDEMIC RESPONSES

2022 - 2024

- 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
- 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 exaggerated by the pandemic
- An Ad-Hoc Committee was developed to create a men's homeless
- Second Housing Summit was held to focus on housing insecurity in the county
- Community Resource Fair began again as a "drive through" then inperson 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

# 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 as 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**

2001	<b>William Smiley</b> Community Member	2013	<b>Laura Newsome</b> Council On Aging Inc., Serving St. Clair County		
2002	<b>Donald Dodge</b> SCC County Administrator / Commissioner	2014	<b>Tom Seppo</b> Operation Transformation		
2003	<b>Gerri Kimbro</b> Community Member	2015	<b>Jim Wilson</b> Blue Water Transit		
2004	<b>Arnold Larson</b> Economic Opportunity Committee	2016	<b>Melinda Johnson</b> Blue Water Community Action		
2005	Juanita Gittings Community Member	2017	<b>Mike Caza</b> 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		
2009	Jon Parsons SCC Public Health Department		Justin Westmiller, SCC Homeland Security / Emergency Management		
2010	<b>Kathy Swantek</b> Blue Water Developmental Housing	2021	Scott Crawford Council on Aging, Serving St. Clair County		
2011	Tim Donnellon SCC Sheriff's Office	2022	<b>Debra Johnson</b> SCC Community Mental Health		
2012	Michael McCartan SCC Community Mental Health	2023	Barbara Hanneke, Harbor Impact Ministeries Port Huron Police Department		

# 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 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 identifying when the county would shift into recovery mode during 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 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 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 prioritze 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 (CPSTs) were 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, handson 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.

# **Workgroup Reports**



## **Housing & Support Services Workgroup**

Chairperson: Kathleen Swantek, Citizen Member

#### **Workgroup Goals:**

- I. Raise community awareness about homelessness in St. Clair County.
- 2. Collaborate to reduce homelessness in the region.
- 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**

Chairperson: Ann Austin, Michigan Works! Macomb/St. Clair Counties



#### **Workgroup Goals:**

- I. Address system issues that interfere with job application and retention processes.
- 2. Advocate for employer initiatives to reduce barriers to employment and retention.
  - Support employees who may need additional assistance to maintain stable employment.
- 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.

Closure: 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**

Chairperson: Karen Palka, A Beautiful Me

#### **Workgroup Goals:**

- I. 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 does 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 survey county-wide 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**

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Chairperson: Ken Heuvelman, Professional Counseling Center

#### **Workgroup Goals:**

- I. 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.
- 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 joined 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**

Chairperson:

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Workgroup Goals:					
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#### **Collaborative Accomplishments:**

# **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; I case was ages I 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 anew 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 at \$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, I of only I I selected from 200 participants.

#### 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 (FY23: 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 rated 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 stays, 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 n 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 12, 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.

# 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.

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



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

www.CSCBINFO.ORG 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 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!