

# Avondale Youth Assistance Annual Report

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Avondale Youth Assistance

# AYA YEAR IN REVIEW

## July 2022- June 2023

Youth Assistance is a community-based program whose mission is to strengthen youth and families and to prevent and reduce delinquency, neglect, and abuse through community involvement. Youth Assistance initiatives are supported by a unique tri-sponsorship agreement between the Circuit Court, local school districts, and local municipalities.

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501(3)(C) Organizations

26 Youth Assistances in the Oakland County

One in every School District relying on Support for our Sponsors

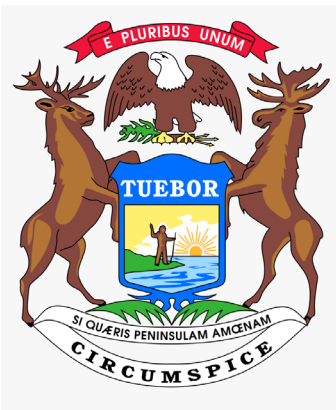
Caseworkers are employees of Oakland County

Board Members Volunteer their time and talents to better the youth in the community they are volunteering in.

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A Very Special Thank You to our Sponsors



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### New Executive Board Members

Carol Morlan, Vice Chairperson

Rochester Hills City Council Representative

Matthew Lucas, Secretary

Avondale School Special Education Teacher

Founder of Circle of Friends Program

Thank you to Josh Boyce for your dedication to the youth in our community!



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### Annual Student Recognition

11 Students were recognized for Personal Achievement, Leadership, or Community Service.

This year, the event will be held on April 24, 2024, at Avondale High School

Applications are currently being taken until February 29, 2024 for Grades 6 - 12



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KAMP : Kids Academic Mentoring Program

Started at Deerfield and moved to Graham with Paraprofessionals

23 students benefited Last year

This year the program was taken over by the schools per AYA model

Currently 35 Students with a waiting list.



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Back to School Event - 30 Students

Shop with a Hero - 25 Students

Blessings in a Backpack

Circle of Friends - Bowling Funday





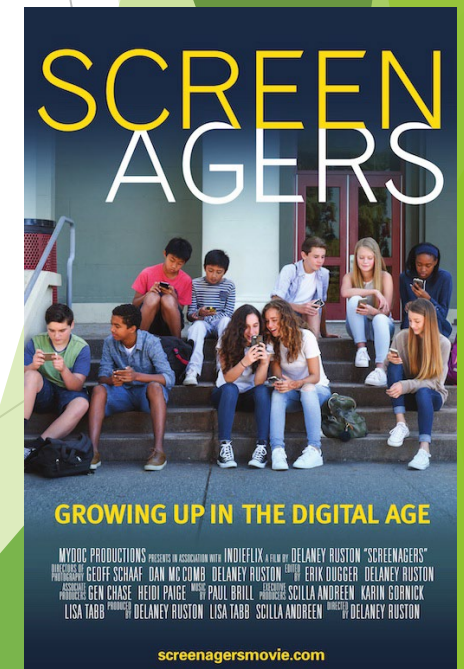
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Families enjoyed Thanksgiving and Holiday Dinner thanks to the generosity of the Moose Lodge and Costco.

### New Program: SCREENAGERS

An award-winning program that probes family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video gaming, academics, addictions and way to navigate the digital world



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Partnership with Avondale Schools:

# Breathe for Change

Select teachers will be equipped to enhance students' pedagogy, deepen their yoga knowledge, and strengthen their abilities to foster healing while teaching.

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### Caseloads

Our Caseworker handled all types of behavioral issues last year for youth aged five and up.

The nature of the cases include:

Assaults and Batteries

Incorrigibility at home or school

Drug Possession

Threatening behaviors at home or school

Retail Fraud

Disorderly Conduct

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**Average age of youth referred for casework services**

**=**

**=12.2 years of Age**

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### Caseload numbers

In 2022, Avondale Youth Assistance received over 90 cases during that fiscal year (June 30 - July 1)

In 2023, Avondale Youth Assistance has received 73 cases, thus far, within the fiscal year ending in July of 2024.

Through the Oakland County Youth Assistance Emergency Needs Program, the Caseworker receives urgent requests from families due to family disruptions, interruptions, or unforeseen circumstances. The families are assessed, and resources are allocated appropriately. Requests include rent/mortgage payments, childcare, food, insurance deductibles and co-pays, etc. The total amount currently requested within this fiscal year amounts to \$5,120.00, with \$2,500.00 still pending approval.

### Students are referred by:

Parents

Police

School Administrators

And the Courts

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### Avondale Youth Assistance Board of Directors

Michael Kazyak - Chairperson

Carol Morlan - Vice Chairperson

Stephanie Morita - Treasurer

Matthew Lucas - Secretary

Board Members - Henry Knight, Dr. James Schwarz, Officer Brian Jones, Lynn Douglas, Crystal Sanford-Brown, JoAnn Roberts, Landon Fugate

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