



Fact Sheet

Since 1958, The Guidance Center has responded to the ever-changing needs of Southeast Michigan residents in Wayne County as an innovative leader in providing quality behavioral health, substance use prevention and treatment and community outreach services to children, adults and families. Through its 25 programs, our private, non-profit agency leads the way in creating new prevention, education, and treatment models to help children and families learn and grow in all aspects of their lives.

Our Mission: Nurture development. Foster resilience. Cultivate well-being.

Our Vision: The Guidance Center is an innovative leader in programs, community engagement, and collaboration to create a vibrant future for those we serve.

Early Childhood

- Early Head Start and Head Start
- Community Resource Centers
- Family literacy events
- Nurture the Future parenting resources and support
- Parents as Teachers home visiting program
- Infant and early childhood mental health

Children & Youth

- Children's behavioral health
- Prevention & diversion services
- Family Support Services
- Juvenile Justice program
- Wraparound
- Outpatient services
- Crisis screening
- School-based services

Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)

- Mental health & substance use disorder services, including Medication Assisted Treatment for opioid & alcohol use disorders
- Services available regardless of insurance coverage

Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center (CAC)

- Forensic interviews
- Advocacy
- Onsite medical evaluations
- Trauma focused therapy
- Outreach and prevention

Adult Services

- Treatment & prevention for mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders
- Trauma-informed care
- Case management
- Recovery support services
- Assertive Community Treatment
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy
- Supported Employment

Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

- Case management
- Skill building
- Psychology services
- Peer mentoring
- Psychiatric services
- Therapy
- Transition planning
- Advocacy
- Community living supports
- Respite
- Health & nutrition assistance
- Autism services

Agency history and highlights

- The Guidance Center has grown from a \$1 million single storefront center established in 1958 into a \$43 million multidimensional organization.
- Through its Center for Excellence the agency conducts research and evaluation to develop programs that address the many needs of children, adults and families.
- The agency is governed by a 15-member Board of Directors.
- Hundreds of children participate in the agency's Head Start and Early Head Start program. This free, income eligible program provides comprehensive early childhood services to pregnant women and children from the ages of birth to five. Home-based and center-based program options are provided at seven locations Downriver.
- The Guidance Center offers services for individuals of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism.
- In 2018, The Guidance Center was awarded a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) grant in the amount of \$3,311,952 for the next two years followed by a second grant in 2020 in the amount of \$3,990,563 for two additional years – through the leadership of Senator Debbie Stabenow – to implement this new national model of mental health and substance use disorder services. The Guidance Center serves the uninsured or under-insured and the enhanced ability to reach beyond the 20,000-plus people who are part of our programs every year is a critical benefit to our community.
- Our agency successfully completed a \$2-million major gift campaign in 2014 to create a home for the accredited Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center (a first for both Wayne County and downtown Detroit) in Midtown Detroit. The Kids-TALK CAC also has a Southgate location.



Nurture the Future

Nurture the Future - a program of The Guidance Center - provides free resources and preventative education in the Downriver area to develop strong families and inspire and assist parents as they raise children.

Staff

More than 550 full-time, part-time and contractual staff members.

Volunteers

Community volunteers serve on our Board of Directors and on various committees. Volunteers also serve in other capacities throughout the agency.

Locations

20 locations in southeast Michigan.

Number of people served annually:

20,000



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