

Kalvin Engelberg

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of serving youth and families through Oakland County Youth Assistance, we dedicate this edition of the Human Resource Directory to Kal Engelberg. Thirty-three years ago he started his career as a public servant in Youth Assistance. After four years he transferred to the Health Department where he worked for eighteen years. Kal returned to Youth Assistance to serve as Chief of this prevention arm of the Circuit Court - Family Division for eleven years.

Throughout his career Kal personified the goals that we strive toward in publishing this directory. He continually sought to connect people with the resources they needed. Clients and professionals alike knew that after only a short conversation with Kal they would have a name and phone number to help them find just what they needed.

Prior to his retirement in 2003, Kal worked tirelessly on the production of this edition of the Human Resource Directory. His commitment went well beyond the workday as he took page after page home for editing and proof reading. We congratulate him on his retirement and thank him for his commitment in completing this document in order to serve youth and families.





The Youth Assistance Coordinating Council (YACC) shall “promote family strength and stability, enhance parental functioning, and protect children through collaboration, parental partnerships, and community involvement.” The YACC shall address community needs as they relate to the systems reform initiative and services to children and their families (SF/SC). The YACC shall act as the central advisory authority for the coordination and delivery of social/human services within the County of Oakland.

OAKLAND COUNTY YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Celebrating 50 Years of Strengthening Families

Services Provided

Casework Services

- Assessment
- Short-Term Counseling
- Referrals
- Voluntary
- Free of Charge
- Confidential

Prevention Services

- Family Education
- Youth Involvement
- Camperships
- Recreation Programs
- Mentors Plus
- Youth Recognition
- After-School Programs
- Skill Building Scholarships



The Mission of Youth Assistance is to strengthen youth and families and reduce the incidence of delinquency, neglect, and abuse through community involvement.

Local Charter Dates

Hazel Park	1953
Farmington	1958
Madison Heights	1958
Troy	1958
Royal Oak	1958
Rochester Area	1958
Southfield	1958
Pontiac	1959
Berkley/Huntington Woods	1959
Huron Valley	1959
West Bloomfield	1959
Clawson	1960
Ferndale	1960
Lakes Area	1960
Novi	1960
Orion Area	1961
Clarkston Area	1961
Avondale	1961
Birmingham	1962
Waterford	1962
South Lyon Area	1962
Holly Area	1962
Oxford/Addison	1963
Bloomfield	1968
Brandon/Groveland	1979
Oak Park	1983

Sponsorship

Youth Assistance was formed in 1953 by a group of Hazel Park citizens and Probate Court Judge Arthur E. Moore. Together they developed a program to assist troubled youth within their communities, rather than referring them to Probate Court.

Youth Assistance is administered by the Oakland County Probate/Circuit Court-Family Division, with offices in 26 communities throughout Oakland County.

These programs represent a unique tri-sponsorship approach between the local municipalities, the local school districts and the Oakland County Probate/Circuit Court-Family Division. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners provides principal funding through the Circuit Court's budget.