



THE OAKLAND COUNTY YOUTH ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL



VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERS

Purpose

The 26 community based programs of Youth Assistance are supported by a unique tri-sponsorship agreement between the Circuit Court, local school districts, and local municipalities. Court staff housed within the boundaries of each school district provide counseling services to youth and their families. Volunteer Boards plan and implement prevention programs that are specifically designed to meet the needs of their communities.

The Youth Assistance Coordinating Council was formed to promote communication and cooperation among the decentralized offices of Youth Assistance and to provide support for all volunteers striving to achieve the mission of Youth Assistance.

Objectives

- To support the establishment and maintenance of Youth Assistance sponsorships and their roles and responsibilities.
- To seek financial resources in order to support local Youth Assistance program efforts and support collaborative efforts between Youth Assistance and other agencies.
- To foster cooperation and linkage among local Youth Assistance programs through social, organization, and program opportunities.
- To provide ongoing training and in-service activities for local Youth Assistance volunteers.
- To provide consultation, technical assistance and other services that will enhance the management of the Youth Assistance Program.
- To engage in research and program development.

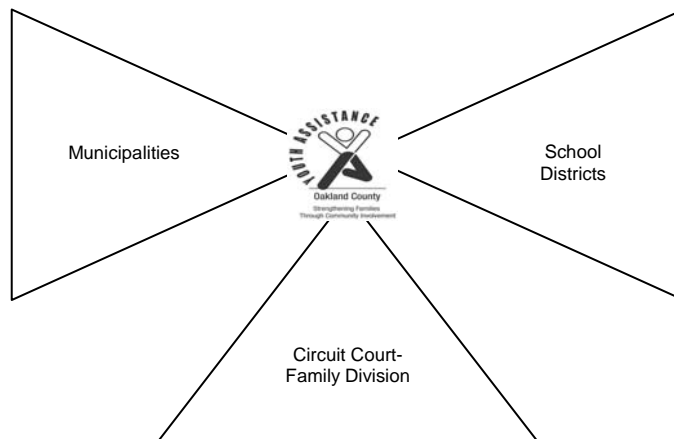
Membership

Current membership is limited to 38 voting members. Each local Youth Assistance Board (26) has one vote on the Council and is represented by its Chairperson or designee. Each Family Division Judge (8) is a voting member, and there are two members representing the Board of Commissioners, as well as two members-at-large.

The seven members of the Executive Committee of the Coordinating Council are elected bi-annually and they elect a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council, Inc.,
is tax exempt under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

**2014 YOUTH ASSISTANCE
COORDINATING COUNCIL**



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

John Dalton
CHAIRPERSON
Leonette Ciepielowski
VICE-CHAIRPERSON
Shelley Taub
SECRETARY
Melanie Torbert
TREASURER
Stephanie Arndt
Dr. Bruce Turpin
Rosemary Spatafora
Dick Stasys
MEMBERS-AT-LARGE
Jon Bird
Mary Jo Dawson
Betty Smith
Robert Ziegler
ADVISORY MEMBERS
Shelley Taub
Gary McGillivray
BOC REPRESENTATIVES

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Avondale-Michael Kazyak
Berkley/Huntington Woods-
Joyce Ross and Betty Smith
Birmingham-Dick Stasys
Bloomfield-Neal Barnett
Brandon/Groveland-Pete Burkett
Clarkston-Anita Demster
Clawson-Penny Luebs
Farmington-Grace Alexander
Ferndale-Craig Covey
Hazel Park-Beverly Hinton
Holly-Elena Danishevskaya
Huron Valley-Don Green
Lakes Area-Debra Kirkwood
Madison Heights-Carol Spellman
Novi-Bob Steeh
Oak Park-Rita Lockridge
Orion Area-Jill Verros
Oxford/Addison-Judy Verse
Pontiac-Bruce Turpin
Rochester-James Blundo
Royal Oak-Shelly Kemp
South Lyon-Radha Vichare Kshirsagar
Southfield-Ollie Colvard
Troy-Robin Beltramini
Waterford-Stephanie Arndt
West Bloomfield-Carol Hack

CHIEF-YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Mary Schusterbauer

FAMILY DIVISION JUDGES

Hon. Mary Ellen Brennan
Hon. Lisa Gorcyca
Hon. Linda S. Hallmark
Hon. Cheryl A. Matthews
Hon. Karen D. McDonald
Hon. Elizabeth Pezzetti
Hon. Joan E. Young

**The Coordinating Council Was Proud To Support The Mission Of The
Twenty-Six Youth Assistance Offices Again This Year With These Activities:**

- Annual Secretary’s Luncheon
- Oakland Schools Parent Café Grants
- Coordinate and Distribute Parenting Calendar For Oakland County
- Mentors Plus Picnic and Other Activities To Support Matches
- Group rates on Insurance: General Liability, Directors and Officers, Excess Auto
- Networking Meetings for Volunteers
- His Brain Her Brain Workshop For Parents
- Trauma and Loss Workshop For Professionals
- Co-Sponsored Circle Of Light Child Abuse Awareness Event with CAREhouse
- Co-Sponsored Oakland County Prevention Conference
- Served As Fiduciary For Healthy Oakland Partnership Family Market Day
- Collaborated With Bar Association to Provide Free Legal Clinics
- Distributed Mini Grants to Local Offices For Enhanced Programs
- 60th Birthday Bash Picnic
- Walk On The Wild Side Fundraiser For Local Offices
- Annual Meeting and Sponsor Appreciation

THANK YOU COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Agencies
- Businesses
- Oakland Schools
- Children’s Village
- Crossroads for Youth
- Oakland County Bar Association
- Oakland County Sheriff’s Department
- Alliance of Coalitions for a Healthy Community
- Oakland County Community Mental Health Authority
- Oakland County Human Services Community Collaborative

Coordinating Council Financial Records are Maintained and Available for Viewing At
The Youth Assistance Central Office, 1200 North Telegraph, Pontiac, MI 48341