



DONOR & COMMUNITY
IMPACT REPORT
2022-2023

Nurture development. Foster resilience. Cultivate well-being.

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About The Guidance Center

Since 1958 The Guidance Center, based in Southgate, has been committed to its mission to: Nurture development. Foster resilience. Cultivate well-being.

Over the last 66 years the agency has maintained a collaborative relationship with its local communities and schools to support adults and children experiencing mental health difficulties and other challenges. A group of concerned residents and educators recognized the need for mental health services in our area and joined forces in 1958 to help form The Guidance Center. Since then, we have worked as a team to respond to the needs of children, adults and families in southeast Michigan.

The agency operates a wide range of programs and services at 18 locations. Our expertise in mental health and wellness, early childhood education, intellectual & developmental disabilities services and support, substance use disorders, Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center, Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, and research and evaluation helps more than 16,000 members of our community annually work on their own personal triumphs in life.



Message from the President & CEO

Dear friends and supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for the unwavering support and dedication of The Guidance Center's staff, board of directors, volunteers, donors and partners. Together, we have continued to make a difference in our community and achieved remarkable milestones reflected in this report.

This year marks a milestone for me personally. I will be retiring at the end of September 2024. I am grateful for the 28 years I have worked at TGC and a 40-plus-year career in organizations focused on helping others. I worked with The Guidance Center board this past year to develop a succession plan that focused on choosing to invest in talent that already exists within TGC for the selection of the next CEO. After engaging in a robust planning process, this past December the TGC board selected Laura Huot (current TGC COO) as the next CEO. I am thrilled for Laura. Her leadership as COO has been exceptional and I am confident in her ability to lead the organization towards continued success.

Our TGC board of directors continues to prioritize that all of our programs have well-defined outcomes that are meaningful and measurable. This report highlights those outcomes across our many programs. The impact of our collective effort is evident in the lives we touch every day. From providing counseling and therapy to children and adults struggling with depression, anxiety, substance use disorders and other conditions to offering child-friendly forensic interviews (at Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center) and supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our team also provides parenting support, services to at-risk youth, and preschool programs to low-income residents in our community. Our mission makes a tangible difference in building a stronger, more resilient community.



Kari D. Walker

None of this would be possible without the generosity and partnership of individuals and organizations who share our vision for a healthier, more compassionate world. As we embark on the next chapter of our journey, I invite you to join us in creating a future where every individual has access to the support and resources they need to thrive.

Together, we continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve and build a community where everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kari D. Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

President and CEO



Our Board of Directors



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Steward**

Our Leadership Team



Kari D. Walker
President & CEO



Laura Huot
COO



Gary Guetschow
CFO



Dr. Nalini Agarwal
Medical Director



Rich Casteels
Adult Behavioral Health



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Human Resources



Highlights

Dr. Dena Nazer appointed to Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board

Dena Nazer, M.D., the medical director and child abuse pediatrician for Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center (The Guidance Center's multi-disciplinary center that cares for children who are victims of child abuse and neglect, including sexual abuse) and a professor of Pediatrics at the Wayne State University School of Medicine, was appointed chair of Michigan's Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in June 2023.



The Human Trafficking Health Advisory Board was established to collect and analyze information concerning medical and mental health services available to survivors of human trafficking; to identify state, federal and local agencies involved with issues relating to human trafficking; and to coordinate the dissemination of information concerning medical and mental health services available to survivors.

This is Dr. Nazer's second term on the board. Former Gov. Rick Snyder first appointed her as a member. Dr. Nazer also is a member of the Human Trafficking of Children Protocol Revision Committee, under the auspices of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.



Two agency teams shine in the spotlight

In April 2023 The Guidance Center's Youth Assistance Program (YAP) Team received the Employee Spotlight Recognition Award from Connections, Wayne County System of Care. This dedicated group of agency staff members works diligently to impact our juvenile delinquency prevention and diversion program for youth and help them grow up to become responsible adults.

In June the agency's Prevention Program received the same recognition. This impressive team provides an array of valuable services to the community including trainings and facilitating a teen task force; partnering with the SUDDs Coalition to reduce underage drinking and drug use; facilitating socio-emotional groups in schools; building community connections; partnering with Nurture the Future to develop community programming for Parents/Caregivers; orchestrating a Youth Leadership Summer Program, and so much more!

These dynamic programs have an expansive impact and we appreciate their hard work, connection and dedication to the community.

Top photo, L to R: Rebekah Stasko, Erik Mitchell, Supervisor Kevin Carlton, John Salvage.

Bottom photo, L to R: Anita Rothert, Autumn Little, Paige Grudzien, Brooke Fick, Bristol Rose, Lisa Horvath, Jenna Malallah, and Melissa Panter.



CEO receives prestigious award

Congratulations to agency President & CEO Kari D. Walker upon receiving the BASF Community Leadership Award in October 2022 at the Harvest Moon Ball to benefit Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital. A well-deserved honor for our leader who has spent decades working to help thousands of children, adults and families in our community.

L-R: (seated) Laura Huot, agency COO; Roberta Walker. Standing: Erin Southward, TGC Fund Development Officer; Kevin Fischer, TGC Board Chair and Executive Director of NAMI Michigan; Sonya Fischer; Kari, and Liesa Finazzo, TGC Fund Development Officer.



TGC Board Member honored with Women of Achievement Award

On October 4, 2022 our agency celebrated one of our valued board members for her outstanding leadership at the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber-Downriver's Business Network's annual Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon that honors women in our community who truly make a difference. TGC board member Gina Wilson Steward received the Kyle F. Stack Leadership Award for her dedication to spreading a message of strength, inclusion and positivity.

After a beautiful video showcasing Gina's dedication to her work as publisher of the Telegram Newspaper (celebrating 79 years of circulation), her loving family, and her proud community, Gina spoke with Christy McDonald of WDIV Local 4 / ClickOnDetroit about her plans to continue her mission to share positive news and inspire Downriver for years to come.

Above: TGC Director of Communications & Philanthropy Al Sebastian and CEO Kari Walker with Gina Wilson Steward.



Black History Month Luncheon

Our agency celebrated Black History Month in February with a special storytelling presentation and luncheon for our staff. We welcomed La'Ron Williams, a nationally acclaimed and multiple award-winning storyteller, who enlightened and entertained with his stories of diversity, community building, peaceful conflict resolution and "pro-social" skills, including empathy, self-expression and attentive listening. After his engaging presentation staff enjoyed lunch, resources, music and giveaways.



Nurture the Future offers community film series

Our Nurture the Future program hosted a free Community Film Series featuring three powerful documentaries that address pertinent issues in society. **Angst**, featuring Michael Phelps, is on a mission to start a global conversation and raise awareness around anxiety. **Like** focuses on the crippling addiction society has to smartphones and the incessant chasing of “likes” and seeking “followers” as the perfect recipe for low self-esteem, isolation, depression, and loss of focus and patience. This screening included a live Q&A with the film’s star Max Stossel. **RACE To Be Human** addresses the impact of racism on our mental health through the lens of students, experts and educators, and shares how we can promote curiosity, self-reflection, integrity and empathy through conversations at home, school and work.

Guests at each showing were treated to pizza, pop, and popcorn during the documentary and then participated in a lively and diverse discussion panel or Q&A session to continue the conversations sparked by the film.

Bottom photo: TGC Director of Communications & Philanthropy Al Sebastian, TGC Director of Children & Youth Services Kim Hinton, Max Stossel, TGC Nurture the Future Program Coordinator Karen Hoffman-Herin.



Book giveaway

In March 2023 our Nurture the Future program hosted two book giveaway events for the community. Children and their families were invited to browse an extensive donation library (more than 4,000 books were available!) and take home books in honor of March as National Reading Month.

Art in the Park

It was a beautiful and sunny weekend in October 2022 for our Nurture the Future program’s Kids’ Art in the Park at Thorn Park in Brownstown! Kids enjoyed a number of activity stations including pumpkin painting, chalk the walk, food stations, music and dancing, face painting, drawing and sculpting, and much more.



TGC walks to fight stigma

On September 16, 2023 a team of walkers and advocates from our agency took part in the NAMI Michigan walk at Wayne State University to help fight stigma and improve access to mental health services. Our team, the TGC Walkers, was composed of 43 members from around the agency and community,



both present and virtually, and raised \$1,385 for the cause. On a beautiful sunny morning together with TGC board chair and NAMI Michigan director Kevin Fischer, Guidance Center CEO Kari Walker, and many other supporting agencies and individuals, our team proudly walked to show support for mental health access for all and to come together united in this mission. The achievement of “Mental Health for All” has never felt as critical, and yet is closer than ever to being realized!

TGC pride celebration

The Guidance Center is committed to providing a safe and affirming space where staff and clients of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expressions can find support and unconditional acceptance to: Nurture development. Foster resilience. Cultivate well-being.

Members of our team gathered in June at a pride celebration. All are welcome at The Guidance Center.



Treatment program grads celebrate at the park

On July 27, 2023, 23rd District Court Judge Victoria Shackelford hosted a family fun day for the participants of the court’s successful Regional Treatment Court Program and their families. The event took place at the Sheridan Center Open-Air Pavilion on the campus of Taylor’s Heritage Park. Staff of The Guidance Center attended to celebrate the program graduates and wish them well.

Top L-R: Madison Lauder, Yolanda Bruce, Jessica Sims.

Bottom L-R: Josh McAllister, Emily Tarchala.



Shining Stars in COP

Our Children’s Outpatient team is full of shining stars! Last May to celebrate and recognize Children’s Mental Health Awareness Month, the team highlighted star qualities of both their clients and themselves. They anonymously submitted star certificates to one another to recognize each other’s shining qualities, showing appreciation for one another and their strengths. COP also recognized celebrities who have been public about their own mental health journey.

Children’s Outpatient is an amazing team that is committed to support their clients and help them reach their mental health goals. The team goes above and beyond to support both their clients and one another.

L-R: Therapists Lakeisha Wright, Zeinab Hourani, Danielle Palmer, Monique Yelder, Dana Pittman, and Cindy Marshall (who has been with TGC for 28 years!) and COP supervisors Trisha Womack and Jenai Williams.



Head Start hosts Summer Health Fair



In August 2023 our Romulus, Taylor-Fischer and Belleville Head Start sites hosted Summer Health Fair Events. More than 50 of our families participated in fun family activities, learned about access to different community resources, and completed their children's screenings. Thank you to our agency's Infant Mental Health Program, Molina Healthcare of Michigan, National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, Wayne County Health Department Hearing and Vision, and Smile Programs the mobile dentists for partnering with us to support our families!



A celebration of reading

June's "Reading Around the World" Literacy Event at our Lincoln Park Community Resource Center was so much fun with Paddington Bear! Our Nurture the Future program hosted this special quarterly event featuring story time, activities, giveaways, and a variety of delicious treats from different countries. Thanks to The Hungarian Rhapsody, Malek Al Kabob, Vic's Casual Dining, and Suphan Thai Kitchen, families enjoyed French croissants, Polynesian Hawaiian friend rice, Italian gnocchi, Mediterranean hummus and pita, and Hungarian papraikash. They were also treated to dance performances from the Tropical Wahines Polynesian Dance Troupe of the Lincoln Park Dance Company.

It was an afternoon of exciting adventures around the world, and we thank all who volunteered and attended this literacy event.



Dinomyte Dads

In early November 2022 our Head Start program invited dads, grandfathers, and father figures to a Dinomyte Dads event. Paleo Joe, a paleontologist and real "dino hunter", presented dinosaur bones and told stories about his archeological digs and other fun facts. Guests and their young children enjoyed activities, snacks, and a catered dinner at Wayne County Community College District - Downriver Campus. It was an evening of exploration, discovery, and father-figure fun!



A Judicial Celebration

In June the agency celebrated the special graduation of a TGC client from the Regional Wellness and Recovery Court program at the 27th District Court in Wyandotte. The program is a regional mental health treatment court for qualified adults who have been convicted of nonviolent misdemeanor offenses and suffer from a serious mental illness and/or co-occurring substance use disorders or intellectual and developmental disabilities.



Senator Debbie Stabenow offered words of encouragement and congratulations to the program graduate. She and Judge Elizabeth DiSanto spoke on the importance of mental health treatment and recovery as a means to improve the lives of participants while also reducing incarceration and recidivism. With this program we hope to continue to offer tools to help participants manage their mental health, reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system, and strengthen their recovery now and in the future.



Many members of our agency and court staff were present with Senator Stabenow and Judge DiSanto, as

well as Guidance Center CEO Kari Walker, COO Laura Huot, and Director of Adult Behavioral Health Rich Casteels, to celebrate this graduation, and we look forward to more celebrations!

Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center plants Pinwheels for Prevention

Every April, pinwheel gardens are planted in the community to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Pinwheels are a symbol of childhood and represent the carefree childhood that all children deserve. Our Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) planted pinwheels at both the Midtown Detroit and Southgate locations to raise awareness for child abuse prevention, as

well as many other partner locations including Children's Hospital of Michigan, Wayne Pediatrics, BasBlue (center photo) and a community event with the Detroit Police (left and right photos) that shared in this important message to bring awareness to the community and help children to live safe and happy lives.





Signature Events

Save the Date
for our 2024 Events

SUMMER GLOW IN THE HAMPTONS



FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024
6-9 P.M. | GROSSE ILE, MI

WWW.GUIDANCE-CENTER.ORG/GLOW



CHAMPIONS[®]
OF WAYNE

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET

THURSDAY,
JUNE 20, 2024
6-8:30 P.M.
WAYNE TREE MANOR,
WAYNE, MI

WWW.GUIDANCE-CENTER.ORG/CHAMPIONS-BANQUET



THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 10, 2024
6 PM AT THE
DETROIT ATHLETIC CLUB
DETROIT, MI

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Champions of Wayne, a program of The Guidance Center, transforms student obstacles into success through an incentive-based mentoring system to inspire every student to graduate in the best way possible.

Established in 2008, the program combines adult mentoring, academic and life goal setting, and achievement recognition that results in individualized prescriptions for success and financial rewards for students. Champions who successfully achieve their goals for a semester receive a \$250 incentive that is celebrated at the Student Achievement Banquet.



TGC Director of Children's Behavioral Health Kim Hinton shares compelling remarks on behalf of WMHS Alumnus Makari Whittaker.



Jeff Styers and Rich Helppie, both members of the Champions Advisory Group and major program sponsors, with student speakers Conner Wilson (Class of 2026) and Jocelyn Mendoza (Class of 2024), and Kari Walker.



Zachary Robinson, recipient of the Don Haney Wolfpack Wrestling Scholarship, with his mother and grandmother.

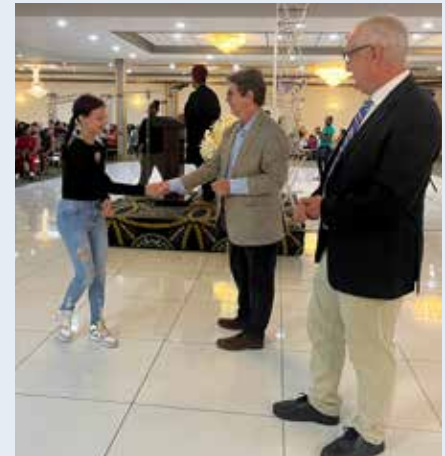
In February 2023 we gathered at a Student Achievement Banquet to recognize the students enrolled in the Champions of Wayne program to highlight their successes—working with their mentors—to reach both their academic and life goals for the previous semester.



WMHS Principal Cory Gildersleeve, Champions sponsor Lisa Styers of Arrow Cares, Guidance Center CEO Kari Walker with his wife Roberta, Champions founders and sponsors Leslie and Richard Helppie, TGC Senior Director of Clinical Services Tracy Wyman, TGC COO Laura Huot, Judges Milton and Laura Mack.



Kody Williams, WMHS Class of 2024, honored his family, teachers, and mentors and thanked the founders and supporters of Champions that helped him excel in school!



Richard Helppie and Kari Walker congratulated each student as they received their award.

In June 2023 we celebrated another Student Achievement Banquet to honor 139 students who have worked so hard through Champions of Wayne to excel at their academic pursuits. We are proud of all of the students who, through Champions of Wayne, have worked diligently and found strength and motivation to continue to excel, and we are tremendously grateful for the sponsors who made this event possible!



The WMHS freshman are all smiles as they show off their certificates.



Summer Glow

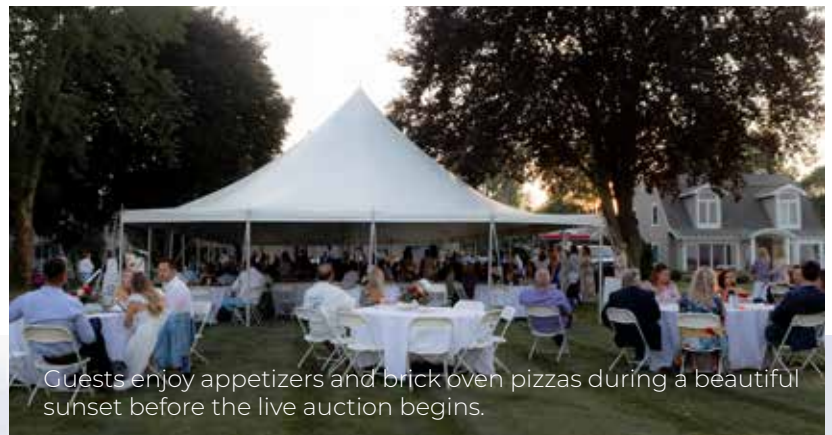
"That's Amore"

175 guests attended the annual Summer Glow event on Grosse Ile at the home of Dr. Meredith McLaughlin and Scott Georges, with the 2023 theme "That's Amore". More than \$122,000 was raised for The Guidance Center's three Community Resource Centers (CRCs) in Lincoln Park, River Rouge, and Taylor, as well as for the Budd Lynch Endowment Fund for Children at the agency to benefit early childhood programming.

A million thanks to the sponsors and especially to Meredith and Scott, our devoted event chairs, Katie Daly Vitale, Santina Daly Bragadin, Christina Daly Gruber, and Marie Campo Daly, to TGC Event Lead Liesa Finazzo, and to our savvy Live Auctioneer Joe Gruber.



Patrick and Karen Smithbauer with their granddaughter, Morgan.



Guests enjoy appetizers and brick oven pizzas during a beautiful sunset before the live auction begins.

L-R: Kari Walker, Anthony & Santina Bragadin, Joe & Christina Gruber, Scott Georges & Meredith McLaughlin, Katie & Vince Vitale, Marie & Tom Daly, Al Sebastian, and Liesa Finazzo.





TGC staff Hazel Makino and Tammy Capps were thanked for their hard work at our CRCs.



Sonya & TGC Board Chair Kevin Fischer



Vonda and Dan Grant



Jim Daly, Kurt Darrow, TGC Board Member John Daly, and Joe Daly



Jill Guthrie, Lisa Athens, and Liesa Finazzo



Sandy and Rand O'Leary, President of Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital



Joe Gruber leads the exciting live auction!

Our 13th annual Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner was held on September 22, 2023 at the Detroit Athletic Club. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing sponsors, guests, and supporters. \$193,000 was raised for our Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center and its crucial work of helping child victims of physical/sexual abuse, neglect, or trauma.

The evening was led by our dynamic MC, FOX 2's Jessica Dupnack and included an address from Guidance Center CEO and President Kari D. Walker, a message from Kids-TALK CAC Director Melanie Richards, and an encouraging statement from Kids-TALK Co-Founder Nancy J. Diehl. Claudia Winston-Cooper, whose family received services from the Kids-TALK CAC, shared her powerful and moving story about the impact of the program.

We look forward to our 2024 dinner on Thursday, October 10 at the Detroit Athletic Club!



An overview of the elegant dining room shortly before dinner is served.

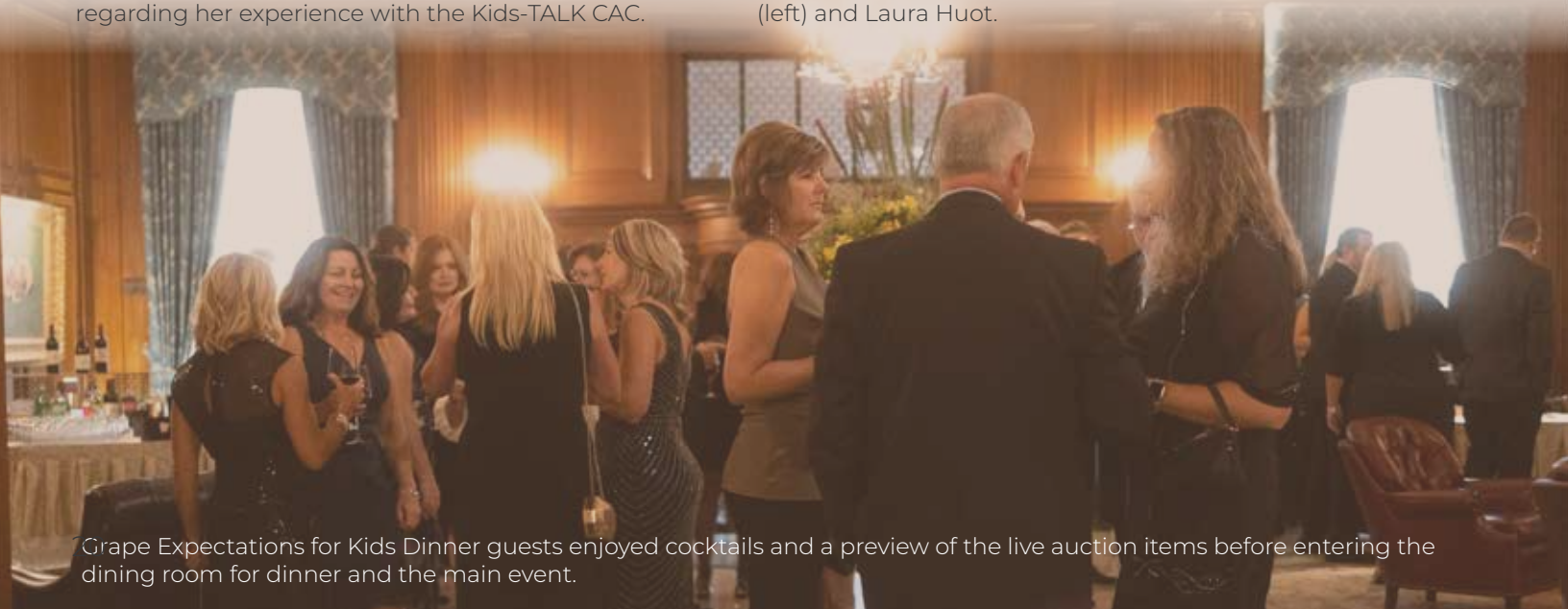
Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner



Jessica Dupnack interviews Claudia Winston-Cooper regarding her experience with the Kids-TALK CAC.



Kids-TALK CAC Co-Founder Nancy J. Diehl (center), her sister, Diane (left) and Laura Huot.



Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner guests enjoyed cocktails and a preview of the live auction items before entering the dining room for dinner and the main event.



Dinner guests peruse a number of luxury silent auction items including Jimmy Choo shoes, a Dior blanket, and a Gucci wallet and tie set!



Anthony & Santina Bragadin; Christina & Joe Gruber; Meredith McLaughlin & Scott Georges; Kyle & PJ Southward; Christina & George Gorno; and Katie & Vince Vitale.



Pat Costick, Linda Stanko, and Karen Smithbauer.



Emcee/FOX 2's Jessica Dupnack, leads a panel discussion with Nancy J. Diehl, Dr. Bradley Norat, and Melanie Richards.



Kevin & Sonya Fischer; Roberta & Kari Walker; Christina & George Gorno; and Leslie & Richard Helppie.



Anne & Robert Diehl.



Jason & presenting sponsor Bridgeway Services CEO Amy Rebant.



Event sponsor Black Family Development CEO Kenyatta Stephens and guests.



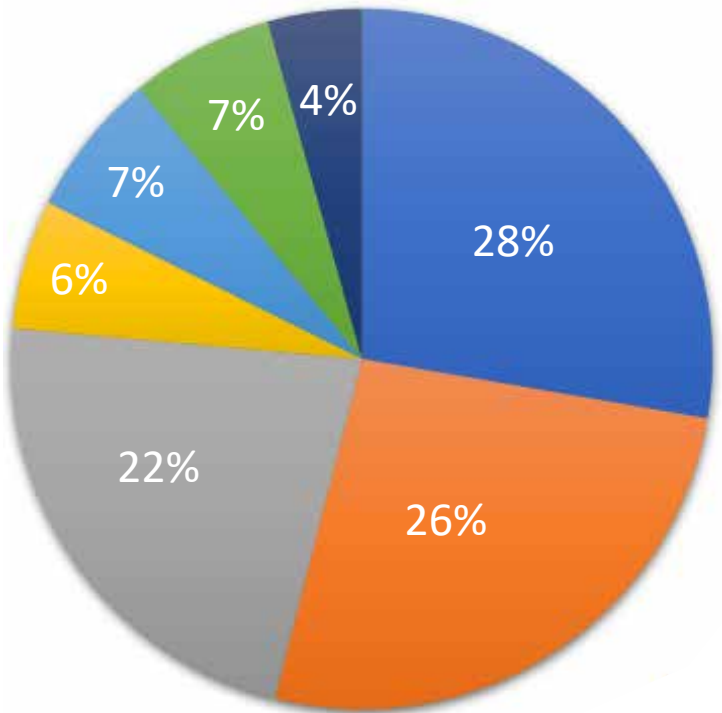
Nathan & Karen DeKett with Sgt. Nate McRae & Mandy Morgan.



Revenue & Expenses

Operating Revenue & Expenses

From October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023

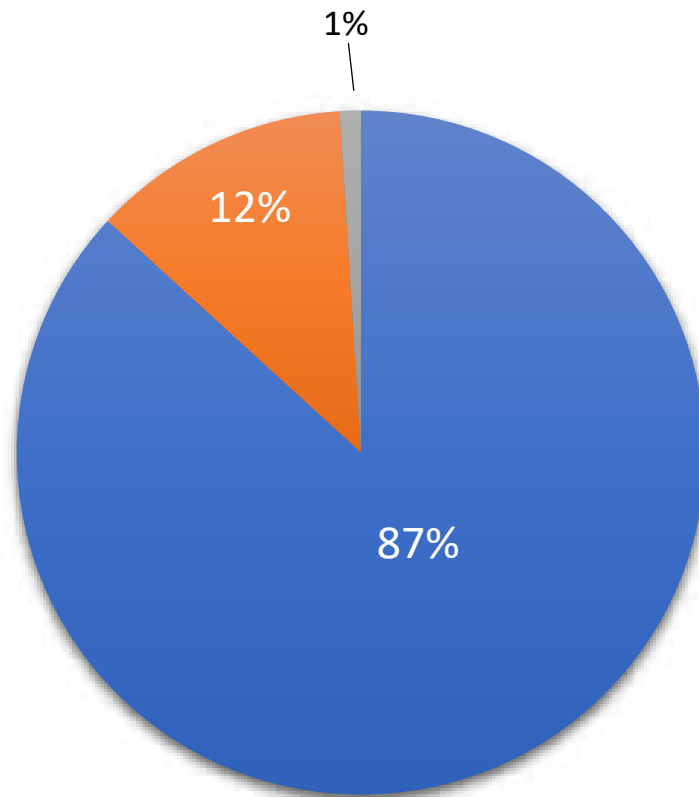


- Adult Services - \$15,497,655
- Children & Youth - \$14,697,448
- Center for Early Childhood - \$12,517,815
- Kids-TALK CAC - \$3,338,873
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities - \$3,742,329
- Psychiatric Services - \$3,692,542
- Other - \$2,423,793

Total Revenue — \$55,910,456

Operating Revenue & Expenses

From October 1, 2022-September 30, 2023



■ Program services - \$46,296,890

■ Administrative - \$6,492,605

■ Developmental costs - \$523,996

Total Expenses — \$53,313,461

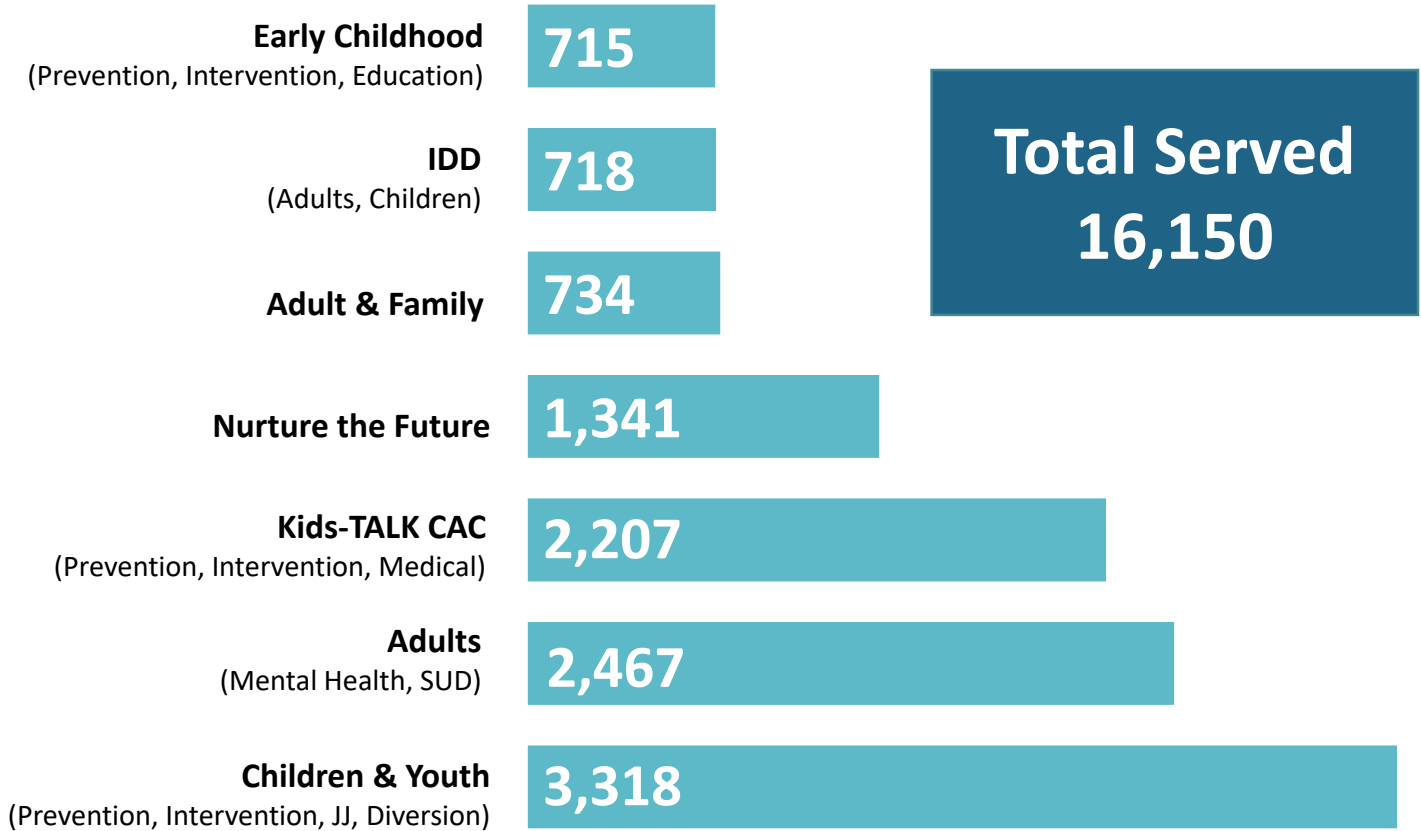


Major Outcomes



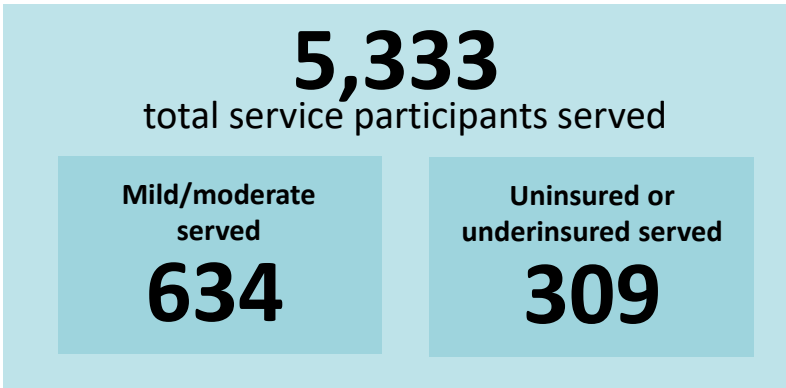
Major Outcomes Fiscal Year 22-23

Numbers Served

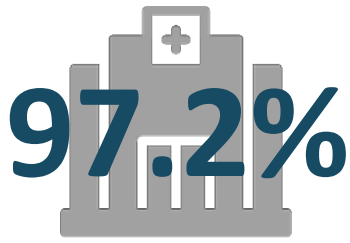


Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC)

In 2021, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services selected The Guidance Center as the first mental health and substance use service provider in Wayne County to participate in its Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) demonstration. CCBHCs provide a comprehensive array of services for people of all ages with mental health and substance use disorders, regardless of insurance coverage, their ability to pay, or the severity of their needs.



Hospitalizations



of participants remained out of the psychiatric hospital

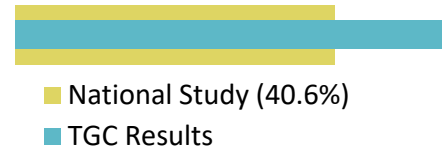
Suicide rate

0.04%
of adults

0.00%
of children

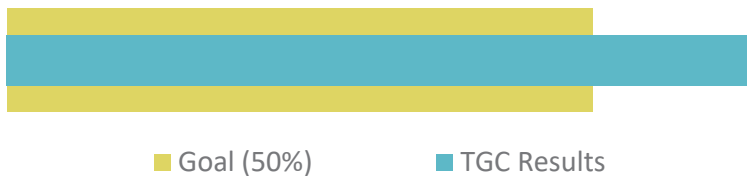
Depression

54.2% of participants showed clinically meaningful improvement on a depression screener



Child and Adolescent Functioning

Improvement on functioning at home, school, community and symptoms (397/618)= 63.8%



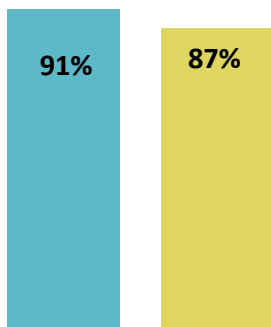
Rapid Response

A collaborative program of local police departments aiming to avoid unnecessary incarcerations and hospitalizations.

47.8%
diverted from hospital

Early Childhood Education Services

End of 2023 School Year



Spring 2023

- % Early Head Start Children Ready for Head Start
- % Head Start Children Ready for K

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Protective Factors (Initiative, Self-control and Attachment)

75%
of children improved or maintained strengths.

School Success Initiative

An evidence- and prevention-based mental health program designed for students from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

91%
Students reassessed who improved or maintained scores

Support Services

Resources, workshops, trainings, and events for families, community members, and professionals.

DBT

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) is a type of psychotherapy developed to better treat individuals with borderline personality disorders.

Community Resource Centers

281

Children and adults served

Caregiver playgroups, literacy events, Clothing Closet, Diaper Depot, Toy Chest, and more.

83.3%

Participants decreased borderline symptoms

Nurture the Future

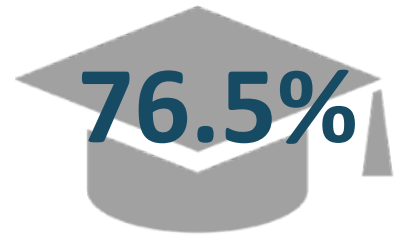
2,615

Parents/caregivers and children participated in **43 workshops and family events**

Free workshops for parents and caregivers of children from birth through young adulthood with access to a variety of tools including support groups, family-centered activities, and informational resources.

Drug Court

A court supervised treatment program for individuals who abuse or are dependent upon any controlled substance or alcohol.



Participants graduated from Oct 2022 through Sept 2023



The average rating for Nurture the Future family events was **4.7** stars out of 5

Supported Employment

The Supported Employment Program is an evidenced-based approach to help participants with mental illness obtain and keep employment.

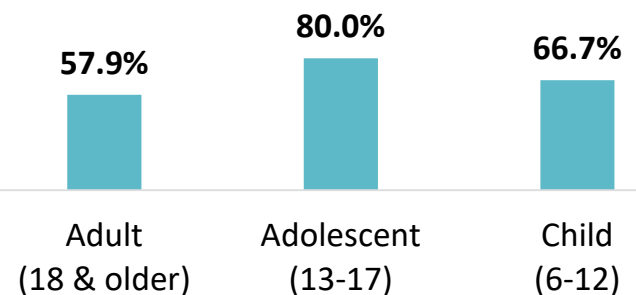
Percent of service participants with placements worked 90 or more days in 12 months = **73%**



Adult and Child Self-Rated Functioning

Client's perception of their functioning on four psychosocial measures

Percent of participants with improvement



Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center

Forensic interviewing, advocacy, medical evaluations, and mental health services for child victims of alleged abuse, neglect, or trauma. Child abuse prevention and education.

1,978

Children received specialized interviews



Medical evaluations performed

93.5%

of children receiving therapeutic services understood that the trauma was **NOT** their fault.

99.9%

of children were **NOT** interviewed by law enforcement or children protective services prior to the interview at the Kids-TALK CAC

1,958

caregivers of children interviewed received advocacy, support and connections to other resources

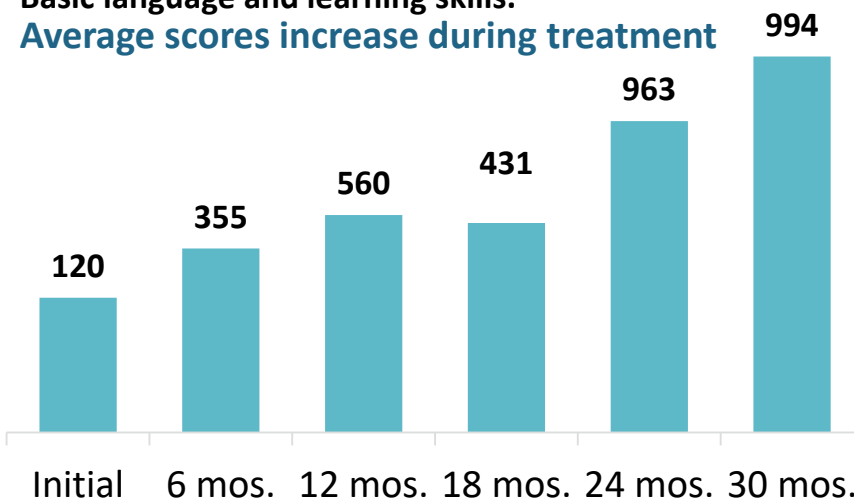
Autism Spectrum Disorder

A full range of services including Autism Benefit and Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) for children 18mo - 13y. Includes individual ABA therapy, family training, Specialized Supports Coordination.

MST

Evidence-based intervention for youth (ages 12-17) who engage in challenging behaviors that could result or have resulted in criminal involvement.

Basic language and learning skills.
Average scores increase during treatment



Cases completing treatment

97.4%



■ Goal (85%)

■ Actual

Prevention

Provides workshops and educational groups aimed at preventing substance use and connecting youth with resources.

135

Vendors trained in tobacco compliance

116

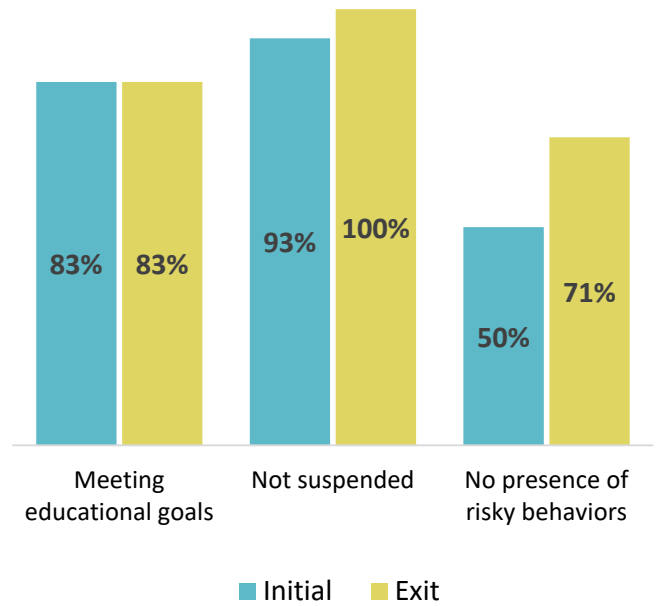
People trained in Naloxone over **10 trainings**

110

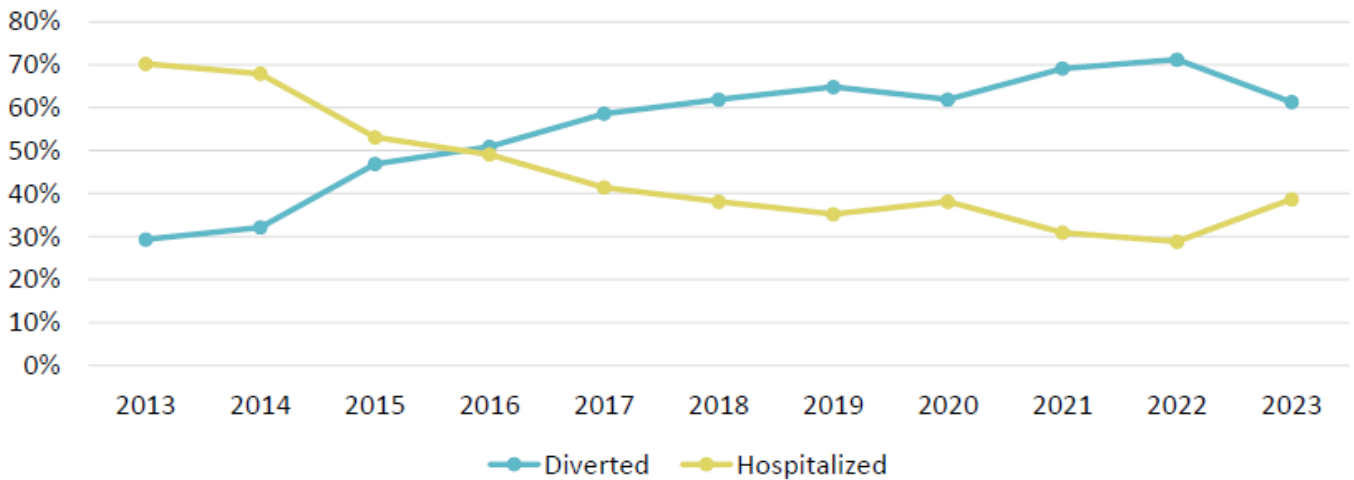
People trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid over **8 trainings**

Wraparound

Works with all the family members in a household to ensure that the children/youth and family members are on track to continuously improve their quality of life at home, in school, and in the community.



Successful Reversal of Hospitalization VS Diversion Rate for Children



Juvenile Justice

Home-based intensive case management, substance abuse, mental health services.

94.4%

Did not commit offenses after being released from the JJ program.

Diversion

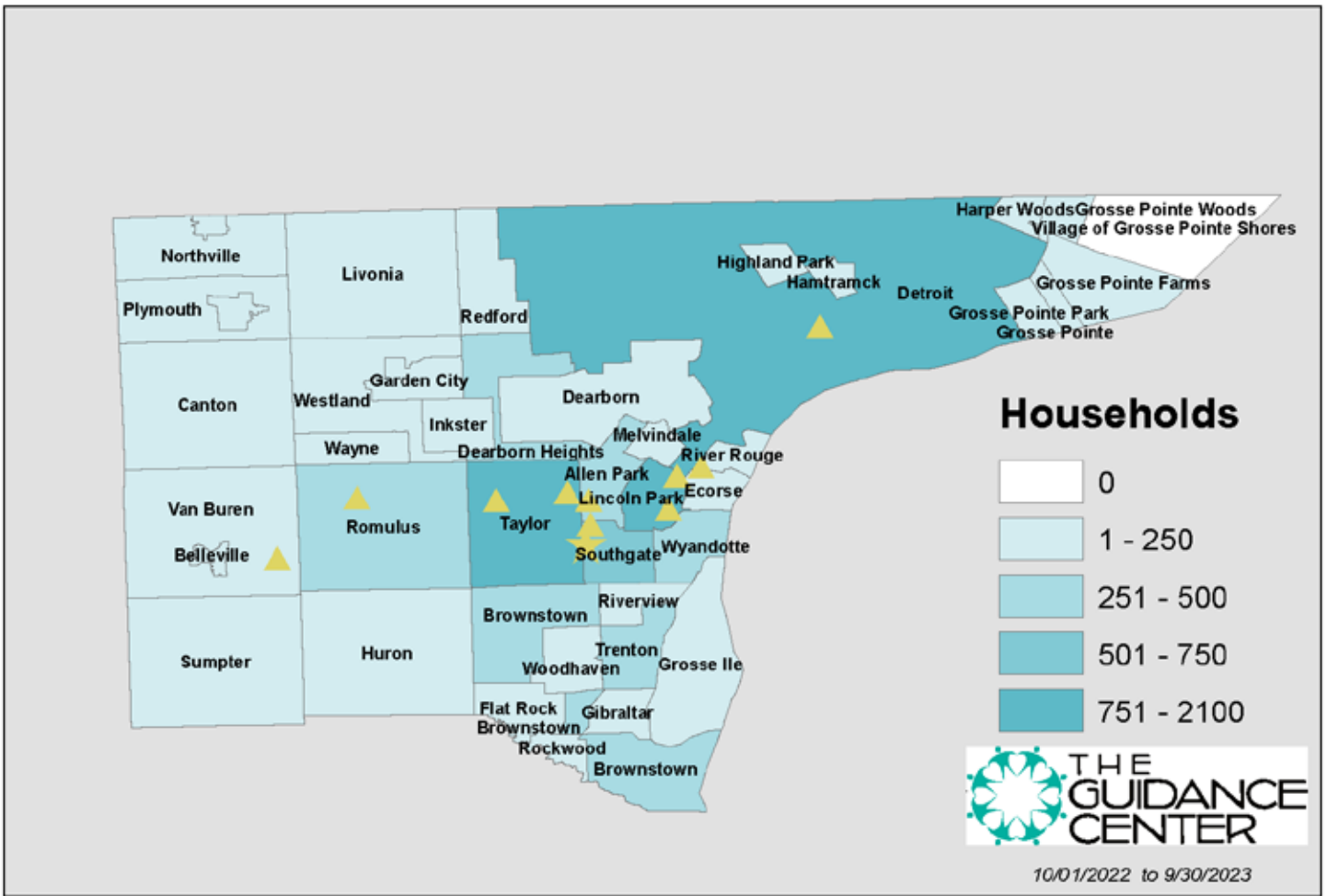
The Youth Assistance Program (YAP) is for youth at risk of entering the juvenile justice system due to a first time minor offense.

93%

of youth served in the last five fiscal years (since Oct. 2018) did not re-offend and/or escalate to JJ.

99%

of parents rated that youth improved



Households Served FY 2023



Wayne County

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Adopt-a-Family brings holiday cheer to agency families

The Guidance Center's annual Adopt-a-Family Program provided an abundance of Christmas gifts for families in our agency. We were thrilled with the tremendous support of so many donor families, businesses and organizations in Wayne and Oakland Counties. Every day beautifully wrapped gifts for our agency families were delivered to our Southgate campus. So many people shared from the heart for this effort. Thank you to all of the generous people who brightened the day for children and adults in our community!

Right: Fund Development Officers Erin Southward and Liesa Finazzo organize the piles of presents generously donated by local individuals and businesses.



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In February 2023 the agency held a special shopping event at the Kendra Scott store at Twelve Oaks Mall. Both TGC guests and regular mall shoppers were able to browse the selection of beautiful jewelry and 20 percent of all proceeds went directly to purchase medicine lock boxes to be used for suicide prevention by our Wraparound program. Shopping was also open online all weekend with a special code to support TGC. We are grateful to everyone who shopped in person or online to support this much needed cause, and especially grateful to Kendra Gives Back for holding this unique charity shopping event for our agency!



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Trenton Rotary made a fabulous delivery over the summer to help our clients and their families cruise the neighborhoods. This group of bicycles was donated by the Rotary to be distributed to clients at our agency (along with helmets of course). The Rotary club also donated a wealth of items for our Community Resource Centers including baby items, pots and pans, comforters, and even a Barbie Dream House! Thank you, Trenton Rotary, for donating these items for children and families in our community. We value our partnerships with such generous organizations!

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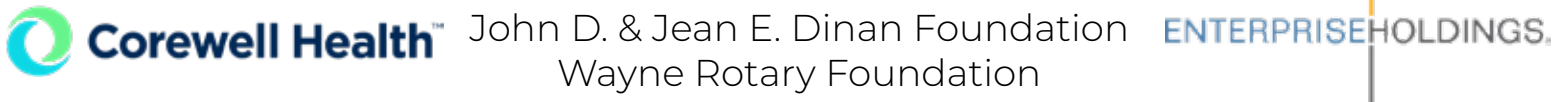


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