

COMMUNITY UPDATE 2024



A MESSAGE FROM LEIGH-ANNE

I'm pleased to share with you our first Oakland County Health and Human Services Department Community Update. To build a healthier Oakland County, our Health Division and Neighborhood and Housing Development Division staff worked together with our community partners to connect residents to services and support.

Bringing our two divisions together allowed us to utilize an integrative care approach to more effectively address social factors that influence health outcomes. In this community update, we reflect on our mission to improve the quality of life for those who call Oakland County home through testimonials and program highlights.

Join me in applauding our Health and Human Services staff who address the health and housing needs of Oakland County residents with the stellar programs highlighted on these pages.




In good health,



Leigh-Anne Stafford

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Director, Health & Human Services



Oakland County is committed to the health of our residents and taking a holistic approach to meeting their needs, from providing access to quality and affordable physical and mental health care to addressing the issues that are affecting their wellbeing is a prescription for success. Our Health & Human Services Department is dedicated to serving people with care, compassion and an eye toward all the issues that may be affecting their health.

~ Oakland County Executive, Dave Coulter





Family Fun & Resource Expo Makes an Impact

Oakland County Health and Human Services (OCHHS) hosted the first annual Health & Housing Summer Fest at Catalpa Oaks Park in Southfield. This event brought together an array of partners to showcase the resources and services available in Oakland County and highlight the importance of coming together to foster community connection. Together, with contributions from our partners, we provided:



200

Backpacks with
School Supplies



175

Laptops from
Comcast



80

Vision Tests & 62
Glasses from
Vision to Learn



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Car Seats & 8
Bikes & Helmets
from Meijer



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Dental Screenings
to Kindergartners

An event attendee commented on the number of resources available stating, “My daughter doesn’t have insurance, so that vision screening helped so much. She also received a beautiful, fully packed backpack, and my husband received a new laptop to start college classes”.

OCHHS was also a main sponsor of Micah 6’s annual ‘Summer Slam’ event in Pontiac. This event reached 900+ people and distributed shoes to kids. OCHHS team distributed 40 gun locks and provided vaccines for 24 children.



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I'M VERY
EXCITED ABOUT
HAVING MY
OWN BEDROOM.

– Carly Guy



Developing Affordable and Inclusive Housing

Oakland Together Housing Trust Fund (HTF) aims to increase affordable housing across the county. Since September 2023, 649 mixed-income housing units were approved. Of those, 438 are affordable housing units representing an almost \$180 million investment in affordable and mixed-income housing by leveraging \$23.6 million of HTF, ARPA and County funds.



649

Mixed-Income
Housing Units
Approved



\$180

Million Investment
into Affordable &
Mixed-Income Housing



Leveraged \$23.6

Million Housing Trust
Fund Dollars & Other
County Funds



1st

Neuro-Inclusive
Oakland County
Neighborhood



Carly Guy, who was born with the rare Coffin-Lowry Syndrome, is looking forward to moving out of her parents' home and into a place of her own at Walton Oaks, a new development in Rochester Hills that is a public/private collaboration involving the HTF, Three Oaks Communities and Rochester Housing Solutions. The neuro-inclusive neighborhood is the 1st in Oakland County and 2nd in Michigan.

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Providing Key Medical Care

Getting the care that is needed for HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) can feel uncomfortable or stigmatizing. Oakland County Health Division provides discreet, free walk-in services that include:

- HIV/AIDS testing, referral services and education
- PrEP, nPEP and DoxyPEP treatment and counseling
- STI testing, diagnosis, treatment and counseling

Pre-exposure prophylaxis, or PrEP, helps decrease the risk of getting HIV by almost 99% when medications are taken as prescribed. PrEP client, Rashaun, recently celebrated his 5th anniversary using the medication. His success story is an example of the caring relationships built between our staff and clients.

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**PrEP IS
A TOOL TO
KEEP ME ON TOP
OF MY HEALTH.**

- Rashaun, PrEP Client



6,577
STI Screening
Visits



46,544
STI Tests
Performed



8,053
HIV Tests
Performed



144
Initial nPEP &
PrEP Visits



Improving Maternal Health

Every year, thousands experience unexpected outcomes during pregnancy, birth and postpartum that result in significant health consequences. Our Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) program aims to improve the health of mothers and children and connect families to community resources. This unique program partners first-time parents with a public health nurse from pregnancy until their child is 2 years old.

Monique, an NFP graduate and advocate for maternal health, describes how her home visiting nurse, Khalia, impacted her life. “Having Khalia, I didn’t have to rely on a 10-minute doctor’s appointment once per month. Instead, I had more time with a nurse to ask questions.”

She credits Khalia for catching a health issue that led to a successful pregnancy and birth. Monique and Khalia worked together for the next two years to ensure a healthy start for her son.



To our partners,
We are grateful to share values and goals that support
our work together. Through collaboration, we are able to
break down silos, coordinate resources and help improve
the health and safety of Oakland County residents.

Sincerely,
*Oakland County Health & Human
Services Leadership*



Pictured left to right:

Leigh-Anne Stafford (Director), Madiha Tariq (Deputy County Executive), Khadija Walker-Fobbs
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