



DONOR & COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2023-2024

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 67 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 18,000 members of our community annually work on their own personal triumphs in life.



Message from the President & CEO

Dear friends and supporters,

In October 2024, I had the honor of becoming President & CEO of The Guidance Center (TGC). I am deeply grateful to the Board of Directors and former President & CEO, Kari Walker, for their thoughtful and well-executed leadership transition process. Their early planning allowed me several months to prepare for this role, ensuring a smooth handoff and strong start.

Before officially stepping into the CEO role, I was fortunate to hire Jill Blackson—formerly of Hegira Health—as our new Chief Operating Officer (COO). I also elevated Pasquale Vignola from Director of the Center for Excellence to our first-ever Chief Strategy Officer (CSO), expanding our capacity for long-term planning and innovation. With long-standing Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Gary Guetschow continuing to provide his steady guidance and expertise, our executive leadership team is now fully formed—and we've hit the ground running.

With valuable input from staff, the individuals and families we serve, community partners, and the Board of Directors, we recently completed our 2024–2027 Strategic Plan. Our first strategic priority is the expansion of TGC's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) services. To support this goal, we purchased a building on Federal Drive in Allen Park in late 2024, which will become a large, comprehensive outpatient treatment facility for both children and adults. Renovations and space planning are now underway, and we anticipate opening the new location in 2026.

TGC proudly became the first CCBHC in Wayne County in 2021 following Michigan's selection as one of 21 pilot states for the national model. As a CCBHC, we provide high-quality, comprehensive behavioral health services—regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. This model also includes rigorous national quality standards, and I'm proud to report that TGC has met those standards for four consecutive years.

Our second strategic priority is to expand the capacity of our Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center. Kids-TALK remains the only program of its kind in Wayne County, offering comprehensive and trauma-informed services to children and families affected by abuse and neglect at our Southgate and Midtown Detroit locations. Plans

are in motion to open a third site in Canton Township, thanks to the Township's generous donation of space and a State of Michigan appropriation for renovations. At the same time, our current Midtown location no longer meets the increasing demand for services in Detroit and surrounding communities. We are actively exploring expansion opportunities and look forward to sharing more updates soon.

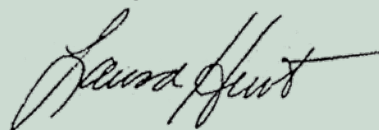
Our third goal is centered on our greatest strength—our people. We are committed to enhancing TGC's reputation as an outstanding place to work. This includes promoting a healthy work-life balance, offering competitive compensation and benefits, and investing in high-quality supervision, training, and professional development opportunities. We want our team members to thrive, grow their skills, and advance their careers here at TGC.

To achieve these ambitious goals and ensure our long-term sustainability, we must also raise greater awareness of TGC's impact in the community. Increased government funding and significantly expanded philanthropic support will be essential to our continued success.

I am deeply grateful for the support of our donors, who have generously shared their time, talents, and resources with us, enabling us to provide essential services to more than 18,000 children, adults, and families each year.

It is an exciting time at The Guidance Center, and I am honored to lead this organization as we build on our legacy and look boldly toward the future.

Warm regards,



Laura Huot
President and CEO



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Human Resources



Highlights

Agency welcomes dignitary

In advance of a Prevention Town Hall hosted by the agency's Prevention Services program on May 14, 2024, Congressman Shri Thanedar visited our main campus in Southgate to tour The Guidance Center and learn more about our focus on mental health.

The Congressman shared details of his commitment to mental health and learned more about our 26 programs and services at the agency. During the tour he met both those



who we serve and members of our program team.

L-R: Kari D. Walker, President & CEO; Pasquale Vignola, Director of Center for Excellence and CCBHC Project Director; Congressman Shri Thanedar; and Laura Huot, COO.

Winding down summer

Summer may have been ending but junior and high school youth enjoyed a Summer Wind Down event in August 2024 through the agency's Stop Underage Drinking & Drugs Downriver (SUDDs) Coalition and the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network (DWIHN). Activities to help 6th-12th grade youth ease into the school year included self-care activities like yoga and crafts, snacks, raffles, and more. Free backpack and school supply giveaways assured that the children would enter into their new school year prepared and recharged!



First annual Cool Cuts, Styles and Smiles event

Spring 2024 was all about Cool Cuts, Styles and Smiles for TGC kids! With funding from the Eagles for Children Foundation and Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club, children from The Guidance Center programs received haircuts and/or new styles before getting professional school-style photos taken. It was incredible to see some of the new looks and the kids' confidence grow.

Special thanks to Silver Shores Waterfront; Jerad Rushlow, owner of Daybreak Salon & Spa and his team; Jeff Corns at Jeffrey's Photographic, all of our other incredible hair professionals, and the event volunteers who made this event a success!



NARCAN dispensers added to TGC campuses

In partnership with the Alliance of Coalitions for Healthy Communities, a nonprofit in Oakland County, The Guidance Center began providing more life-savings measures for the community in February 2024. New units of the Save a Life Station, which dispense free Naloxone/NARCAN and fentanyl testing strips from seven of our agency locations, were placed at our main Southgate campus in front of Buildings 4, 5 and 6; in front of our Outer Drive building in Lincoln Park, and at our Walter White Building in River Rouge. The dispensers also are located inside our Adult Behavioral Health suites at the Superior Road Building and our offices at Horizon Building, both in Taylor.

The machines hold up to 50 kits and also contain fentanyl testing strips.

We are proud to have the opportunity to provide this critical, life-saving service and materials to the community.



Agency advocates at National Council for Mental Wellbeing

A dynamic team of agency employees attended the National Council for Mental Wellbeing in St. Louis in April 2024 to discuss innovations on mental health and substance use treatment, expand education and access, and network with other professionals to improve our services to the community.

L to R: TGC Board Vice Chair Gillian Bringard Andrews, CEO Kari Walker, CSO Pasquale Vignola, Zero Overdose co-founder and CEO Tom McCarry, COO Laura Huot, Senior Director of Clinical Services Tracy Wyman, Director of Psychiatric Services Mary Griffiths, Director of Adult Behavioral Health Services Rich Casteels, and Project Director for Zero Overdose Tej Carbone.



CEO honored with NAMI Michigan Honors Award

Congratulations to our agency President & CEO Kari Walker, pictured with his wife, Roberta, at the NAMI Michigan Honors Gala in March 2024 at The Henry in Dearborn (*note: Kari retired on September 30, 2024*). Kari was honored at the black tie affair to celebrate his decades of work to help Michiganders affected by mental illness. Bravo to Kari and all the special honorees for their vision, dedication and action!



Black History Month Luncheon

Members of The Guidance Center team gathered for the agency's Black History Month Celebration Luncheon. Held at Wayne County Community College District's Downriver campus in Taylor, the luncheon featured keynote speaker Rebecca Irby from New Detroit, Inc. who touched on many compelling topics including the importance of black history as American history.



Leap into Fun with Math & Science event

The Guidance Center's Nurture the Future program celebrated Leap Day 2024 with an afternoon of family fun. "Leap into Fun with Math & Science" celebrated fathers and other important male caregivers with family pictures, dinner, and a presentation on "Presence over Presents" by Waymond Hayes from Focus: HOPE. The presentation captivated both parents and kids and kept everyone moving with fun games. After dinner, children and caregivers enjoyed building airplanes, catapults, Lego kits and playing games.



Literacy with Ladybug Girl

The spring Literacy Event at our Taylor-New Hope Head Start location welcomed 43 families with 72 children to enjoy story time with Ladybug Girl, snacks, raffles, activities, and even explore with Erie Metroparks Nature on Wheels' "Crawling Cuties".

Children were able to take home goodies and a free book to celebrate World Book Day and encourage and foster a love of reading.



TGC sponsors annual Special Olympics event

The Guidance Center was a proud sponsor of the Third Annual Unified Special Olympics held at the Taylor Sportsplex in May. This event joins individuals with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team, inspired by a simple principle: training together and playing together is a quick path to friendship and understanding. In Unified Sports, teams are made up of people of similar age and ability. With 450 children signed up to attend and more than 100 community member volunteers, it was a wonderful and busy afternoon for children and their families.



TGC walks to fight stigma

The Guidance Center is a proud annual sponsor of September's NAMI Michigan walk to fight stigma for people with mental illness and substance use disorders. Staff and community members gathered on a beautiful sunny day at the University of Detroit Mercy with a shared mission to help the local NAMI chapter to continue needed education, support and advocacy.



A summertime pride celebration

June's Pride Celebration gathered agency employees at Wayne County Community College - Downriver Campus for a luncheon catered by Bobcat Bonnie's Wyandotte. Guidance Center CEO Kari Walker offered a warm welcome and guests heard from staff member Melissa Goodwin, Community Engagement Manager Justin Bettcher from Affirmations, and Dawn Walton from PFLAG National for a colorful celebration day.



Wraparound program gets festive with Santa

This past Christmas season our children's Wraparound program enjoyed a visit from the jolly old man himself! Children and their families participated in story time and holiday crafts while enjoying cookies and visits with Santa. Each child was able to take home a number of gifts thanks to the generous donations of customers at Dollar Tree stores in Brownstown Township, Taylor, Southgate, and Allen Park, and the volunteers who helped to sort the many goodies that were received. Wraparound staff enjoyed a group photo with Father Christmas at the event.



TFCO program seeks Therapeutic Parents

The Treatment Foster Care Oregon (TFCO) program at our agency has been hard at work recruiting Therapeutic Parents to provide a safe, nurturing, and supportive home for 6-9 months to youth ages 7-11 displaying behaviors including defiance, school issues, or aggression towards self or others. The program trains parents and provides a wealth of resources to support the youth, their family, and the Therapeutic Parents to ensure the child will build skills that will help them be successful at home, in school and in the community.





Literacy event promotes a love of reading

Children and parents gathered in November for the quarterly literacy event hosted by the agency's Center for Early Childhood team at our Lincoln Park Community Resource Center. The event theme of "You can always count on a good book" brought the community together with none other than Curious George to instill a love of reading. Sponsored by PNC through their Grow Up Great Initiative, this event was also made possible by volunteers from the Southgate Rotary and Mayor Higgins from the City of Lincoln Park.



Champions of Wayne encourages academic engagement

Champions of Wayne and Upward Bound sponsored a "Been There/Done That" event at Wayne Memorial High School that centered on outreach to school alumni as well as student engagement. Laura Fuller, who helps to lead the Champions program at The Guidance Center, and Yvette Jonna-Moore, Director of Upward Bound, address alumni and students. The event was well attended and a great opportunity to learn more about these important programs and to give back to the school community.

Art in the Park

Heritage Park in Taylor was bustling in early June as more than 300 adults and children joined The Guidance Center's Nurture the Future program along with our Early Head Start/Head Start programs and the Taylor Community Library for the annual Kids Art in the Park event. Families enjoyed fun art activities including making slime, sock puppets, paper plate frisbees, origami and other creative projects. Children also played with bubbles and chalk, danced to music from The Music Lady and enjoyed a free hot dog dinner from Norms Catering & Events.



Honoring 30 years of service by board member John Colina

December 2023 marked the joyful celebration of a wonderful milestone: the 30-year-anniversary of John Colina serving on our Board of Directors at The Guidance Center! John, who has been on the agency board since 1993, and his wife, Nancy, have spent three decades supporting the work of our agency and thousands of families in our programs over that period of time. They have done this both personally and through the Colina Foundation.

A million thanks, John, for your steadfast leadership and commitment to children and families!

From left: Alexander Sebastian, director of Philanthropy & Communications; COO Laura Huot; John & Nancy Colina; and Kari Walker, president & CEO.



The Power of Ten Christmas Shopping Event

A bright light every holiday season is the Power of Ten Christmas Shop for Children. In early December 2023 136 children from programs at The Guidance Center each received a \$100 gift card from a collection of generous donors to shop for special gifts during holiday season. Each child is paired with a volunteer shopping escort from the community. The initiative was developed by Guidance Center Board Member Ron Moran and his wife, Terry. Smiles were abundant as children picked out toys, clothes, and other goodies to assure a joyful and magical Christmas morning.



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

Our Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center always appreciates support and partnership, especially so during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. In addition to our Southgate and Detroit campuses, Kids-TALK's Midtown Detroit neighbor BasBlue displayed pinwheels to illustrate the national

symbol for child abuse prevention.

By coming together to plant these pinwheels, we are not only raising awareness about the importance of child abuse prevention but also showing our community that we stand united in our efforts to keep children safe.





Signature Events

Summer Glow

DRIVEN TO GIVE

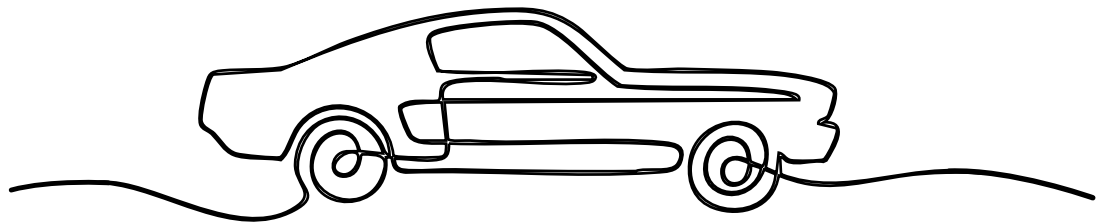
Accelerating Hope for Children

Friday, June 6, 2025 • 6-9pm

Grosse Ile, Michigan

www.guidance-center.org/glow

Sponsorships, tickets,
and more info:



Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

6 PM AT THE WAR MEMORIAL BALLROOM

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, MI

WWW.GUIDANCE-CENTER.ORG/GRAPE

Sponsorships, tickets,
and more info:





CHAMPIONS® OF WAYNE

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.



Champions of Wayne Mentor
Julyn Modock and her mentee
Faith Alexander, Class of 2024



Students of all grades gather after receiving their certificates and incentive checks for the first semester of the 2023-24 school year.

In February 2024 we gathered at a Student Achievement Banquet to recognize the 187 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.



TGC CSO Pasquale Vignola, TGC COO Laura Huot, Patricia Rice from RE/MAX Classic, Wayne Rotary Foundation Chair Carol Bevard, Judges Milton & Laura Mack, Champions founders and sponsors Leslie & Richard Helppie, Champions sponsors Lisa & Jeff Styers of Arrow Cares, Guidance Center CEO Kari Walker, WMHS Principal Cory Gildersleeve.



Program sponsors Jeff Styers and Rich Helppie congratulated each student as they received their award.



Some of the hard-working and devoted Champions of Wayne staff and mentors!

In June 2024 the agency celebrated another Student Achievement Banquet to honor 190 students who, through Champions of Wayne, worked diligently and found strength and motivation to continue to excel. We are tremendously grateful for the sponsors who made this event possible!



The WHMS students are all smiles as they show off their certificates.

Summer Glow in the Hamptons

Our Summer Glow event on June 14, 2024 welcomed a record 250 guests to raise funds for children and families who participate in early childhood programming at The Guidance Center's Community Resource Centers. It was a picture-perfect evening at the beautiful home of Michael and Amber Sabat on Grosse Ile. Set against the sunny sparkling Detroit River, Summer Glow The "In the Hamptons" theme was reflected in passed appetizers, a gourmet dinner by The Bentley, a Pavlova bar created by Promenade Artisan Foods, and a variety of live auction items from exclusive dining and spa experiences to a yacht excursion.

After a program including Guidance Center CEO Kari Walker, COO Laura Huot, and event co-chair Katie Daly Vitale, our lively auctioneer Joe Gruber revved up the crowd for a live auction and raise-the-paddle fundraiser. Many thanks to our co-chairs Katie Daly Vitale, Santina Daly Bragadin, Christina Daly Gruber, and Marie Campo Daly, hosts Michael & Amber Sabat, and the many sponsors and guests who made this event unforgettable.



Above: Maria & Joe Daly



Left: Summer Glow hosts Mike & Amber Sabat; Kari Walker, Guidance Center President & CEO; Laura Huot, Guidance Center COO; event chairs Vince & Katie Vitale; Anthony & Santina Bragadin; Christina & Joe Gruber; and Marie & Tom Daly.



Top left: Drew & Julia Callahan, John & Kim Formentin, Keegan Mott.

Top right: Patrick & Karen Smithbauer.

Middle left: Rand & Sandy O'Leary, Vonda Grant, Andrea Gibbs Cook, Melissa Armatis, Jim Daly.

Middle right: Dr. Meredith McLaughlin, Donald McLaughlin, Jenna & Tommy Hegen, Maggie & John Cozzi.

Right: Auctioneer Joe Gruber revs up the crowd.



Our 14th annual Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner was held on October 10, 2024 at the Detroit Athletic Club. Thanks to the generosity of our amazing sponsors, guests, and supporters. \$165,000 was raised for our Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center and its crucial work to help child victims of physical/sexual abuse, neglect, or trauma.

Held the same night as the Detroit Tigers playoff game next door at Comerica Park (it was an electric time downtown), the evening was led by our dynamic MC, FOX 2's Jessica Dupnack, and included an address from Guidance Center soon-to-be CEO Laura Huot, a message from Kids-TALK CAC Director Melanie Richards, and an encouraging address from Kids-TALK Co-Founder Nancy J. Diehl. A brief panel discussion featured Chief Chad Baugh and Detective Lt. Michael Andes from the Canton Township Police as well as Canton Township Supervisor Anne-Marie Graham-Hudak. We look forward to our 2025 dinner on Thursday, September 18 at the War Memorial Ballroom in Grosse Pointe Farms!



Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner



Emcee/FOX 2's Jessica Dupnack leads the panel discussion.



Dan & Nicole Patterson with Amanda and John Bussa.



Santina & Anthony Bragadin with Vonda & Dan Grant.



Marge Bossenbery, Jerry Dorsey IV, Nancy J. Diehl, Janet Welch.



TGC Philanthropy & Communications Director Al Sebastian, Terrie & Mark Kopson, TGC COO Laura & Tom Huot.



Many thanks to Sparkling Sponsor Bridgeway Services, Inc. and guests!



Sparkling Sponsor PNC's guests pose before the event.



Rachel Decker and her guest.



Kyle & Patrick Southward.



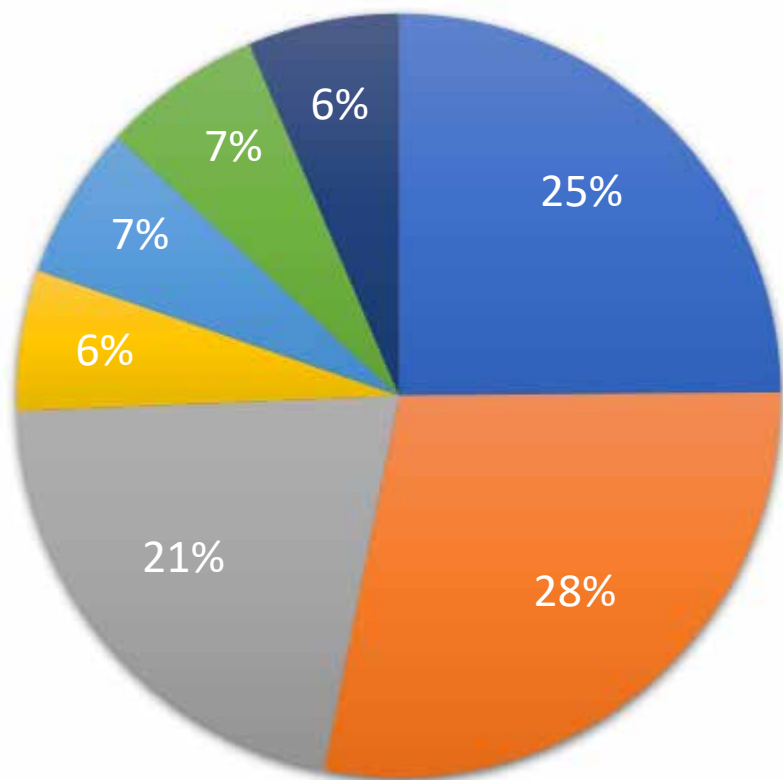
Grape Expectations for Kids Dinner guests during the panel discussion after dinner.



Revenue & Expenses

Operating Revenue & Expenses

From October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024

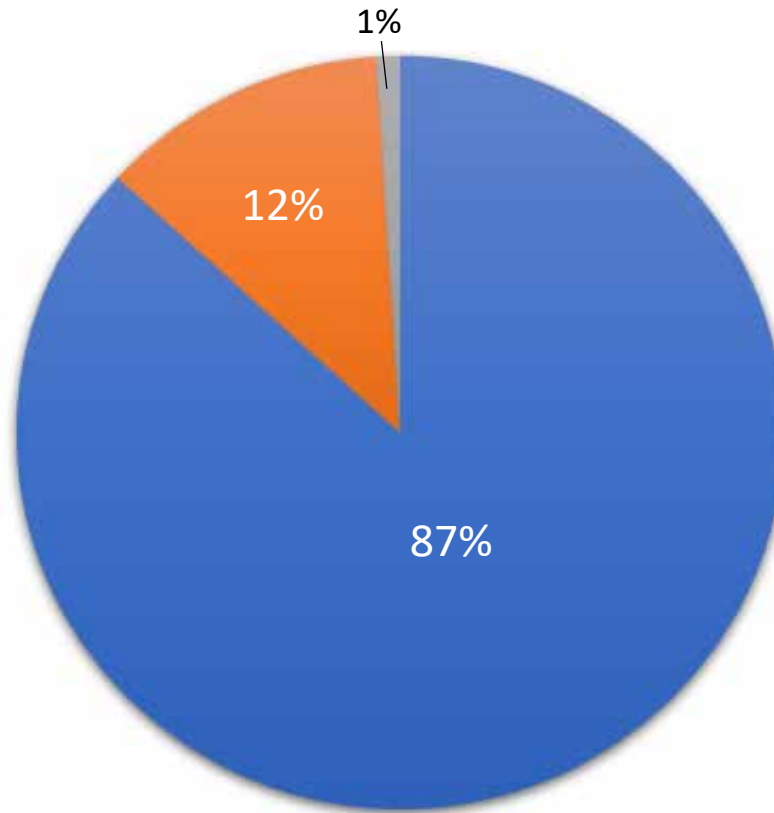


- Adult Services - \$14,002,696
- Children & Youth - \$15,925,284
- Center for Early Childhood - \$11,945,523
- Kids-TALK CAC - \$3,358,367
- Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities - \$3,664,828
- Psychiatric Services - \$3,812,307
- Other - \$3,606,721

Total Revenue — \$56,315,726

Operating Revenue & Expenses

From October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024



■ Program services - \$47,902,438

■ Administrative - \$6,719,881

■ Developmental costs - \$555,047

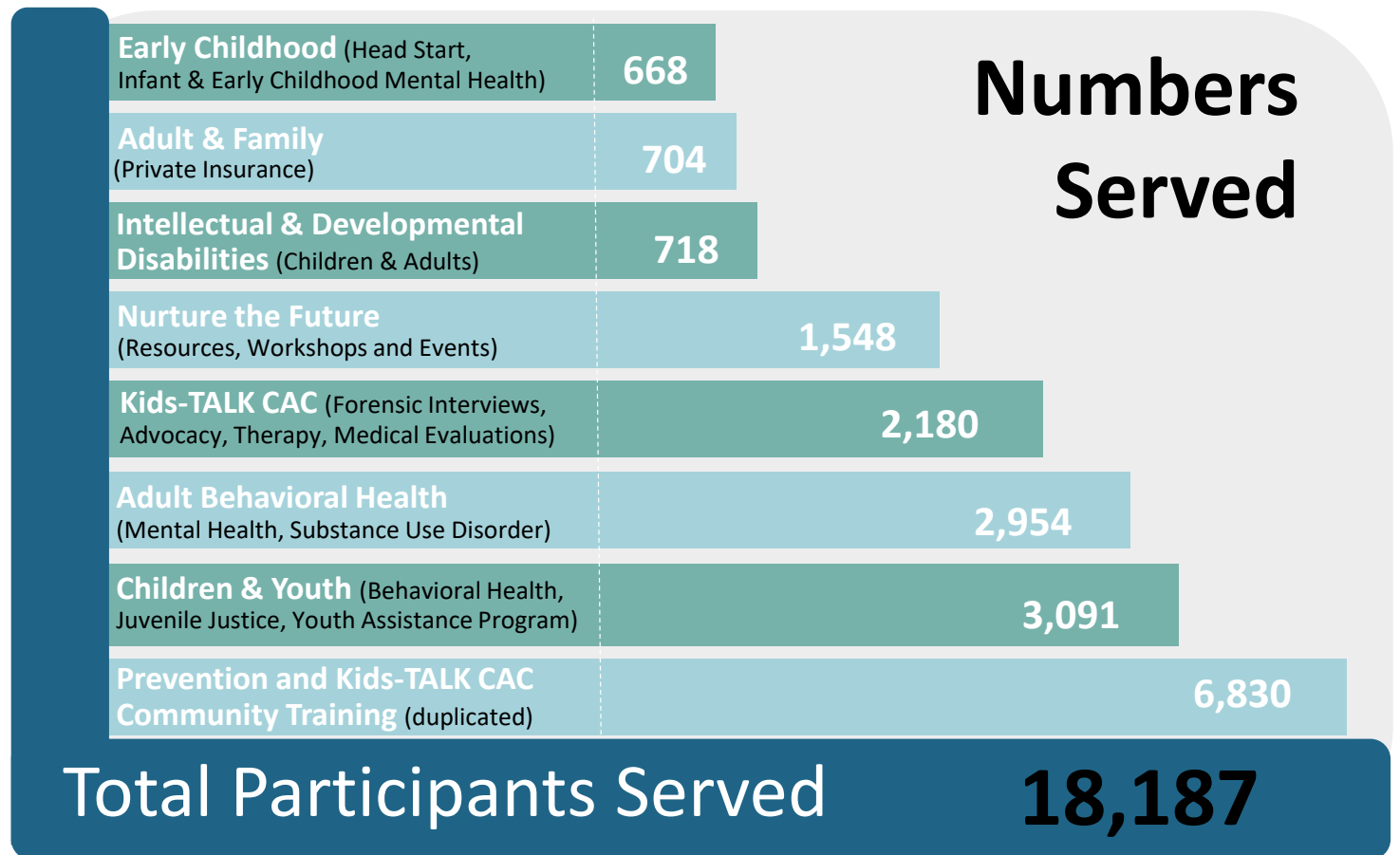
Total Expenses — \$55,177,366



Major Outcomes



Major Outcomes Fiscal Year 2023-2024



Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic

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.

5,455 Participants Served

728
Mild/moderate served

942
Uninsured or underinsured served

Improvement in Behavioral Health Functioning

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

81%

of children aged 0-4 **IMPROVED** or **MAINTAINED** strengths on the mental health protective factors: initiative, self-control and attachment

67%

COUNTY GOAL

50%

Children & Youth

of children and youth aged 5-21

IMPROVED functioning at home, school, community and symptoms

0%

ZERO suicides for children or youth

Adult Behavioral Health

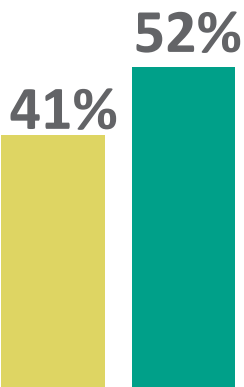
68%

of adults 18+ **IMPROVED** or **MAINTAINED** scores on the level of care assessment LOCUS

Adult & Family Program

55%

of children and adults closed with **IMPROVEMENT** in their perception of functioning on four psychosocial measures



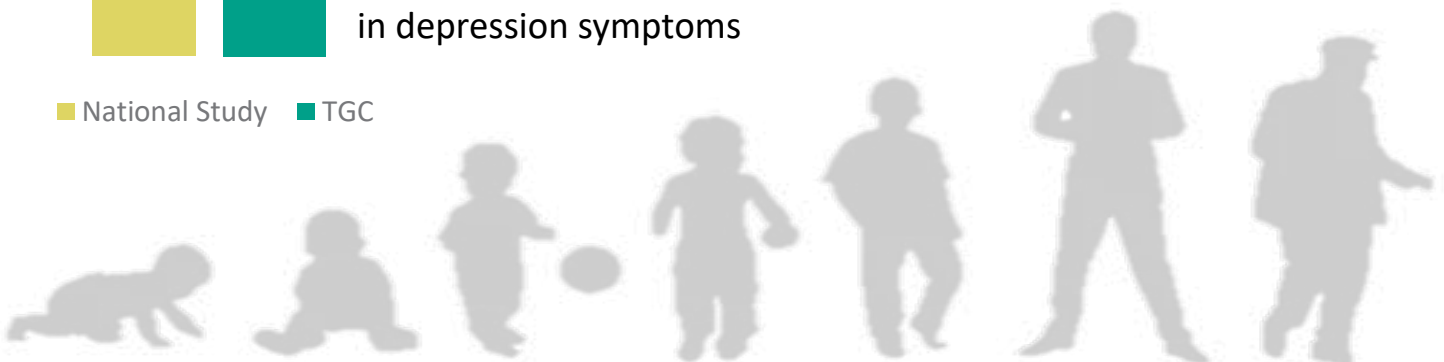
TGC participants were **MORE LIKELY** than average behavioral health participants to show a clinically meaningful **REDUCTION** in depression symptoms



97.2%

of all behavioral health participants **REMAINED OUT** of the psychiatric hospital

■ National Study ■ TGC



Programs

Kids-TALK Children's Advocacy Center

1,986

children
received
forensic
interviews

2,025

caregivers
of children
interviewed were provided
information support and
connections to other resources

88% of children felt a lot
BETTER after talking
to a therapist

84%

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

68

Specialized medical
evaluations performed

Support Services

Community Resource Centers

376

children and families
received access to
Caregiver/child Playgroups, Literacy
Events, Clothing, Diapers, Toys, and
more.

Nurture the Future

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.

1,243

Parents,
caregivers
and children

participated in

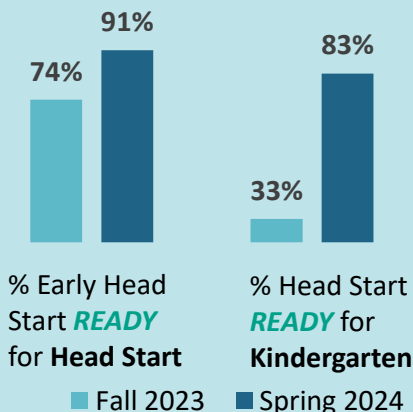
36

workshops and family events



The average rating for Nurture the Future
events was **4.6** stars out of 5

Early Childhood Education



DBT

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

86%

of participants
DECREASED
symptoms

Wraparound

An approach to supporting children/youth
with complex needs by creating a goal
directed strength-based plan with a team
of professionals and natural supports

90%

of participants
have **NOT** engaged
in high risk behaviors since exiting

100%

of participants
were living in
the community at time of follow-up

93%

of participants
were stable in
their placement since exiting

School Success Initiative

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

97%

of students
improved or
maintained
scores on a
wellness
assessment

Prevention

Helping youth ages 7-17 develop their skills and make safe, healthy choices focused on social, emotional, academic and behavioral needs through a variety of services.

2,295 Presentation attendees

Students participating in curriculum-based groups **1,608**

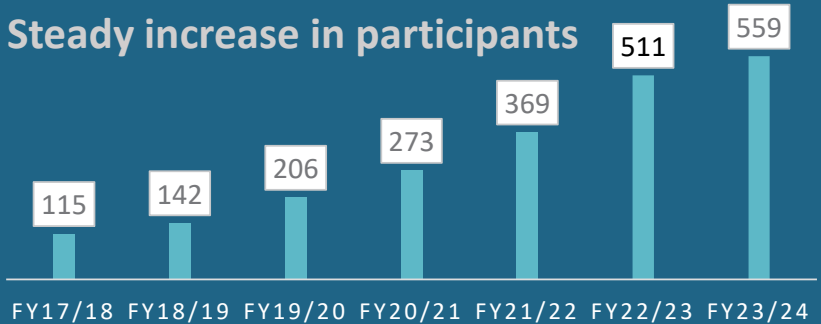
80 Teen taskforce participants

Other training attendees **117**

Programs Continued

TGC has **EXPANDED ACCESS** to Substance Use Disorder Services

Steady increase in participants



Reducing Recidivism

Drug Court

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

86% of participants graduated

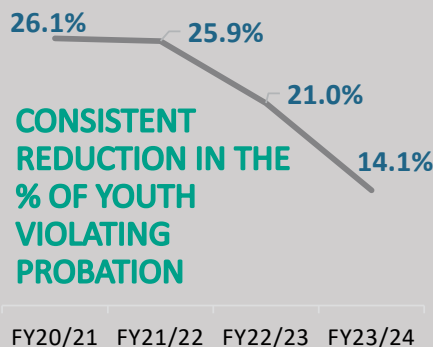
Mental Health Rapid Response

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

Diverted from hospital or justice system **56%**

Juvenile Justice

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



95% of youth **DID NOT** commit offenses after being released from the Juvenile Justice program since 2021

Diversion

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

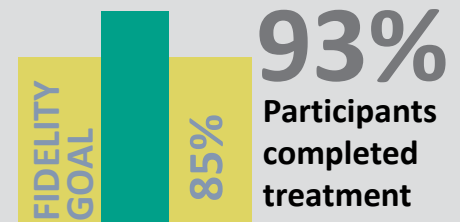
of youth served since Oct. 2019 **94%**

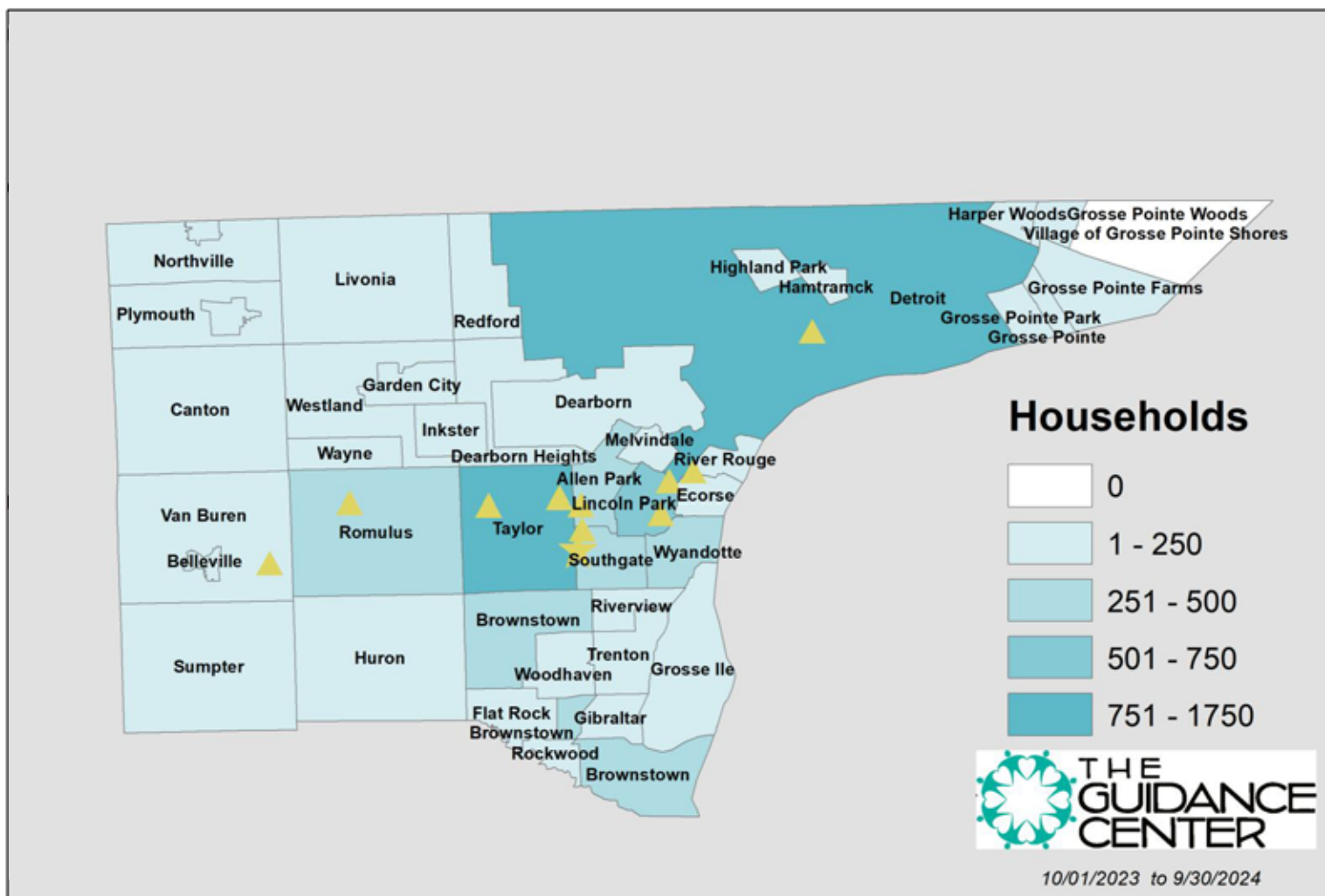
DID NOT re-offend and/or escalate to JJ.

82% of youth using substances at start of program were **NO LONGER** using substances at exit

Multisystemic Therapy

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





Households Served FY 2024 in Wayne County, MI

- ★ TGC Main Campus
- ▲ TGC Service Location



Nurture development. Foster resilience. Cultivate well-being.

The Guidance Center
13101 Allen Rd
Southgate MI 48195

Main Number
734-785-7700

After-Hours Crisis Hotline
800-241-4949



www.guidance-center.org

Guidance Center Programs and Services



Adult Services

Providing services and supports for people living with serious mental illness and their families.



Children & Youth Services

Offering a variety of mental health services to children and youth ages 5-17 with emotional and behavioral challenges.



Early Childhood

Offering a variety of resources to support parents and their young children ages birth to 12 years old.



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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 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: Board member John Bussa, his wife Amanda, and members of Bussa Financial Partners with presents generously donated by their team.



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In November 2023, 155 nonprofit organizations, including our Children's Behavioral Health program at The Guidance Center, received grants from the astounding \$1.33 million raised by 17 country clubs and golfers that year. Michael Burton from our Children's Behavioral Health team and Director of Philanthropy & Communications Al Sebastian attended the 12th Annual Awards Ceremony to accept the gift to provide haircuts and school photos for the families of children who may be unable to participate in those activities. See page 8 for information on the Cool Cuts, Styles and Smiles event.



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Backpack donation

A strong start to the 24/25 school year! Our agency received a generous backpack donation from Life at PwC to help clients at our agency as they head back to school. Trey Mullins and Jalal Javed delivered 230 backpacks. PwC learned of our agency through United Way for Southeastern Michigan and together with partners Katie Balesky, Kelly Markosky and George Shara arranged for this donation as part of United Way's Back to School Drive.



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A Dollar Tree Christmas

During the holiday season a number of Dollar Tree stores through Operation Homefront set out donation bins, where customers generously donated a bounty of toys, crafts and other items for children at our agency. Thousands of small gift items were received and sorted by community volunteers and TGC staff in preparation for distribution at a number of events.

From left: Trisha Mans, TGC Fund Development Officer Liesa Finazzo, Lisa Athens, Heather Kobylasz, Krystal Stump, Jill Guthrie.



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Kim Barnhart and Meagan Anderson from our Head Start Program attended the Southgate Rotary's holiday party to accept a generous donation of hats and mittens for children in the program. A number of local businesses hosted collection boxes which were then collected and distributed by the Rotary Club. Many members of the Southgate Rotary also participated in the agency's Adopt-A-Family Program to help make Christmas warmer and more joyful for local families.

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