

OAKLAND COUNTY YOUTH ASSISTANCE

Oakland County Youth Assistance (OCYA) has been dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency, abuse and child neglect for almost 50 years. OCYA exists through a unique tri-sponsorship formula, wherein local municipalities and school districts team up with the Oakland County Probate Court/ Circuit Court - Family Division to create and fund programs tailored to the needs of individual communities within Oakland County.

Youth Assistance, as a division of the Court, receives its principal funding from the Oakland County Board of Commissioners.

There is a Youth Assistance program in every school district in Oakland County, offering services to youth and their families in two major areas.

FAMILY-CENTERED CASEWORK - Professional staff provides free, confidential short-term counseling and referral services. Written referrals are accepted from parents, police, and school personnel, among others.

COMMUNITY-BASED DELINQUENCY PREVENTION - Local citizen volunteers investigate and define the needs of their community, then develop programs to meet those needs. Over 1000 volunteers countywide provide parenting classes, recreation, after school programs, camping, skill-building activities, youth recognition and mentor-matches.

For information on local Youth Assistance services, please refer to Appendix A, or call
248-858-0051.

OAKLAND COUNTY YOUTH ASSISTANCE COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council (OCTACC) is the medium through which local Youth Assistance programs work together to provide delinquency, abuse and child neglect prevention services. The Coordinating Council mobilizes the interests and skills of each local board, by drawing together the leaders from each for routine program review and aggregate planning and fundraising. Volunteer Council members advise local Youth Assistance Boards, in order to improve and develop delinquency prevention services that address the needs of children across Oakland County. The Council also facilitates acquisition of insurance, and other activities that are better coordinated on a countywide level.

The Youth Assistance Coordinating is the fiduciary for the Oakland County Human Resources Directory.

