



How the County Supports Ypsilanti Community Schools

School Readiness



- The Maternal Infant Health Program is a home visiting program for pregnant women and infants with Medicaid. Services include education, service coordination, support and referrals. (WCHD)
- Monthly mental health programming is offered through the Maternal Infant Health Program. (CMH)
- Vaccination services are targeted to infants and youth who will be enrolling in public schools like YCS. (WCHD)
- The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program serves over half the babies born in Washtenaw to:
 - Provide nutritional food to pregnant women and new mothers, as well as infants and children under 5 years old. (WCHD)
 - Provide healthcare referrals to substance use treatment, prenatal care, smoking cessation, the Healthy Kids / MI Child program and more. (WCHD)
- Washtenaw Coordinated Funders is a partnership of Washtenaw County, St. Joseph Mercy, the City of Ann Arbor, United Way, and Ann Arbor Community Foundation to streamline funding and reporting for social service agencies (OCED). Funded programs include:
 - Ypsilanti YMCA Early Childhood Development Center to provide premium affordable child care in Eastern Washtenaw.
 - Child Care Network to run the Family Support Program, which works to increase access to quality early education and care programming.
 - Washtenaw Literacy's "Learning is a Family Thing" program provides tutoring for low-literate parents/guardians of pre-kindergarten students.

Supporting Students & Families - Housing



- In 2018, the weatherization and housing rehab programs assisted 75 Ypsilanti families with energy efficiency and home improvement services. (OCED)
- WC is working to support the tenants of Sycamore Meadows in their work for safe and healthy housing. There is a substantial YCS student population here. (Several Departments)
- The Continuum of Care coordinates the county's response to homelessness and is currently applying for a HUD grant that will fund projects to combat youth homelessness (OCED).
- Washtenaw Coordinated Funders support:
 - A variety of shelters tailored to youth specifically and families with children at Interfaith Hospitality Network of WC, Ozone House (including the Ypsilanti Youth Drop-In Center), and SOS Community Services.
 - Rapid Rehousing services for youth at Ozone House and for families with children at SOS Community Services.
 - Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) for youth living with a documented mental illness along with support services.
 - Additional services that strive to keep students and families housed: the PSH Family Services team at Avalon Housing, legal services from the Michigan Advocacy program.

Supporting Students & Families - Wraparound Services



- Barrier Busters provided 216 households with one-time emergency assistance funds (e.g., utility assistance, transportation) to prevent crisis. (OCED)
- Sisters United Resilient and Empowered (SURE) is a peer support group for mothers of youth within the juvenile justice system. 10-15 moms of YCS youth participate in the group. (Sheriff)
- Home-based and wrap around mental health services are provided for children, youth and their families who are involved in multiple systems of care. (CMH)
- Washtenaw Coordinated Funders support:
 - WISD's Parent as Teachers, a weekly home visiting program focusing on parenting, child development, and family needs.
 - Catholic Social Services' Child Advocacy Center to bring together stakeholders to provide treatment and advocacy for abused children.
 - Growing Hope's Home Vegetable Garden Program to address food insecurity in Ypsilanti through providing materials, support, and education.
 - Food Gatherers' Food Security Network, a cohort of high capacity food pantries.
 - Ozone House's Family Support Program to help youth and their families to develop safe communication skills in order to create better relationships and reduce conflict, abuse, and homelessness.
 - Washtenaw Area Council for Children to promote youth cyber safety.

Supporting Students in School



- Foster Grandparents provide academic, emotional, and social support to over 150 students (preschool - 8th grade) in 7 YCS schools every year. (OCED)
- Hearing and vision screenings are provided in YCS schools. (WCHD)
- Peer 2 Peer, a student-led mental health campaign; TRAILS, which trains school professionals in cognitive behavioral therapy and mindfulness to better support students, and SafeTALK & ASIST, programs to train staff to talk about mental health and suicide are provided in YCS. (CMH partners)
- Several standing mental health outreach activities and wellness meetings occur in YCS schools and trained case managers offer ad hoc support to teachers and administrators as needed. (CMH)
- A School Probation Officer is housed in YCS to facilitate the re-entry of clients into school and to support their academic development. (Trial Court)
- Washtenaw Coordinated Funders support:
 - The Student Advocacy Center of Michigan's work to support low-income students in education crisis who are either out of school or at risk for school drop out.

Out of School



- In 2018, the Summer Playground Program served about 353 children per week at their 3 locations in Ypsilanti: Superior, Sugarbrook, and West Willow. (WCPR)
- 2018 Basketball leagues - Ballin' at West Willow, Ballin' at Sugarbrook, Ballin' at Macarthur Blvd, Ballin' at South Side, and the Eastern Washtenaw League - served 170 youth weekly. (Sheriff)
- The Summer Sports Camp Program has provided opportunities to youth for 30 years. (Trial Court)
- At the MacArthur Blvd Back to School community BBQ, 125 backpacks are given to YCS youth. "Shop with Cops" also helps students buy school supplies. (Sheriff)
- Community infrastructure improvements through CDBG funds benefit youth, such as the building of Riverside Park Playground and improvements in Ypsilanti Township Community Center. (OCED)
- The Summer19 Youth Employment Program provides summer jobs for 100 local youth. (OCED)
- Washtenaw Coordinated Funders support:
 - Community Action Networks' programming at Brick and the Parkridge Youth Program provide positive after school and summer activities to students K-8.

Future Plans for County & YCS Partnerships



Physical & Behavioral Health

- Expand the Foster Grandparent program to place additional focus on emotional support and to increase placements in YCS classrooms
- Develop a 24/7 assessment & drop off facility that provides mental health and support services tailored to youth
- Enhance WCHD efforts to improve health status, quality of life, and health equity by integrating a social justice framework



Wraparound Services

- Work to increase opportunities for youth diversion from the juvenile justice system
- Develop a regularly updated resource list for individuals and agencies to use
- Develop stronger cross-sector partnerships through technical assistance and community engagement



Housing

Homelessness goals:

- Gain youth input into developing strategies and priorities for our housing system
- Increase programming tailored specifically to youth, including a designated youth shelter
- Increase cross-sector collaboration to ensure youth have access to resources and services while in the homeless response system

Related goals:

- Work with the community and partners to support residents at subsidized housing in navigating resources



Out of School Programming

- Continue to provide more youth more diverse workforce experiences through the Summer19 Employment Program
- Create leadership councils for youth to serve on to give input in planning and implementation processes
- Continue to invest in local parks and playgrounds through CDBG and other funding sources
- Support YCS in disposition of property for community benefit and sustainability