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WAYNE COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE
SYSTEMS IN ACTION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

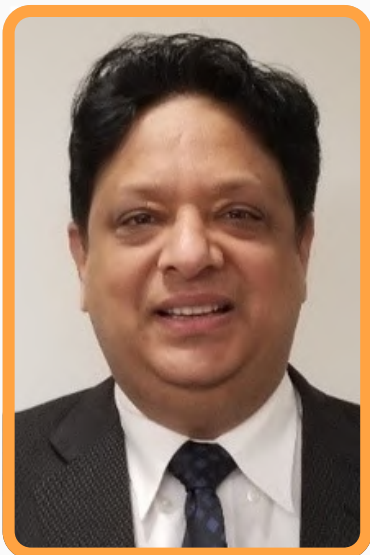
NOTES

To serve a community has always been a
pleasure,
When making an impact we have tilted the
lever,
When life brings storms our families have to
weather,
We try to lighten up their load as light as a
feather,
With each year our community grows stronger
and better,
We even find specialists that are understanding
and clever,
Our goal is to heal and help families with more
than they can measure,
With the help of our partners we can and will
shine brighter together!

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Letter to Stakeholders

"Working together, tiny stars light the universe.
That's the power of teamwork." - Unknown

On behalf of the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, its Board of Directors, and our supportive network of providers, it has been my honor and privilege to lead an organization designed to provide positive changes to the lives of our children and families throughout Detroit and Wayne County.

In 2024, we have seen monumental strides and have experienced tremendous growth, building a strong foundation in making it our mission to provide world class, integrated behavioral healthcare to our citizens.

DWIHN continues its commitment to the System of Care goals of increasing access to services and improving the quality of care. This past year, we were proud to open our first Crisis Care Center with the second floor completely dedicated to serving children in crisis. We were also excited to break ground on the 7-Mile Behavioral Health Wellness Campus located in Detroit which will provide comprehensive mental and physical health services to the region and just two months ago, DWIHN opened the first of several community care clinics, continuing our dedication to the 123,000 people we are trusted to serve each and every day.

In addition, with the launch of our 24/7 mobile crisis units, we can serve children and adults anytime, anywhere they need assistance, making sure our response is immediate and efficient, connecting people to the mental health and substance use services they need.

We also continue our allegiance to increasing youth and parent voice. This year we launched a Mental Health Youth Council where high school students share their ideas on how the behavioral health system can improve its service provision to young people. We are also looking for creative and innovative ways to partner with providers on engaging and involving parents in courageous conversations concerning youth mental health.

It has been a busy yet productive year and as we look to next year, our commitment remains steadfast to our provider network, stakeholders and to some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Manny Singla

Executive VP of Operations

Letter to Stakeholders

Dear Community Partners and Stakeholders,

On behalf of the DWIHN Children's Initiative Department, it is such a pleasure to be with you all during one of the best times of the year. Today, there is cause to celebrate as it is our annual System of Care Report to the Community. It is truly an honor to share this with you as we acknowledge this past year's accomplishments. Our theme is "Shine Brighter Together." It brings me tremendous joy knowing that when our inner lights seem dim, timid, or unsure at times; we come together as one to achieve extraordinary things for children, youth, and families in Wayne County.



There is a quote by Nido Qubein that says, "change brings opportunity." Oh my, we surely did experience changes this year which also led to many new opportunities.

Some of our proudest moments include the expansion of services and the provider network as we are now contracting with three new children's and six new autism providers, along with increasing home-based and wrap around services, the school success initiative program, and the juvenile justice program. Also, Wayne County was instrumental in participating in the new MichiCANS screening and comprehensive assessment soft launch pilot.

There were also advancements in improving hospital recidivism which is showing a reduction in children and youth re-entering hospitals leading to stabilization.

Regarding treatment, we are committed to ensuring clinicians are equipped with providing evidence-based practices so DWIHN launched a new reporting system to better evaluate the progress of these much needed services.

Once again, Youth United hosted impactful events including Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, Statewide Youth Summit, and the Youth Spotlight Awards. Since youth voice is invaluable, a variety of youth led Courageous Conversations occurred tackling topics such as "Parents Just Don't Understand" and "Love Shouldn't Hurt."

Our commitment to parents continued with a series of forums, a back-to-school bash, and the 12th annual Fatherhood Forum.

Wow, what an impact we made this year! There are not enough words or paper to state all that we achieved together. Thus, I conclude with a big, ginormous thank you to everyone. Thank you for your time, thank you for your dedication, thank you for your passion, and thank you for your tenacity to keep shining.

Cassandra Phipps, LPC, LLP, CAADC

Director of Children's Initiative

Shine Brighter Together Agenda

- 8:30 - 9:00AM** **Registration & Refreshments**
- 9:00 - 9:05AM** **Emcees: KJ Branch (Youth Advocate) and Julene Sims (Parent Support Partner)**
- 9:05 - 9:15AM** **Opening Remarks - James White (DWIHN President/CEO)**
- 9:15 - 9:30AM** **Accomplishments - Cassandra Phipps (Director of Children's Initiatives)**
- 9:30 - 9:35AM** **Thank You to Co-Chairs of Human Service Community Collaborative (HSCC) and Cross System Management (CSM) Committee: Cassandra Phipps**
- 9:35 - 10:00AM** **Keynote Speaker - Dr. Eddie Conner**
- 10:00 - 10:10AM** **Awards: Stakeholder, Caregiver, Youth and Fatherhood Advocate - Dr. LaTonya Shelton and Trinilda Johnson (Co-Chairs of CSM Committee)**
- 10:10 - 10:25AM** **Parent and Youth Presentations**
- 10:25 - 10:30AM** **Closing Remarks: Cassandra Phipps, Dr. LaTonya Shelton and Trinilda Johnson**



Keynote Presenter: Dr. Eddie Conner

Empowering people to overcome obstacles and walk in their unique purpose, is the real life message shared by Dr. Eddie Connor, who is a survivor of stage 4 cancer.

Dr. Eddie is a best-selling author of 16 books and shares his story in The New York Times best-selling book REACH: 40 Black Men Speak on Living, Leading, and Succeeding. He has been featured on ABC, BET, CBS, Ebony, FOX, Jet, Lifetime TV, NBC, PBS, TEDx, The Steve Harvey TV Show, The Tom Joyner Show, The Huffington Post, and USA Today. He was also featured in the acclaimed BET documentary, It Takes a Village to Raise Detroit.

He is the founder of the mentoring program Boys 2 Books which empowers young males via literacy, leadership, and life skills enrichment. Dr. Eddie is a recipient of The President Barack Obama Volunteer Service Award, The President Barack Obama Lifetime Achievement Award, The President Joe Biden Volunteer Service Award, and The President Joe Biden Lifetime Achievement Award from The White House.

Conner is a also a recipient of a U.S. Congressional Record and a Proclamation from the State of Michigan. He is recognized as one of the Top 35 Millennial Influencers in America, listed in the Top 100 Leaders in Who's Who in Black Detroit, Two-time Spirit of Detroit award recipient, Michigan Chronicle's Top 40 Under 40, and Author of the Year by Kingdom Image Awards.

As a highly sought after communicator, Dr. Eddie speaks extensively at churches, schools, colleges, seminars, and conferences by empowering people to maximize their purpose.



Connections History Highlights

1980s

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

1990s

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

2000s

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

2010s

Family Alliance for Change (FAFC) is formed to advise Connections' leadership, provide support to parents, and advocate for children. Connections collaborates with the Ruth Ellis Center to improve access to culturally competent services for LGBTQ+ children and youth. The Parent and Youth Advisory Council forms to augment parent and youth voice within Connections SOC. The Crossover Youth Practice Model is implemented to expand resources and better serve youth within Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare systems. Connections begins building a trauma informed system of care. The School-Based Mental Health Initiative is launched. The Autism Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) Benefit moves under the Children's Initiatives umbrella to expand the continuum of care for children in Wayne County. To assist with the coordination of benefits and care, Utilization Management (UM) Service Guidelines for children and youth are developed and disseminated system wide. Services for children and youth diagnosed with Intellectual/Developmental Disabilities are integrated within Connections' System of Care. In response to COVID-19, Telehealth services are implemented to improve access to care.

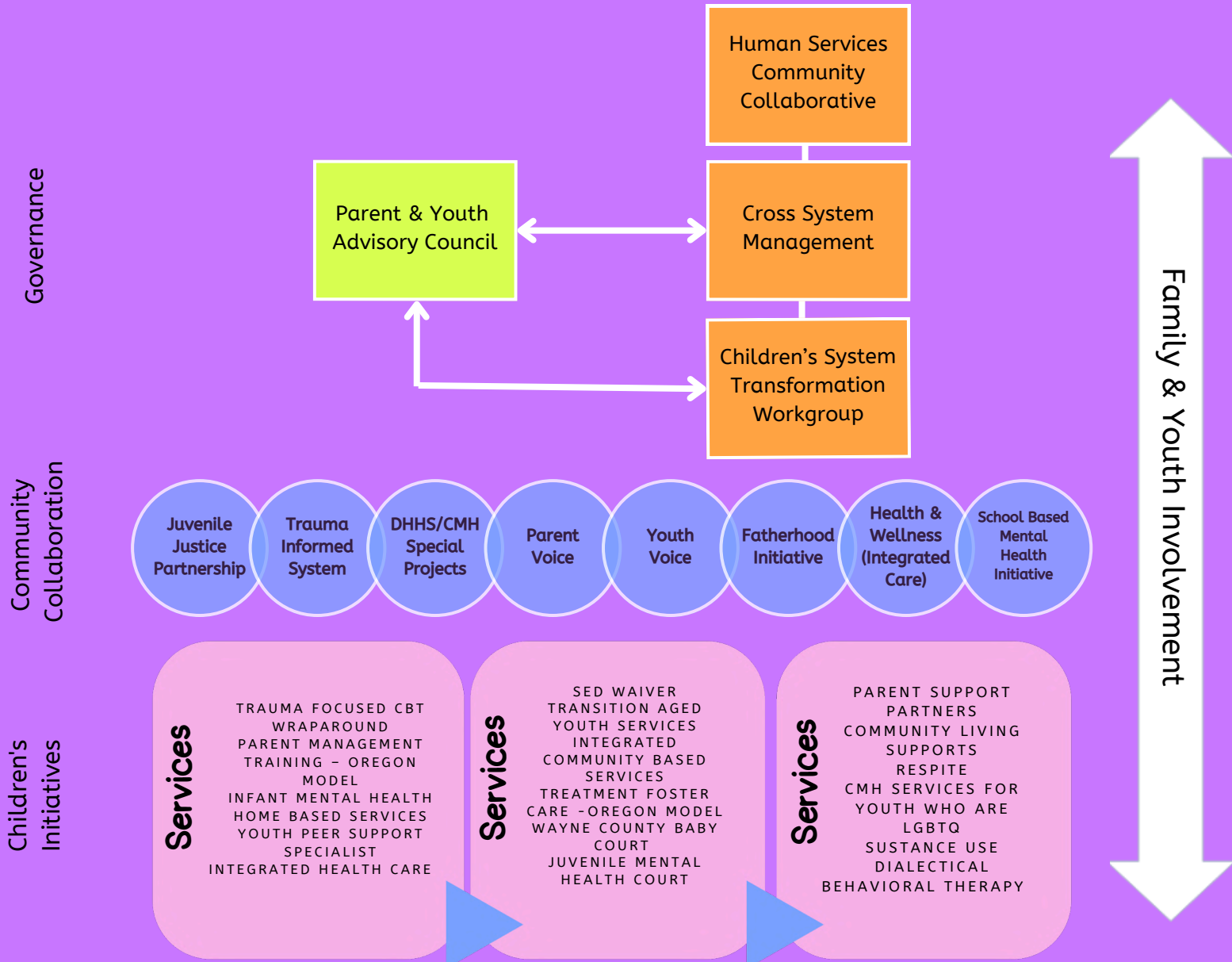
2020s

DWIHN continues to provide telehealth services for children, youth, and families. A value-based incentive model for the children's providers was applied. The Integrated Biopsychological Assessment was revised to include sexual orientation gender identity expression (SOGIE) and training for professionals within the network. There was the expansion of providers and services to meet the growing needs of children and youth for IDD Wraparound services, additional autism services, home-based services, waiver services, and school prevention services. DWIHN and Children Providers participated in a pilot to connect children involved in the welfare system who received trauma screenings to community mental health services. Clinicians engaged in the first evidence-based practice cohort Components for Enhancing Clinical Experience and Reducing Trauma (CE-CERT). The Children's Initiative Department also partnered with Detroit Chempreneurist to teach youth K-12 entrepreneurship skills. Participated in the MichiCANS screening and assessment soft launch pilot.

Connections - System of Care

Overview

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



Family Driven - Youth Guided - Community Based - Cultural & Linguistic Competence

Community-Based

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

Culturally & Linguistically Competent

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

Values Driven & Youth Guided

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

Structure and Governance



HUMAN SERVICES COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE (HSCC)

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

CROSS SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT (CSM)

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

CHILDREN'S SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION (CST):

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

System of Care Committees:

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

Partnerships

SYSTEM PARTNERS

Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN)
Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Southeast Michigan Community Alliance
Third Judicial Circuit Court of Michigan
Wayne County Health Department of Juvenile and Youth Services
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Association for Children's Mental Health
Brilliant Detroit
Caleb's Kids
Child's Hope
Community Education Commission (GOAL Line)
Detroit Fire Department
Detroit Police Department
Detroit Public Schools Community District
Encourage Me, I'm Young
Family Alliance for Change
Journey to Healing
Kid's Health Connections
Michigan Alliance for Families
Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health
Michigan Developmental Disabilities Institute
Neighborhood Services Organization
Ser Metro
Vista Maria
Youth Move National
Michigan State University
University of Michigan
Wayne State University

Partnerships: Service Providers A-I

Acorn Health of Michigan, LLC
Advanced ABA Care
Attendant Care Autism Services
All Well Being Services
Alternatives for Girls
America's Community Council
Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services
Assured Family Services
Attendant Care Autism Services
Autism Spectrum Therapies of Michigan
Behavioral Frontiers
Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan
Black Family Development, Inc.
Bridgeway Services, Inc.
Care First Community Health
Care of Southeast Michigan
CCMO Center for Youth and Families
Centria Healthcare
Chance for Life
Changing Lives and Staying Sober
Chitter Chatter P.C.
Clinic for Child Study
Community Living Services
CNS Healthcare
Detroit Association of Black Organizations
Detroit Recovery Project
Development Centers (MiSide)
DWIHN Community of Care
Emagine Health Services, LLC
Empowerment Zone Coalition, Inc.
Gateway Pediatric Therapy
Growth Works
Healthcall of Detroit
Hegira Health, Inc.
Illuminate ABA Services, LLC
Insight Youth and Family Connections
IOA, LLC

Partnerships: Service Providers J-2

Judson Center
Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center
Leaders Advancing and Helping Communities
Lincoln Behavioral Services
Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition
Lumen Pediatric Therapy, LLC
Mariners Inn
Merakey Inc.
Metro EHS Pediatric Therapy
Michigan Innovations in Care Coordination
National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Dependence
New Oakland Family Services
Open Door Living Association, Inc.
Patterns Behavioral Services Michigan Inc.
Peak Autism Center
Piaast Institute/Hamtramck Drug Free Community Coalition
Positive Behavior Supports Corporation
Positive Images
Psygenics Inc.
Ruth Ellis Center
Social Care Administrators
Southwest Counseling Solutions (MiSide)
Spectrum Child & Family Services
Sprout Evaluation Center
Starfish Family Services
Strategies to Overcome Obstacles and Avoid Recidivism Taylor
Strident Healthcare
Teen Health Center
The Children's Center
The Guidance Center
The Youth Connection
Team Wellness
Total Spectrum
Vital Health
Western Wayne CMO
Zelexa, LLC

Funding

The Children's System of Care has received Block Grant funding for the 17th year in a row, in the amount of \$1.04 million from the State of Michigan. Funds are used for specialty positions, programs designed to focus on system change, special projects, evaluation, advocating for parent and youth voice, and development of the workforce that serves children, youth and their families in Wayne County.



CONNECTIONS' GOALS

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH SERVED

18,974 Children, Youth, and Families Served

10,593 Children Aged 0-21st Birthday with a Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED)

Served by 14 SED Provider Agencies

8,381 Children Aged 0-21st Birthday with an Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability (I/DD)

Served by 13 I/DD Provider Agencies

Youth and Family Involvement

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

Youth United Events

December 1, 2023 - 14 participants

Game Night at the Michigan Science Center in Detroit. The participants enjoyed playing various virtual reality games. There was also a Tetris Gaming tournament. The youth enjoyed refreshments and music as they were able to explore the Science Center exhibits.

May 11, 2024 - 88 participants

Children Mental Health Awareness Day took place at Detroit Say Play Center. The theme was "Stepping Up for Children's Mental Health", and Randi Rossario, life coach, author, and radio host, opened the event. Detroit CHEMpreneurIST facilitated 2 workshops, therapy horses, resources and fun was had by all.

July 19, 2024 - 44 participants

Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Forum took place at the Considine Center in Detroit. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness of youth-related topics. The keynote speaker was Lawrielle West, MSW, from LWest and Company. She talked about goal setting, branding, and entrepreneurship.

September 27, 2024

The Youth Spotlight Awards took place at Stefan Banquet Hall in Redford. The purpose of this event was to highlight the accomplishments of youth leaders in the community.

September 28, 2024 - 23 participants

The Statewide Youth Summit took place at Westland City Hall. The keynote speaker was Bethany Boik, author of "Diary of a Schizophrenic". She discussed her journey with mental health issues and how she found motivation and hope through her experiences.

Meet and Greets

Winter WonderLand at Durfee Innovation Society in Detroit

December 14, 2023 - 42 participants

Bowling Meet & Greet, Thunderbowl Lanes, Allen Park

March 22, 2024 - 25 participants

Game Night at The Children's Center

June 21, 2024 - 16 participants



December 5, 2023 - 56 participants

The participants were from the Detroit Youth Choir. During this "Breaking Down Stigma Training", the participants were informed about the definition of stigma and mental health. They also learned how adults stigmatize youth, factors in identifying stigmas in young adults and strategies to challenge mental health stigma.

Breaking Down Stigma Trainings

March 19, 2024 - 15 participants

The participants were from the University of Detroit Mercy. During this session, they were educated on the definitions of stigma and mental health.

July 12, 2024 - 37 participants

The theme was "Shattering Stigma", participants wrote their experiences on plates and symbolically let them go by shattering the plates.

July 18, 2024 - 23 participants

Stigma Busting breakout session at the Annual Interfaith Based Substance Use and Mental Health Conference in Detroit

September 11, 2024 - 7 participants

This Stigma Busting workshop was held at The Guidance Center in Southgate. During this workshop, participants learned how to become an anti-stigma ally.

January 16, 2024 - 8 participants

Discussion included current youth-related issues and possible solutions. They identified the influence of social media, depression, peer pressure, and bullying as some of the prevalent issues youth are facing today.

May 20, 2024 - 11 participants

They discussed current youth-related issues and possible solutions. They identified the lasting effects of COVID and being in the classroom (physically or virtually), feeling safe in their communities, experiencing race issues/discrimination in the classroom, and bullying as some of the prevalent issues youth are facing today.

Focus Groups



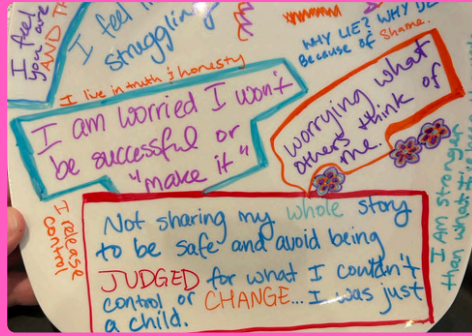
Health and Wellness Fair

August 15, 2024 - 240 participants

Youth United staff, Family Alliance for Change staff and Fatherhood Initiative Coordinator in partnership with The Children Center facilitated a Health and Wellness Fair on in Detroit. The purpose was to increase awareness of youth, parent and fatherhood programs and services within Wayne County and to provide resources to families being served.



Youth United Professional Development



October 19, 2023
10 Participants

At this event, Eric Doeh, DWIHN's Chief Executive Officer, gave opening remarks. Randi Rossario Maples, author, and social media influencer, discussed strategies to expand Youth United and Youth MOVE Detroit social media brand. There was also a conversation on Youth United staff responsibilities, expectations, and protocols. The group was given an overview of DWIHN and informed about various resources within DWIHN to assist in advancing youth voice and involvement. Debbie Martinez, from MiSide (formally Southwest Counseling Solutions), gave an overview of Parent Support Partner services as well.

March 14, 2024
9 Participants

Davon Jones, DWIHN's Contract Manager from the Substance Use Department, facilitated a training titled, "Naloxone Opioid Overdose Response". He shared some statistics on drug overdosing in Wayne and Michigan. He defined opioids and naloxone. He talked about how to recognize opioid intoxication and overdose and how to administer naloxone.

June 26, 2024
10 Participants

At this event, Youth United staff engaged in team building and communication exercises. Discussion focused on the importance of youth voice in the community and how to maximize partnerships as a youth. The group also reviewed the Youth United manual and an overview of the System of Care Approach

August 20, 2024
7 Participants

Bianca Miles, Youth Involvement Specialist, facilitated a training titled, "Character and Relationship Building" which was from the "Youth Under Construction" manual. She defined character and relationship building and discussed the importance of both. She identified tools for character and relationship building as well.



Courageous Conversations

"Parents Just Don't Understand"

Danyelle Orr McNeil, Christine Hudson, KJ Branch, and Natalia Cuthrell, were panelists. Discussion focused on parent to youth communication and strategies to handle conflicts without yelling.

November 27, 2023 - 12 participants

"Love Shouldn't Hurt: Promoting Safe and Healthy Relationships"

Shayla Davis from Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, spoke on what consent, the impact of dating violence on youth, triggers associated with Valentine's Day, intergenerational cycles and the influence of social media on dating violence.

February 20, 2024 - 17 participants

Inside Out 2 Movie

Participants enjoyed refreshments as they watched the movie "Inside Out 2". Prior to the movie, there was a discussion to introduce and explain the emotions displayed by the movie's characters.

July 31, 2024 - 64 participants

"You NARCAN Save Lives"

Narcane Coordinator Davon Jones held a training on how to respond to opioid overdoses using naloxone. He identified the signs of opioid intoxication and overdose and demonstrated how to administer naloxone. Karen Bonanno from Livonia Save Our Youth Coalition spoke about vaping and e-cigarettes.

September 9, 2024 - 17 participants

Family Alliance for Change

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



PSP Outreach Events

Santa Day
December 9, 2023
532 participants

Back-to-School Bash
August 16, 2024
920 participants

Parent Forums:

“A Conversation on Trauma and Mental Health: Understanding Childhood Trauma”

It consisted of a panel discussion with Dr. Edna Chang MiSide Bilingual Clinician, Luz Zuniga MiSide Infant Mental Health Specialist, Laurie Camarena, MiSide Information Management Specialist MiSide, and Odalys Rosado, Parent.

December 12, 2023 - 34 participants

“Centering LGBTQ+ Youth: A Conversation on LGBTQ+ Health and Wellness”

The presentation provided some LGBTQ+ statistics and reviewed the difference between gender identity and attraction orientation.

March 12, 2024 - 23 participants

“Creating a Recovery Community: Making a Positive Connection”

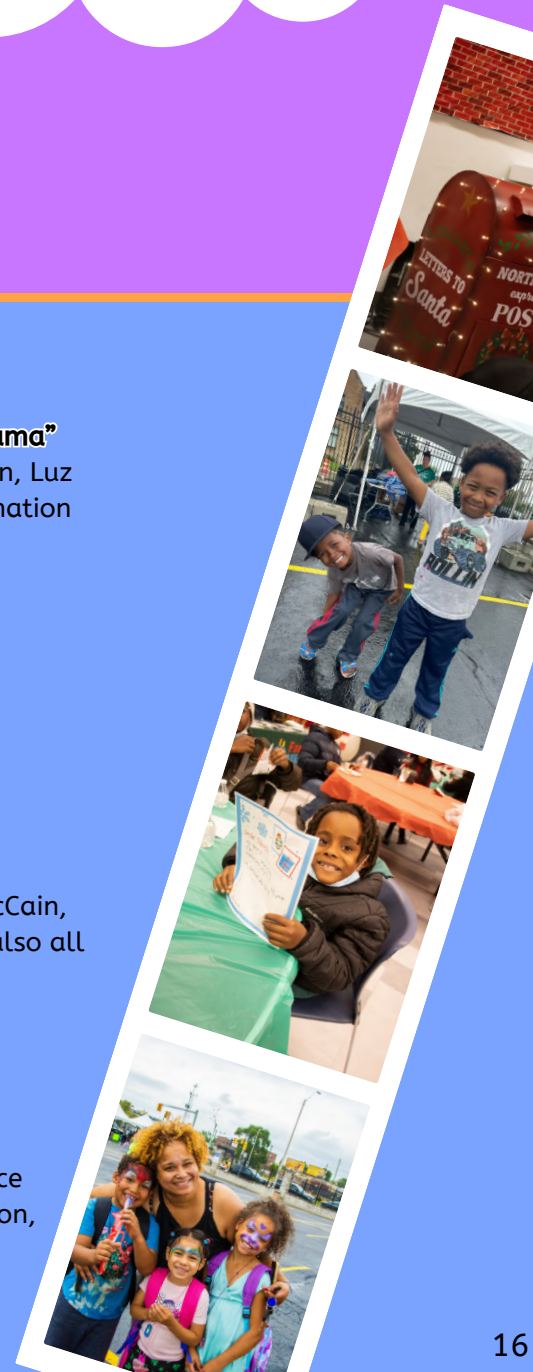
There was a panel discussion among Debra Gossett, Dylan Price, Andrienne McCain, Claudia Bravo Sanchez, Beau Badalamenti, and Chris O’Droski. The panelists also all shared their personal experiences with recovery and resiliency.

June 11, 2024 - 21 participants

“Domestic Violence: How to Support Survivors and Secondary Trauma”

The presenter was Dalila Valdovinos, BS, from LaVida. Ms. Valdovinos shared national and Michigan domestic violence statistics. She defied domestic violence and explained the types. There was a panel discussion with Coire Nichols Huston, Adrienne McCain, Jazman Effinger, Brittany Tucker, and A’Narris Monger.

September 17, 2024 - 32 participants



Fatherhood Initiative

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



Donuts with Dads

November 16, 2023 - 19 participants

Donuts and cider were given out to the participants as they learned about the Wayne County Fatherhood Initiative. Robert Pettaway, Parent Support Partner from Black Family Development, Inc. provided an overview of the behavioral health services available. Jerry Grayson from 2xFocus: Double the Impact, Double the Result talked about their male youth mentorship and coaching program designed to empower people by offering personal guidance and skill development.

March DADness

March 21, 2024 - 26 participants

At this event, college basketball games were streamed onto large screens. However, most of the individuals watched the Michigan State vs. Mississippi game. There were refreshments and games. T-shirts and other Wayne County Fatherhood promotional items were given out.



The Fatherhood Forum

June 20, 2024 - 75 participants

The keynote speaker was Kevin Fischer, Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). He shared his personal experience of losing his son to suicide after struggling with mental health issues. The loss of his son led him to dedicate his life work to eliminating the stigma of mental health illness. He also discussed the importance of the father's role in the family unit and how the lack of a father's presence is connected to the increase of suicide with our male youth.



Informational session with the Unemployment Insurance Agency's (UIA) Community Connect Program

September 26, 2024 - 17 participants

The UIA Community Connect staff discussed the unemployment process in Wayne County and provided resources. The Fatherhood Initiative Coordinator gave a better understanding of unemployment from a fatherhood perspective. The group discussed barriers and resources for fathers/male caregivers seeking unemployment.



Fatherhood Initiatives Podcasts

November 6, 2023 - Adrienne McCain and Robert Pettaway shared their personal experiences with co-parents. They also discussed strategies to resolve parent conflict and enhance cooperation and talked about how to help children cope with parental conflicts

December 12, 2023 - Larry Charleston discussed the difference between a father and a dad. They talked about being a father as being easy and requiring little emotional investment. However, being a dad requires lifelong responsibility and dedication.

February 6, 2024 - Adrienne McCain, Robert Pettaway, and Calvin Mann discussed children being placed in an adult role in the family. They talked about the signs and impact of parentification.

March 5, 2024 - Jerry Grayson and Willie Bell discussed the challenges of being a stepfather, especially in relation to discipline.

April 2, 2024 - Jerry Grayson, Calvin Mann, and Robert Pettaway discussed the impact substance use has on parenting and talked about strategies to provide a safe nurturing environment. They also shared their personal experiences.

May 7, 2024 - Calvin Mann and Robert Pettaway discussed about the importance of mental health for fathers and male caregivers. They discussed the stigma attached to having mental health issues and shared resources.

July 22, 2024 - Jerry Grayson, Gerald Edwards, and Larry Charleston discussion focused on the importance of healthy conversations regarding physical and mental health with children. They talked about using open ended questions, active listening, and reflective listening skills using various examples.



Cross System Youth

65 total CYPM youth served
25 discharged
80% Success Rate

The Crossover Youth Practice Model (CYPM) addresses the unique needs of youth that are at risk of or are fluctuating between the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. These youth are commonly referred to as “Crossover Youth.”

GOALS: TO REDUCE:

OF YOUTH CROSSING OVER AND BECOMING DUALY INVOLVED
YOUTH PLACED IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE
THE DISPROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION OF YOUTH OF COLOR
PARTICULARLY IN THE CROSSOVER POPULATION

Juvenile Mental Health Court

The Juvenile Mental Health Court (JMHC) is a problem solving court that combines judicial supervision with community mental health and other support services to reduce court contact and improve the quality of life for participants. The mission is to identify youth with mental health issues and divert them from the formal court docket and connect them to appropriate services in the community as well as reduce the # of youth who re-offend; to increase adherence to appropriate services by using a multidisciplinary team approach.



Judge Michael McClory

Judge Michael McClory supervises the Juvenile Mental Health Court. Youth and their families have weekly status review hearings, and the Judge closely monitors cases. Exhaustive case conferences precede review hearings and are attended by the Judge, therapists, attorneys, and educational advocates. The Judge rewards progress through the program with various incentives and sanctions noncompliance with graduated sanctions.

JMHC conducts review hearings on each case every three weeks via Zoom. The probation officer conducts weekly visits in the home or school with each participant and family.

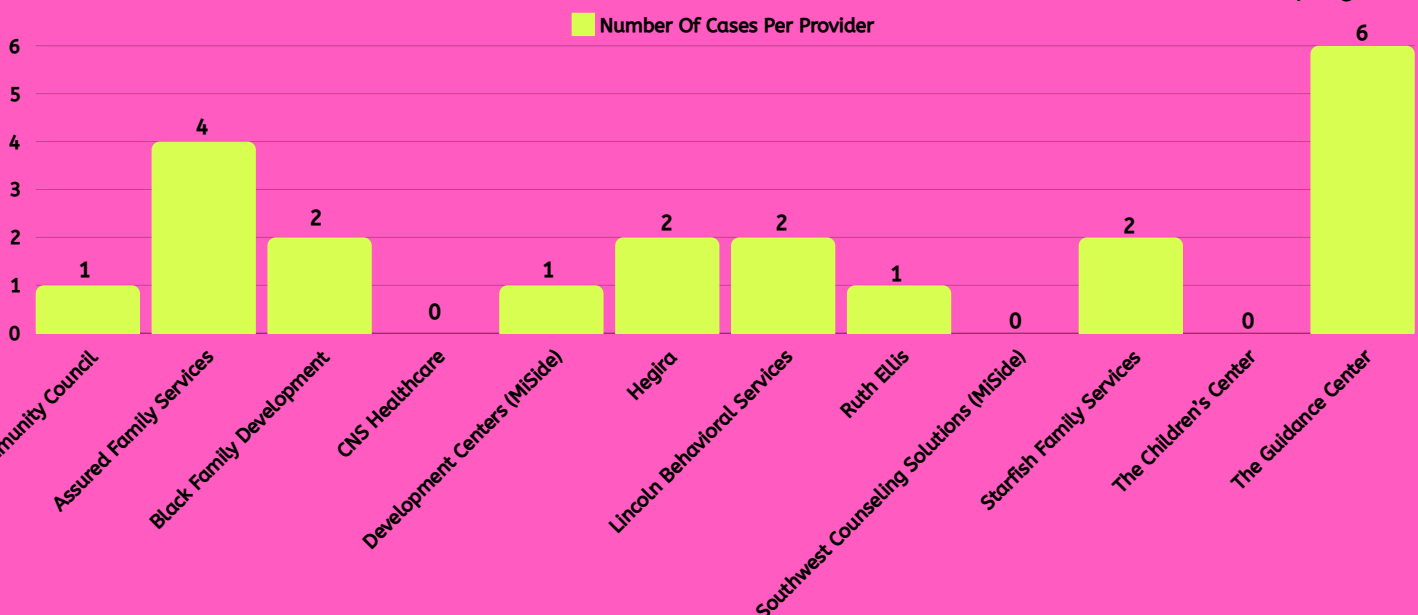
Clinical Assessments, Home-based therapy, medication reviews, and other clinical groups are provided by DWIHN partners including New Oakland Family Centers, Lincoln Behavioral Services, Starfish Family Services, CNS Healthcare, Ruth Ellis, Hegira, and The Guidance Center.

Drug testing, assessment, and treatment referrals as well as case management and other community support services are provided through the Court's Case Management team.

Educational Advocacy is provided by the five law groups that assist in scheduling, attending, and designing Individual Education Plans, 504 Plans, Determination Review Hearings, and school disciplinary proceedings.

Since the program's inception on 1/1/16, the Juvenile Mental Health Court has served 174 youth and families. Of these, 75 youth have graduated successfully from the program.

All initial assessments were completed for Clinic for Child Study



Integrated Community Based Services

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

ICBS KEY PROGRAM COMPONENTS:

- Coordinators are assigned adjudicated youth with Severe Emotional Disturbance (SED)
- Comprehensive Evaluation
- Early Period Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) record collection
- Integrated Treatment Teams
- Care Coordination Plan Management
- Progress Monitoring Community and Home-Based Services

CMH Eligible Probation Level One Youth			
CMO	SED	DD	SMI
CCMO	88%	4%	9%
Insight Youth & Family	72%	2%	11%
Western Wayne	86%	3%	6%
Bridgeway	89%	0%	6%

CMH LINKAGE FOR YOUTH
Probation Level 1 and 1.5 - CMH Linked
ICBS Involved Youth
Central Care Management Organization: 55%
InSight Youth & Family: 62%
Western Wayne 77%
BridgeWay: 71%

ICBS Eligibility Criteria:

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

Childhood SED is the presence of a diagnosable mental, behavioral, or emotional disorder that resulted in functional impairment which substantially interferes with or limits the child's role or functioning in family, school, or community activities.
 Intellectual Developmental Disorder can begin at anytime, up to 22 years.
 A mental illness impacting someone over 6-21 years the age that interferes with a person's life and ability to function is called a serious mental illness (SMI).

Treatment Foster Care-Oregon

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

Accomplishments

The Guidance Center completed 16 licensing orientations. TFCO had 6 families begin the licensing process, and complete applications. TFCO licensed 2 homes in FY 2023-2024. The Guidance Center has 4 licensed homes and people attend biweekly parent meetings, to learn about the model and their roles as Therapeutic Parents.

Outcomes

The Guidance Center placed 3 youth during FY 2023-2024.

Recruitment Efforts

TFCO attended 30 community events to recruit therapeutic parents. TFCO advertised, with I-Heart Media, the Parade Times for Saint Patrick's Day, four local restaurants and Indeed.com

SED Waiver

The program provides an array of community mental health services to children and youth ages 0-21 who may be connected to child welfare, adopted through the public or private sector, or have private insurance and seeking community mental health services under Medicaid.

Accomplishments

DWIHN successfully expanded the Network by adding a new SEDW provider, Judson Center. The goal for next year is to further expand the Network by adding two additional providers. In FY24, **96** children and youth were served through the SEDW program, reflecting an **18% increase** compared to last year.



Wraparound and Home-Based

This is a team-driven and family-led process involving the family, child, natural supports, agencies and community services. The process is individualized to each family and supports build on strengths to meet the needs of children and families.

Wraparound Accomplishments

An average of **303** families were provided Wraparound services, with approximately **66** new families receiving services. At the end of the year, Wayne County had a total of **42** Wraparound Facilitators on staff.



Home-Based and Wraparound Brown Bag Trainings

“Substance Use Disorder; Prevention and Treatment”

Facilitators: Greg Lindsey and Karra Thomas

They provided an overview of the substance use prevention and treatment services available and how to access these services

November 21, 2023 - 44 Wraparound and Home-based staff

“Navigating the Maze: Insights into Addiction”

Facilitators: Lillian Rose Berry, BS, CPS, and Melissa Panter, LLBSW, CPS-D

Discussed substance misuse and how it may lead to addiction and what parents can do when they suspect their child is using substances

March 13, 2024 - 35 Wraparound and Home-based staff

“Community Safety Training”

Facilitators: Sargent Scott Barrick and Officer Dale Dorsey, both from the Detroit Police Department discussed safety strategies, especially for healthcare professionals who provide in home visits

June 17, 2024 - 45 Wraparound and Home-based staff

“Oppositional Defiant Disorder and De-escalation Techniques”

Facilitator: Jessica Ross, LPC

She identified the diagnostic criteria and common symptoms of ODD. She talked about the biological, psychological and environmental factors that contribute to this disorder and discussed treatment strategies.

September 5, 2024 - 61 Wraparound and Home-based staff

Home-Based Accomplishments

DWIHN continues to expand the Network for Home Based services. During FY24, two additional Home Based providers were added, Judson Center and Vital Health.

HOME

Michigan Child Collaborative Care (MC3)

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

Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Accomplishments

365 Children Served

314 total providers

33 new providers

266 children and 9 perinatal mothers referred for services

82 regional MC3 consultation calls facilitated by Behavioral Health Consultant



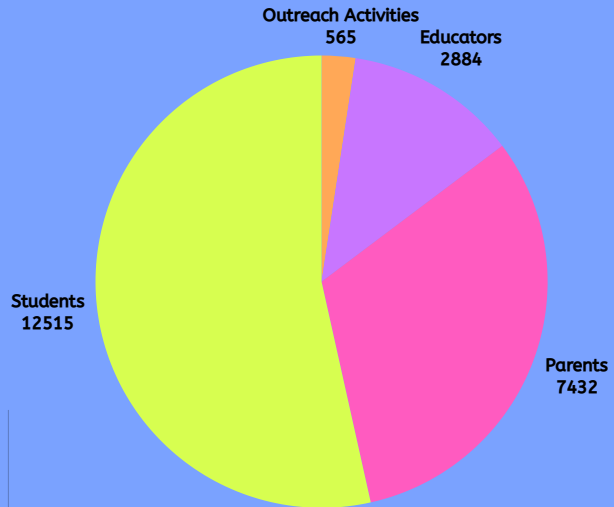
School Success Initiative

This is an evidence and prevention-based mental health program provided to students K-12 in Wayne County. The program aims to ensure that students and families have access to services in school, are provided psychoeducation training and are being helped with reducing stigma associated with receiving behavioral health services. During this year, one new provider was added, Team Wellness Center.

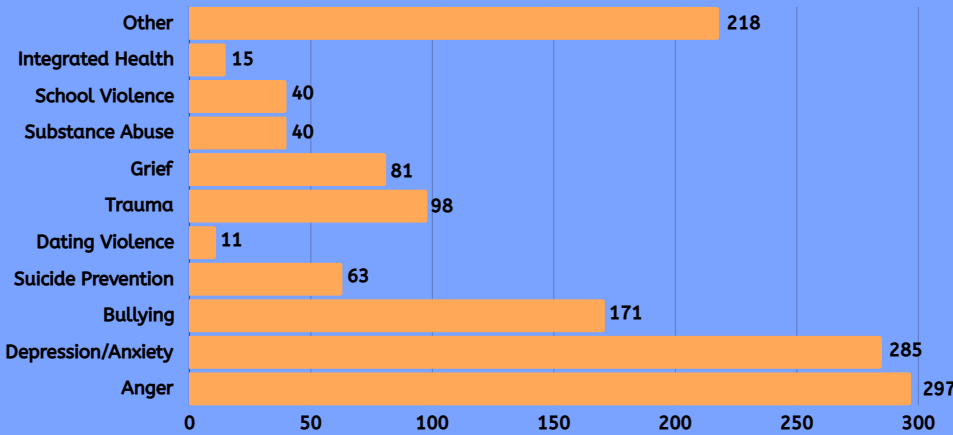
Fiscal Year 2023 - 2024 Accomplishments

Eight Providers serviced 72 schools. There were 181 new referrals and 456 discharges. A total of 2,529 students completed the Strength and Difficulties Questionnaire, in which, 30 accepted Tier 1 Services, 617 accepted Tier 2 Services, and 194 accepted Tier 3 Services.

Total Outreach Activity Attendees



Risk Factor Presentations



GOAL Line

Accomplishments

In response to evolving student needs, two new programs were introduced: *Skilllastic*, emphasizing physical education, and *Art in Action*, focusing on high-quality visual arts. Six team coordinators received training in both programs and are now providing these enrichments throughout the week. GOAL Line also invested in the Wayfinder curriculum, which promotes social-emotional learning through engaging activities led by coordinators. Additionally, a robust three-week professional development program was conducted before the academic year began



GOAL Line supported the enrollment of 506 students, with an additional 97 students placed on a waitlist. To expand access, GOAL Line established partnerships with libraries to offer tutoring and mentoring services. The initiative aims to have services available in five libraries by the end of the year.

Transition Age Youth

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

YOUTH PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST (YPSS)

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



7 YPSS Staff
135 Youth Served
8 Participating Agencies

32 Youth Served
6 Group Cycles Held
2 Participating Agencies

CORNERSTONE

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

Ruth Ellis Center

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

In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, the comprehensive training series which consists of 4 trainings continued to be implemented by Ruth Ellis staff. The following is a breakdown of attendance for FY24:

Quarter 1

“SOGIE 101”

December 4, 2023 - 38 participants

“Family Support with LGBTQ”

December 5, 2023 - 7 participants.

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

December 11, 2023 - 10 participants

“Gender Affirming Care”

December 13, 2023 - 9 participants

Quarter 2

“SOGIE 101”

January 29, 2024 - 33 participants

“Family Support with LGBTQ”

January 30, 2024 - 10 participants

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

January 31, 2024 - 19 participants

“Gender Affirming Care”

February 1, 2024 - 13 participants

Quarter 3

“SOGIE 101”

April 8, 2024 - 20 participants

“Family Support with LGBTQ”

April 10, 2024 - 8 participants

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

April 15, 2024 - 7 participants

“Gender Affirming Care”

April 16, 2024 - 9 participants

Quarter 4

“SOGIE 101”

September 9, 2024 - 29 participants

“Family Support with LGBTQ”

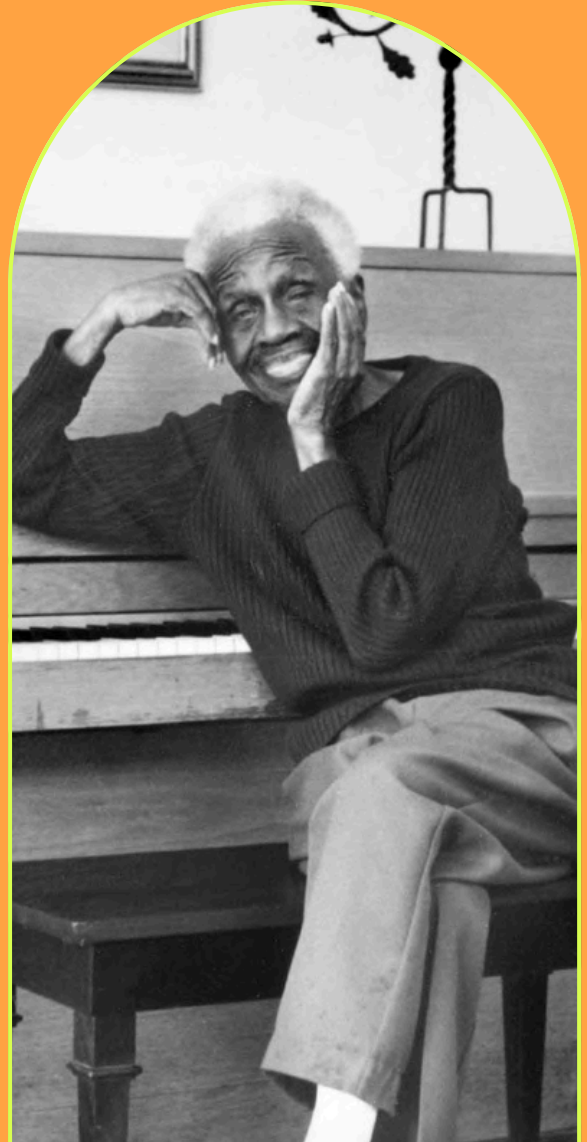
September 11, 2024 - 11 participants

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

September 16, 2024 - 6 participants

“Gender Affirming Care”

September 18, 2024 - 11 participants



SOGIE FIVE Core Element Trainings

October 10, 2023 - 2 participants

March 19, 2024 - 21 participants

March 7, 2024 - 17 participants

August 6, 2024 - 7 participants

REC Accomplishments

Ruth Ellis Center staff developed another training titled, “LGBTQ+ Advocacy and Allyship” This training is a review of personal and societal barriers to advocacy and allyship that may impede active support, by discussing the concepts of bias, microaggressions, stigma and stereotype. It continues with a review of the United States' current legislative landscape regarding the LGBTQ+ community and the effects of these laws on the mental health/health and safety outcomes of LGBTQ+ community members. It also explores what it can look like to be an LGBTQ+ advocate and ally in our various roles and share around conceptual shifts and the dynamic language one uses to engage folks with diverse SOGIE. This training will be implemented next year.

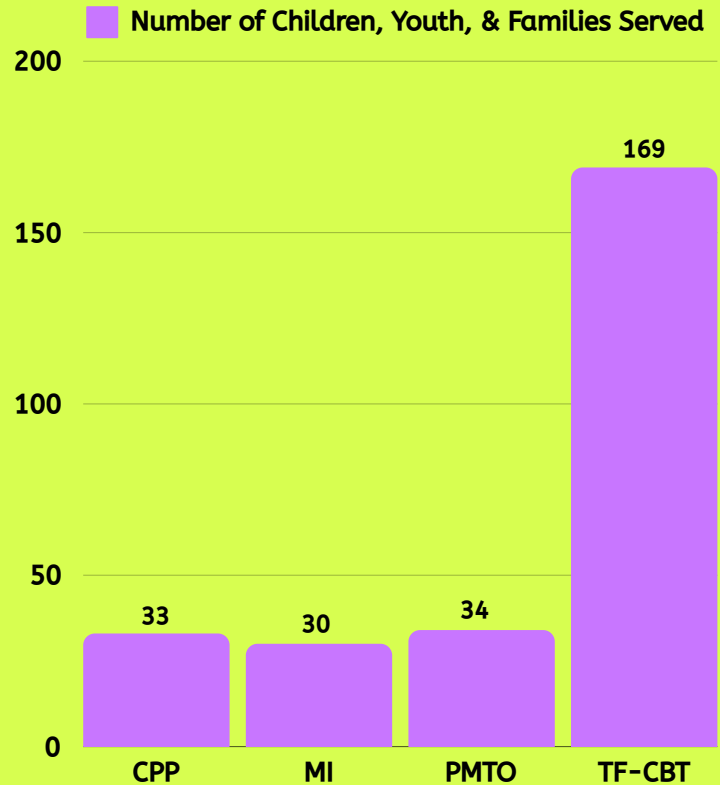
Evidenced-Based Practices

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

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

Motivational Interviewing (MI) for Adolescents is a specific type of psychotherapy aimed at facilitating change, especially among people who feel ambivalent about modifying their behavior.

Research has found that this treatment modality works particularly well with adolescents.



Parent Management Training-Oregon Model & Parenting Through Change

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

PMTO/PTO Supplemental Trainings

“Kids in Session”
Facilitator: Cheryl Greer
May 14, 2024 - 3 participants

“United Parenting Front”
Facilitator: Cheryl Greer
June 11, 2024 - 5 participants

Wayne County two (2) half day PMTO information training:
April 5, 2024 - 16 participants
April 12, 2024 - 15 participants

July 25, 2024 - 17 participants
July 26, 2024 - 17 participants

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

October 18, 2023 - 9 participants
November 15, 2023 - 14 participants
January 17, 2024 - 13 participants
February 21, 2024 - 8 participants

March 20, 2024 - 10 participants
July 17, 2024 - 5 participants
August 21, 2024 - 5 participants
September 18, 2024 - 5 participants

Trauma-Informed Care



“Beyond ACEs”

November 15, 2023 - 23 participants

Facilitators: Melissa Panter and Paige Grudzien
Reviewed ACEs statistics, the types and responses to ACEs and burnout. They also discussed how to build resiliency and the importance of self-care.

“Navigating The Maze: Insights Into Addiction”

March 13, 2024 - 34 participants

Facilitators: Lillian Rose Berry and Melissa Panter
They talked about what is substance misuse and how it may lead to addiction. They discussed what parents can do when they suspect their child is using substances. There was also information on how substances impact a youth’s brain development.

“The Link Between Trauma and Substance Use in Children and Adolescents”

June 27, 2024 - 58 participants

Facilitator: Melissa Panter

She reviewed the effects Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can have on a person throughout his/her lifetime. She explained the types and signs of childhood trauma and talked about ways to create positive childhood experiences.

“Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences”

July 19, 2024 - 10 participants

Facilitator: Melissa Panter

She gave a brief history of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the effect that trauma has on individuals’ lives. She talked about resilience and the importance of self-care.



Resiliency Event

September 13, 2024 - 21 participants

Provider updates on trauma-certified staffing and utilization of services. Review of the current System of Care Work Plan deliverables related to trauma-informed cases and participants brainstormed revisions to the deliverables for FY25. Jessica Ross, LPC, from the Wellness Center, facilitated a discussion on trauma.

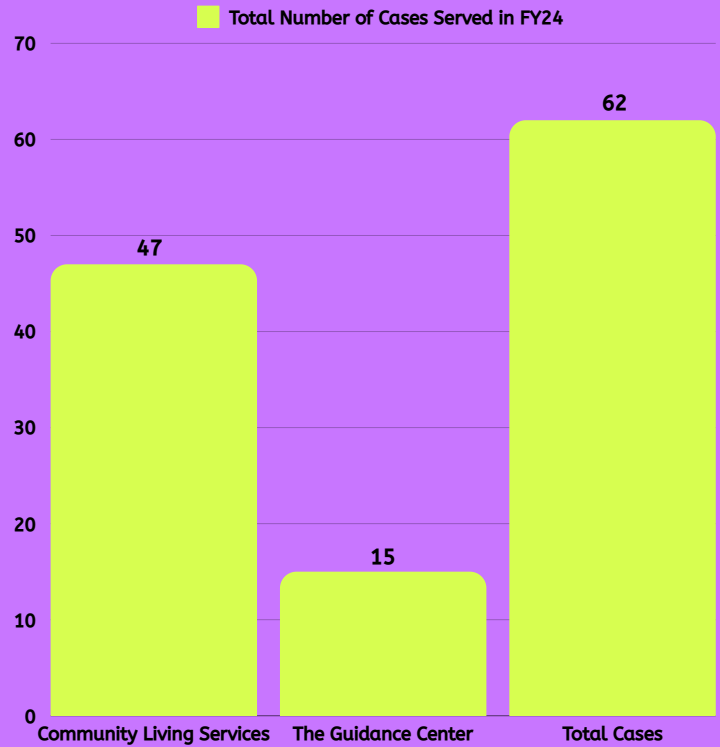
Intellectual and/or Developmental Disabilities

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

The Children's Waiver Program

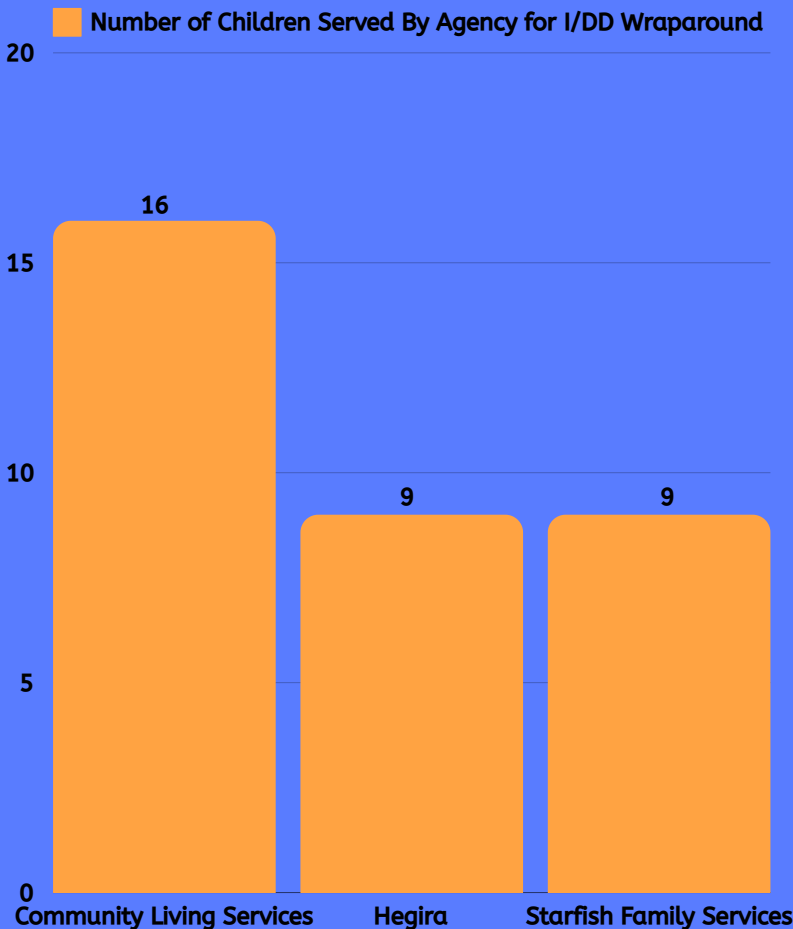
The program makes it possible for Medicaid to fund home and community-based services for children with I/DD who are under the age of 18 when they otherwise wouldn't qualify for Medicaid-funded services. Two Provider Agencies deliver services to children and youth on this waiver: Community Living Services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

1 New CWP Member
13 Discharged CWP Members



I/DD Wraparound

We are excited that we now have three provider agencies delivering wraparound services to children, youth and families affected by I/DD. Those agencies include Community Living Services, Inc., Starfish Family Services, and Hegira Health, Inc. .



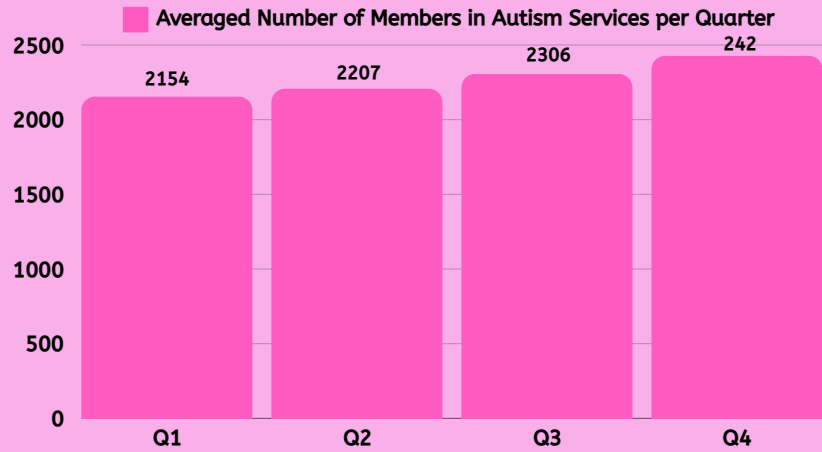
SHINE
BRIGHT

Applied Behavioral Analysis Benefit

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

Accomplishments

The DWIHN ASD Department added 6 new ABA providers to the network. Members actively enrolled include: Autism Services 25 members - Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED) and 2,458 members - Intellectual Developmental Disabilities (IDD). On average, 195 referrals were scheduled each month with an average of 23 identified as non-spectrum (not eligible), and an average of 120 members diagnosed with ASD.



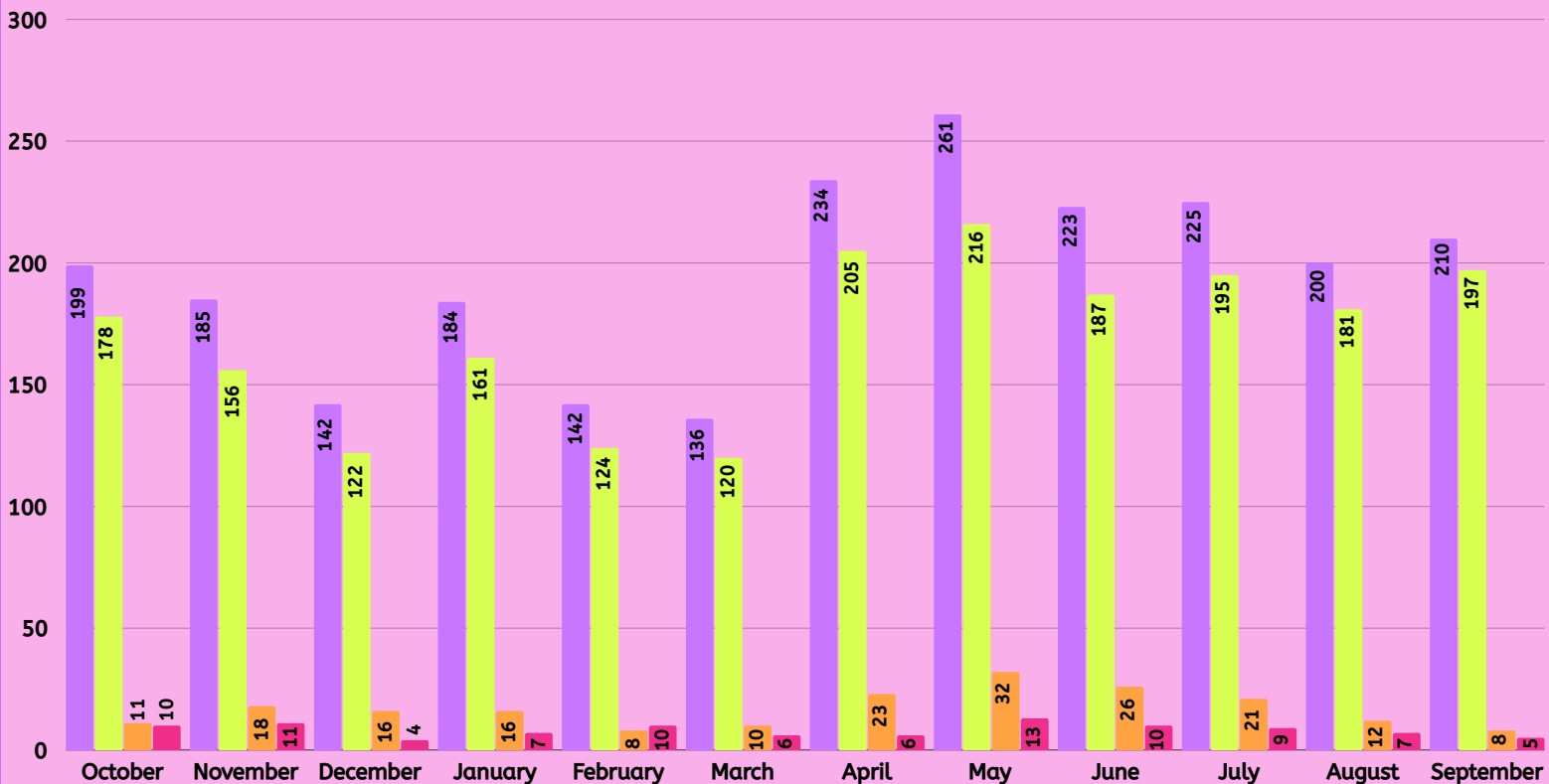
Diagnostic Evaluation Agencies

Sprout Evaluation Center
The McCrory Center
The Children's Center

ABA Provider Network

Acorn Health	IOA
Advanced ABA Care	Lumen Pediatric Therapy, LLC
Attendant Care Autism Services	Merakey Autism Center
Autism Spectrum Therapies of Michigan	MetroEHS Pediatric Therapy
Behavior Frontiers	Open Door Living Association
Centria Healthcare	Patterns Behavioral Services
Chitter Chatter PC	Peak Autism Center
Emagine Health Services	Positive Behavior Supports Corporation
Gateway Pediatric Therapy	Strident Healthcare Inc.
HealthCall	Zelexa, LLC
Illuminate ABA Therapy	

■ Total Number of Referrals
 ■ Kept Appointments
 ■ No Show
 ■ Canceled/Rescheduled



ASD Conferences and Trainings

The DWIHN ASD Department held 82 trainings in FY 2024. Including the ASD Learning Series which was comprised of 6 cross system training courses discussing diverse topics.

“Parent Training: Strategies for a Successful Meeting, Communicating”

The parent training focused on equipping parents with effective strategies to support their children’s development. Preparation and planning were emphasized as essential steps, beginning with the establishment of clear objectives and the gathering of necessary materials. Evidence-based practices were shared, accompanied by visual aids like slides and videos to enhance understanding.

42 participants

“Communicating, Training, and Supervising”

The training was centered on enhancing leadership effectiveness by focusing on key strategies for gaining the respect and support of employees. Participants explored the importance of communicating confidently with their teams, emphasizing that clear and assertive communication fosters trust and encourages open dialogue. Additionally, the meeting highlighted the value of training and coaching skills in supervision, equipping leaders with the tools necessary to help their employees excel and achieve their goals.

36 participants

“Neurodiversity in ABA Services”

“The training focused on understanding and embracing the concept of neurodiversity within the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Participants were introduced to the principles of neurodiversity, emphasizing the value of recognizing and respecting the unique cognitive profiles of individuals, particularly those with autism and other developmental differences. The session highlighted the importance of tailoring interventions to meet the diverse needs of clients, promoting a strengths-based approach that celebrates individual differences rather than viewing them solely as challenges.

33 participants

“Standardized to Individualized Toilet Training Package for Autistic Preschoolers”

The training focused on adapting toilet training techniques to meet the unique needs of autistic children. Participants learned about the importance of a structured yet flexible approach, beginning with standardized methods that provide a solid foundation for teaching toilet training. The training aimed to empower caregivers and educators with practical tools and resources, fostering a supportive environment that promotes success in toilet training while respecting the diverse needs of autistic preschoolers.

27 participants

“Building Community: A Conversation for Parents of Children with Autism”

The training aimed to create a supportive space for parents to share their experiences, challenges, and successes. The session facilitated open dialogue among participants, encouraging them to discuss the importance of building a strong community and connecting with others who understand the unique journey of raising a child with autism. The training emphasized the value of mutual support and collaboration, helping parents feel empowered and connected as they work together to advocate for their children and create a sense of belonging within their communities.

40 participants



Infant Mental Health/Early Childhood

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

Early Childhood Task Force

Providers continue to send new waiver requests/renewals to the Special Projects Specialist for processing. Since FY23, there has been a total of:

- 39 New Waiver Applications
- 28 New Renewal Applications
- 34 Approved Applications
- 34 Pending Applications

Accomplishments

DWIHN expanded IMH services and currently have 11 providers

IMH Providers

- America’s Community Council
- Assured Family Services
- CNS Healthcare
- Development Center (MiSide)
- Hegira Health
- Judson Center
- Lincoln Behavioral Health
- Southwest Counseling Solutions (MiSide)
- Starfish Family Services
- The Children’s Center
- The Guidance Center

Perinatal Mental Health

Partnered with the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition (SEMPQIC) to train 12 clinicians during a comprehensive 2-day Postpartum Depression Screening Training. In addition, Dr. Mammo, DWIHN’s Medical Director of Crisis Services, participated in the Wayne County Women’s Commission panel in May. The topic, titled “From Awareness to Action: Practical Tools for Maternal Mental Health,” focused on actionable strategies for addressing maternal mental health.



Baby Court

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

Accomplishments

Strengthened Core Leadership Team - Facilitated consistent monthly meetings to focus on continuous quality improvement and effective program management

Expanded Baby-Court-Specific Foster Care Workforce - Welcomed two dedicated Baby Court foster care workers who have started taking cases through MDHHS, providing specialized support for young children

Engaged Active Community Team - Organized and hosted five quarterly meetings, with an average of 30 participants, fostering active community involvement and collaboration

Enrollment Growth - Enrolled 13 families, including a total of 29 children, ensuring their needs for safety, stability, and developmental support are prioritized

Family Graduations - Celebrated the graduation of two families from the program, with both families able to retain custody of their children, who remain in the loving care of their biological parents

Progress Update

The Wayne County Baby Court program has just entered the third year of a five-year statewide expansion grant awarded to Michigan by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Over the past two years, the program's coordinator has driven the growth of Wayne County's Implementation Team and the Active Community Team. The Team has met every month to focus on continuous quality improvement, while the Active Community Team has convened quarterly, holding five meetings to date with an average of 30 participants per session. To date, 13 families, encompassing 29 children, have enrolled in the Baby Court program, with two families successfully graduating and keeping their children safely with their biological parents.



Innovation & Community Engagement

4 CAFAS Initial Trainings - 81 participants
3 CAFAS Booster Trainings- 47 participants
4 PECFAS Initial Trainings - 49 participants
2 PECFAS Booster Trainings - 21 participants



CAFAS & PECFAS TRAINER MEETING

October 1, 2023
20 participants

CAFAS & PECFAS PROVIDER MEETING

October 5, 2023
18 participants

MichiCANS Q&A

May 23, 2024
79 participants

Navigating-Accessing CMH Services Trainings

March 1, 2024 - 39 participants
April 12, 2024 - 22 participants
May 29, 2024 - 25 participants

CORE COMPETENCY TRAININGS

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



November 9, 2023 - 97 participants
February 22, 2024 - 93 participants
May 9, 2024 - 63 participants
August 8, 2024 - 14 participants

Children's Lecture Series

"Building Secure Foundations: Understanding Infant Attachment and the Safe Babies Model in Child Welfare"

Facilitator: Christie Spudowski

Explored aspects of infant and toddler development, emphasizing the impact of attachment needs during the formative years of birth through three. She defined what it means for a baby to be held, shedding light on the importance of nurturing and responsive caregiving and the barriers that can interfere.

October 21, 2023 - 28 participants

"Introducing PMTO Empowering Parents and Caregivers as Change Agents"

Facilitator: Cheryl Greer

Presented overview of the Parent Management Training-Oregon Model (PMTO) which is an evidence-based practice based on the social Interaction Learning (SIL) model. This training consisted of part verbal presentation with handouts, resources, and active learning exercises.

November 16, 2023 - 21 participants

"Be A Safe Space: Addressing Teen Dating Violence"

Facilitator: Tonjie Reese

Discussed the dynamics of the teen abusive relationship. She talked about how dating abuse impacts youth people from marginalized communities. She also identified ways to engage intervention by empowering young people to have healthy relationships and support those who have experienced abuse.

February 15, 2024 - 79 participants

"Creative Strategies: Fostering Engagement for Children, Families and Youth in Mental Health Treatment"

Facilitators: Colleen Reveley, LMSW, Stacey Vatter, LPC, CAADC and Jennifer Korenchuk, PhD, LPC

They provided an understanding of culturally responsive practices in mental health treatment to effectively engage children, youth and families from diverse backgrounds. They talked about practical and evidenced-based interventions to meet the unique needs of children, youth, and families, enhancing their participation, engagement and addressing barriers to engagement.

April 18, 2024 - 91 participants

"Human Trafficking Awareness"

Facilitator: Debra Ellinger

Defined various terms such as sex trafficking, force, fraud and coercion. She discussed the warning signs human trafficking and reviewed barriers to victims' disclosure. She also talked about interviewing tips and the reporting process

May 16, 2024 - 60 participants

"The Link Between Trauma and Substance Use in Children and Adolescents"

Facilitator: Melissa Panter, LLBSW

Reviewed the effects Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can have on a person throughout his/her lifetime. She explained the types and signs of childhood trauma and talked about ways to create positive childhood experiences. She provided some statistics on trauma/ACES and discussed the effects of ACEs on the brain, body and behavior.

June 27, 2024 - 58 participants

"Psychotropic Medications"

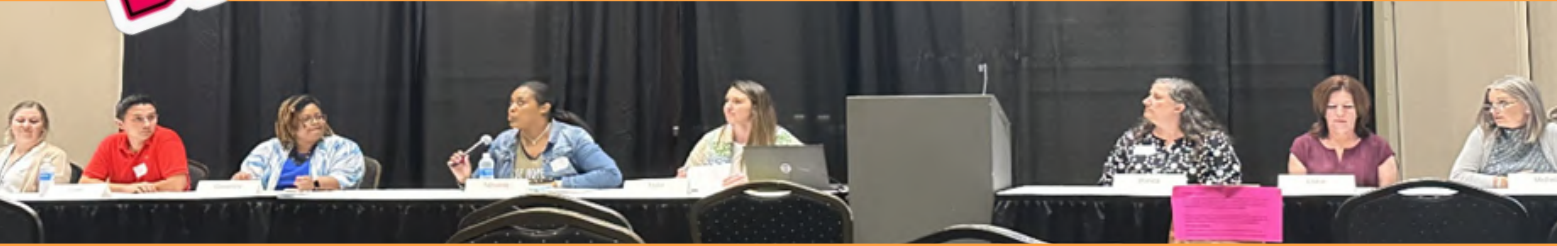
Facilitator: Shama Faheem, MD,

talked about the different classes of medications used in children and adolescents. She discussed the common indications for use of medications and the possible adverse effects of medications. She also emphasized the importance of monitoring the use of psychotropic medications and offered resources for families.

July 25, 2024 - 69 participants



Moving the Torch Conference



Staff from the Children's Initiative Department participated in the Moving the Torch Conference in July. This panel discussion in partnership with MDHHS discussed the benefits of collaboration with the child welfare system of care and community mental health.

CHEMpreneurIST Events

"Guidance Center's Nurture the Future Program"

This program provides resources and preventative education in the downriver area to develop strong families and inspire and assist parents as they raise children. At this event, they learned about various types of mixtures in everyday life with a focus on how these concepts apply to creating cosmetic products.
July 16, 2024 - 28 participants



"Hegira Health, Inc.'s Summer Camp Program"

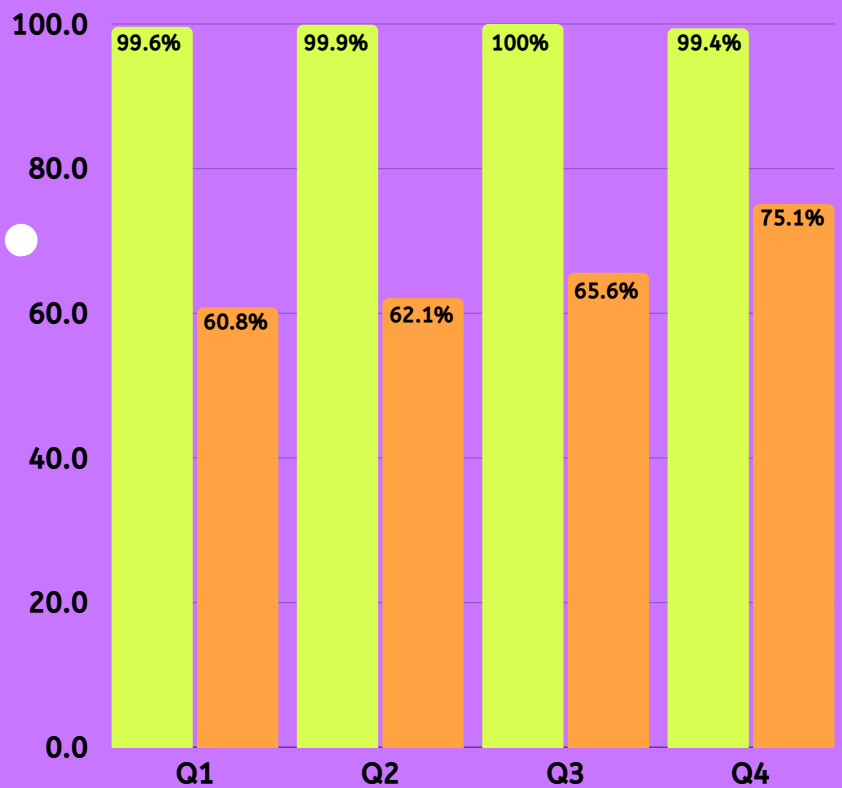
At this event, they learned about various types of mixtures in everyday life with a focus on how these concepts apply to creating cosmetic products.
August 7, 2024 - 25 participants

PHQ-A

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

In FY24, DWIHN providers completed 4,503 PHQ-A assessments upon intake 99.8% of youth between the ages 11-17 received a PHQ-A upon treatment compared to 99.7% in FY23

Percent of Intakes with PHQ-A
Percent with Follow-Up



What Are We Doing to Help?

All Children's Service Providers within DWIHN complete a PHQ-A upon intake for every youth between the ages of 11 and 17, screening for symptoms of depression as well as prevalence of suicidal ideation.

But it shouldn't stop there...



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

Since February 2022, **711** clinical staff have viewed the video.

Follow the link below to view the video:
[DWIHN PHQ-A Video](#)

Prevention

9th Annual Cultural & Linguistic Competency Summit



The Summit was held in August and the theme was “Accountability Is All of Our Responsibility”.

The keynote speaker was Carla Pretto, RN, Executive Director of Association for Community Health.

She shared the personal experience of her daughter who tragically lost her life to suicide. From a caregiver perspective, she talked about how trauma impacted her daughter’s behavior and influenced the family’s interaction with the school. The presentation was aimed to inspire practitioners to transcend academic knowledge and enhance their abilities to authentically connect with others’ experiences, emotions, and needs. The closing keynote speaker was Chamika Phillips, DWIHN’s Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. She explored the intersection of trauma, grief, and cultural diversity and its profound implications for social work practice. She emphasized the importance of cultural sensitivity, intersectionality, and advocacy in navigating trauma and grief within diverse contexts. There were 70 participants who received 5.5 continuing education credits.

Workshop Topics

“Exploring Black Grief”

Presenter: Alicia Jackson

“Person-Centered, Recovery-Oriented, & Trauma-Informed Care”

Presenter: Carla Pretto

“Trauma is the "Opps" (Opposition): Exploring the Interconnection of Trauma and Pop Culture and its Effect on the Families that We Serve”

Presenter: Danyelle Orr-McNeil & Mary Ann Lawler

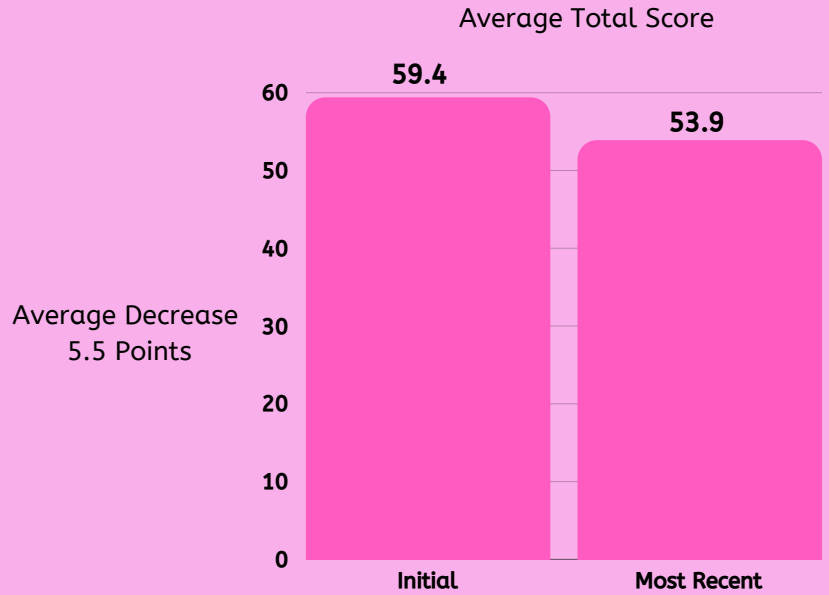


Outcomes

The Preschool and Early Childhood Functional Assessment Scale (PECFAS) is used to measure functional change for preschool age youth. This assessment is an adaptation of the CAFAS, differing only in the modification of items and a lack of the Substance Use subscale.



The PECFAS total score ranges from 0–210 and measures overall impairment. A 20 point reduction is considered meaningful improvement.

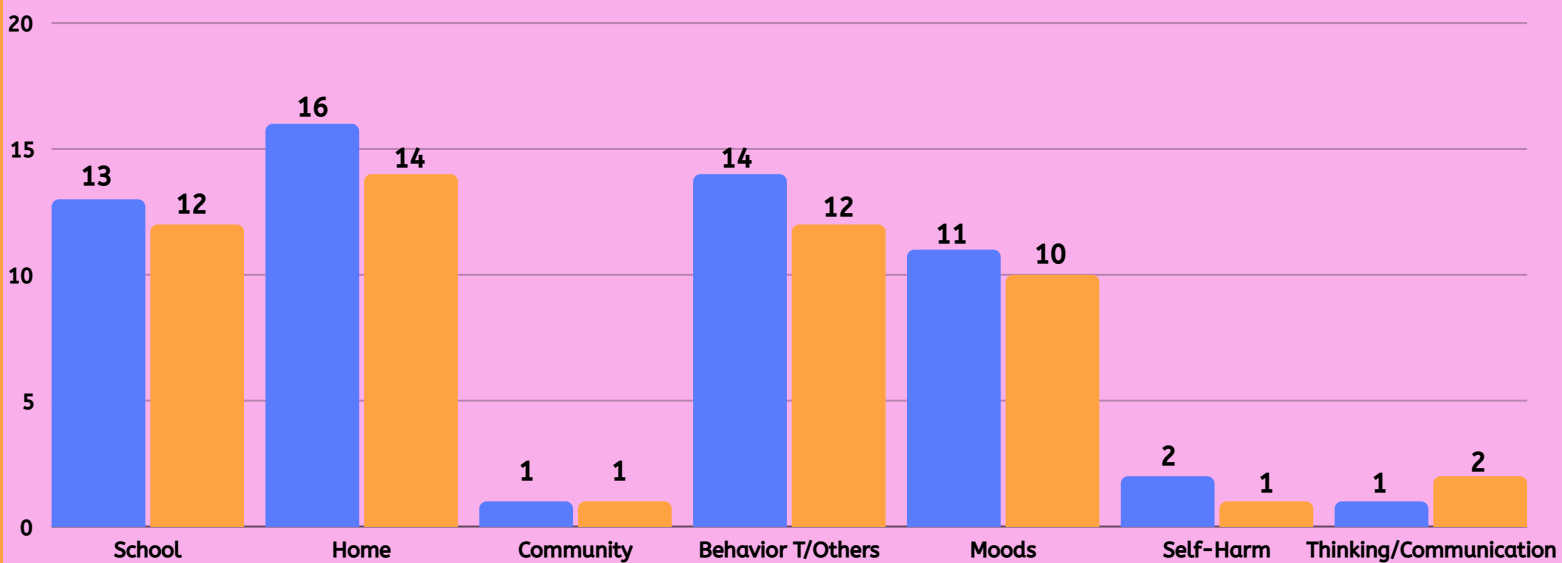


34% of youth did not have any severe impairments at Most Recent PECFAS Assessment

14% of youth did not have any moderate impairments at Most Recent PECFAS Assessment

32% of youth who were identified as being Pervasively Behaviorally Impaired (PBI) at Initial Assessment no longer met PBI criteria at Most Recent Assessment

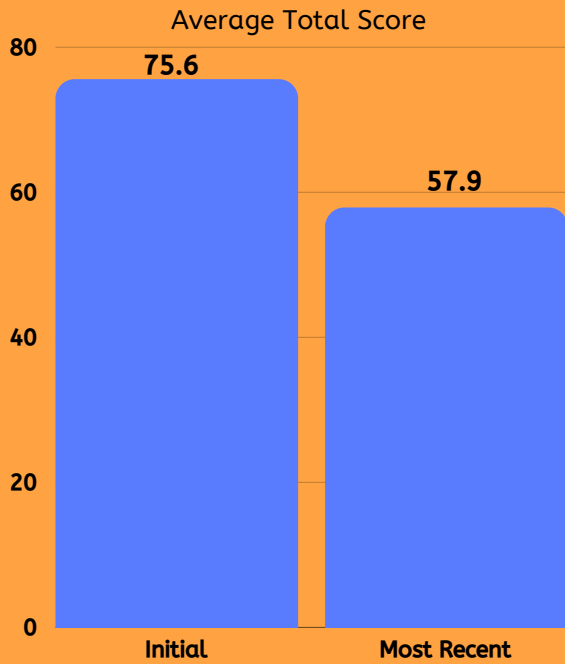
■ Initial ■ Most Recent



The subscales reflect the child's day-to-day functioning across life domains. This chart presents a comparison of the average scores by subscale aggregated across all clients selected for the initial and most recent assessments. Examination of the results by subscale highlights the needs of the child served, which can be considered in program development.

Outcomes

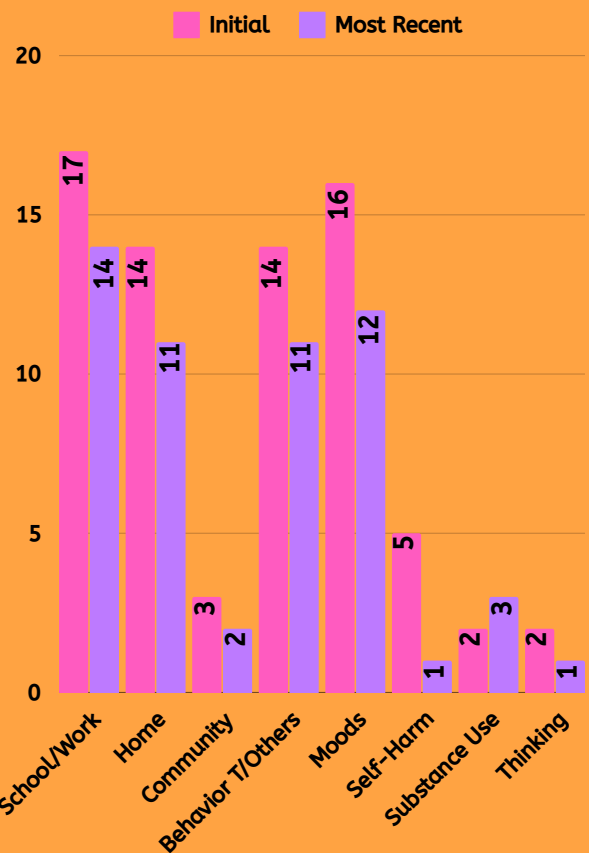
The **Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale (CAFAS)** is used to assess functioning across critical life domains and yield both a total score and subscale scores for children 7-21. Subscales are rated from 0 (no impairment) to 30 (severe impairment).



Average Decrease
17.7 Points

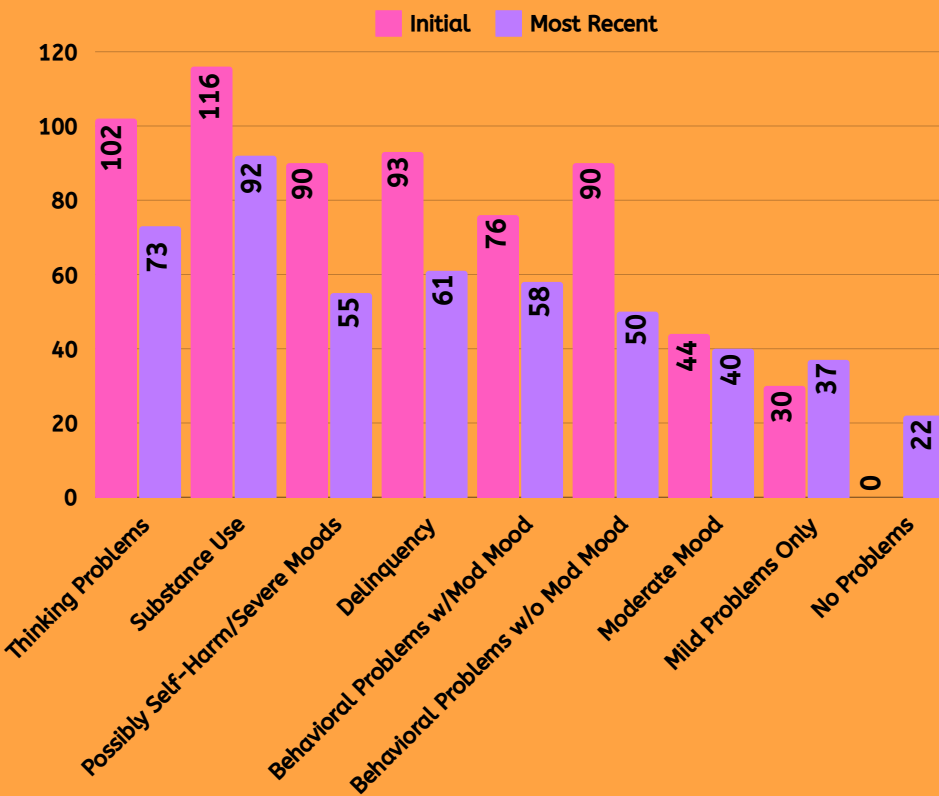


The CAFAS total score ranges from 0–240 and measures overall impairment. A 20 point reduction is considered meaningful improvement.



53% of youth did not have any severe impairments at Most Recent CAFAS Assessment

60% of youth who were identified as being Pervasively Behaviorally Impaired at Initial Assessment and no longer met PBI criteria at Most Recent Assessment



Subscale scores on the CAFAS are used to create hierarchical profiles called Tiers. The tiers are ranked based on the type and severity of need, with Thinking Problems ranked as the most severe and Mild Problems as least.

Spotlight Employee Recognition Awards

For Outstanding Contribution and Dedication to Connections' Systems of Care work in Wayne County

Allision Goodrich
Aron Walls
Arthur Webster
Ava Selke
Cassidie Kirk
Clayborn Baker
Crystal Ab Iraham
Danyelle Orr McNeil
Debora Martinez
Dora Woods
Elysia Khalil
Emily Garmen
Huda Alkhafaji
Jackie Golden
Jeanetta Patton
Jenneatta Mitchell
Karen Hoffman Herin
Kathleen Russo
Kenlee Morris
KJ Branch
Laura Sorrells
Margo Hill
Mary Worrthy
Maryum Khan
Matthew Allen
Mia Apruzzese
Michael Body
Michelle Wheller
Natalia Cuthrell
Noah Abu-Akeel
Robert Pettaway
Sha'Dawn Walker
Shahida Muhammad Carey
Shandra Dunn
Sheba Lazarus
Shelia Jackson
Sondra Thomas
Tiffany Blanford
Victoria Sargent
Wanda Burke
Warren Galloway

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Thank You

to all of our system partners for
another successful year