

For more information about our programs, or to volunteer, please call the office in your community.

Local Offices

All in area code 248

Avondale	852-3716
Berkley	837-8229
Birmingham	203-4300
Bloomfield	341-5680
Brandon.....	627-1800(x 1717)
Clarkston	623-4319
Clawson	655-4401
Farmington	489-3434
Ferndale	586-8700
Hazel Park.....	582-9125
Holly	328-3181
Huron Valley.....	676-8492
Lakes Area	956-5070
Madison.....	589-6860
Novi	675-3089
Oak Park	336-7679
Orion	693-6878
Oxford	969-5074
Pontiac	451-7549
Rochester.....	656-3558
Royal Oak	546-8282
South Lyon	573-8189
Southfield	746-7658
Troy.....	823-5095
Waterford	618-7383
West Bloomfield	592-1278
 Central Office	 858-0051

Oakland County Youth Assistance

Administration

The Oakland County Youth Assistance Program is administered under the auspices of the Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division. Principal funding is provided through the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Each local Youth Assistance Program operates with the sponsorship and financial support of its local school district and municipalities.



Oakland County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs, activities or services as required by Title II of the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990. Oakland County is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.



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Strengthening Families
Through Community Involvement

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Mission Statement

To strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse, and neglect through community involvement.

Program Structure

Youth Assistance programs are community-based, and developed by volunteers who live and/or work in the communities in which they serve. The Circuit Court provides the professional staff to work with the volunteers and to provide direct casework services. Each local Youth Assistance program operates under the sponsorship and financial support of its local school district, the municipalities therein, and Circuit Court-Family Division. Additional funding is obtained through grants, donations, and local fund-raising efforts.

The Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council, Inc. provides advice, consultation, and support to the Central Office and to the local Youth Assistance Boards. The Council provides training for local officers and coordinates county-wide events. It seeks and distributes grant monies to the local Boards and facilitates an insurance policy for all Boards.

Casework Services

Youth Assistance provides confidential, short-term, family-centered counseling and referral services for young people, 17 years of age or younger and their families, who live in Oakland County. Referrals are accepted from schools, police, neighbors, and parents themselves with concerns about their child. The Family Division's Intake Unit diverts cases when, in their judgment, Youth Assistance services are most appropriate.



Family Education

Youth Assistance offers a variety of programs all aimed at improving communication between parents and their children, understanding child development, and enhancing parenting skills. By offering a variety of programs, families can choose the program that meets their needs at the time, and can continue to attend sessions as their children grow and change, presenting new issues that need to be addressed. These programs are frequently co-sponsored by other community groups, libraries and/or the local schools.



Mentors Plus



Adult volunteers are matched with a youngster on a one-to-one mentoring basis. Adult applicants are screened and trained prior to placement. Additional training and consultation are provided throughout the match period. Each adult volunteer is asked to commit 1-2 hours per week with a match for at least one year.

Skill Building and Recreation

Youth Assistance provides scholarships to youth who would benefit from a positive learning or recreational experience, designed to enhance their self-esteem, and a specific skill such as math and reading tutoring, dance, voice, musical instrument or art lessons. The scholarships are tailored to meet the unique needs of each youth who participates. Youth Assistance provides scholarships to youth who would benefit from a positive learning experience or recreational opportunity designed to build confidence and enhance their self-esteem.



Youth Recognition

Young people are recognized for making positive, volunteer contributions to their communities. Nominations come from schools, hospitals, churches, fire and police departments, and private citizens who have been helped by a youth. Local, county, and state dignitaries participate in making these events very special.

Camping

Scholarships are provided to youth who would benefit from a traditional camp experience or participating in a specialty camp program.



Youth Involvement

Young people with adult guidance take on projects in their communities. In doing so, they make their communities better places to live.



Volunteer Opportunities

Join other concerned citizens to prevent the incidence of delinquency, child abuse and neglect in your local community.