

Avondale Youth Assistance Annual Report 2024-2025

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Michael Kazyak

Avondale Youth Assistance





James, Stephanie and Mia



Matthew, Olivia, and Lizette



Grandpa
and
Lizette

The Youth Assistance Mission Statement

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.

A Bit About Youth Assistance

501(3)(C) Organizations

26 Youth Assistances in the Oakland County
One in every School District

Caseworkers are employees of Oakland County

***** Paula Johnson *****

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Current Avondale Youth Assistance Board Members

Michael Kazyak - Chairperson

Carol Morlan - Vice Chairperson

Rebecca Siwicki - Treasurer

Matthew Lucas - Secretary

Board Members:

Henry Knight, Dr. James Schwarz,
Officer Gail Parra, Lynn Douglas,
Eveonne Roberts , JoAnn Roberts,
Arryn Schneider Landon Fugate,
Brice Fugate, Ryun Fugate, Brennan
Deel

New Board Members

Rebecca Siwicki, Treasurer, Avondale School Teacher Extraordinaire

Gail Parra, Awesome School Resource Officer Troy Police Dept.

Brennan Deel, Rochester Hills Youth Council Rep

Ryun Fugate Avondale Middle School Rep in training to take over for Brice Fugate upon his graduation

Thank you to for your Stephanie Morita, former Rochester Hills City Council and Brian Jones, Troy Police School Resources Officer, for your dedication to the youth in Avondale School Community



Time Talent and Treasures

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

Over 327 Hours were linked volunteering.

Student Recognition

Annual Student Recognition

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

This year, the event was held on April 9, 2025 at Avondale Middle School

Applications are currently being taken until February 27, 2026 for Grades 6 - 12



Helping our Youth Thrive

Back to School Event - 25 Students

Shop with a Hero -12 Students

Blessings in a Backpack

Circle of Friends





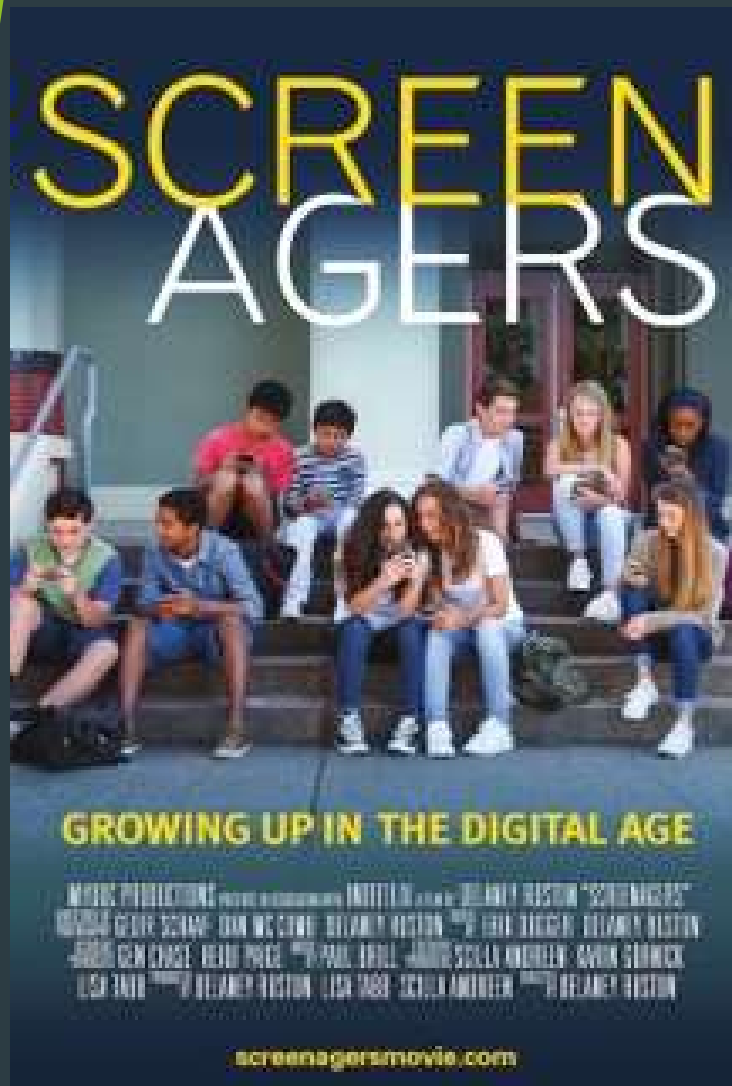
Holidays

7 Families enjoyed

2 Had a Full Thanksgiving Dinner with Turkey and all the Sides. Desert Included

5 Had a Full Christmas Dinner with all the sides and Holiday Dinner

Thanks to the generosity of the Moose Lodge and Costco.



UPDATE

SCREENAGERS

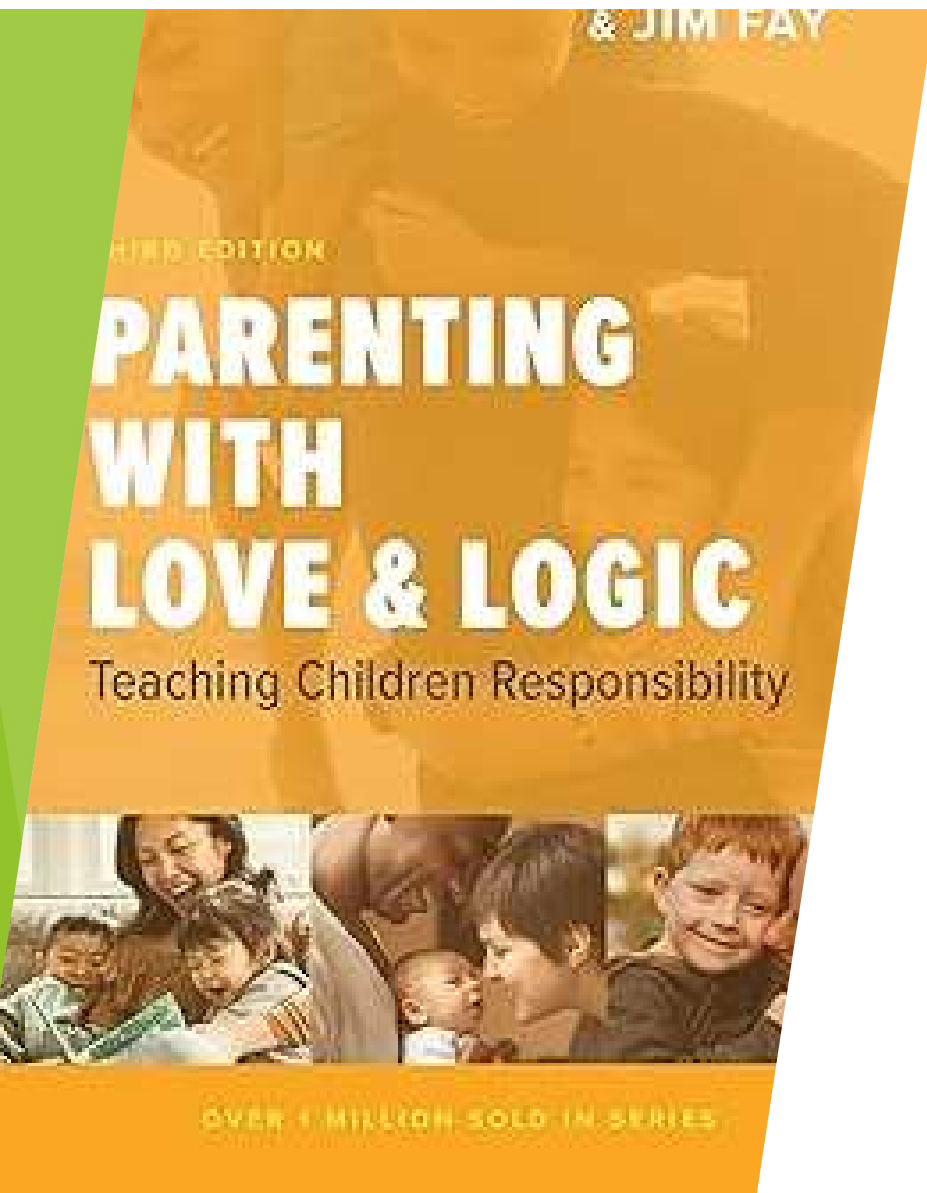
An award-winning program that probes family life and depicts messy struggles over social media, video gaming, academics, addictions and way to navigate the digital world

Breath for Change

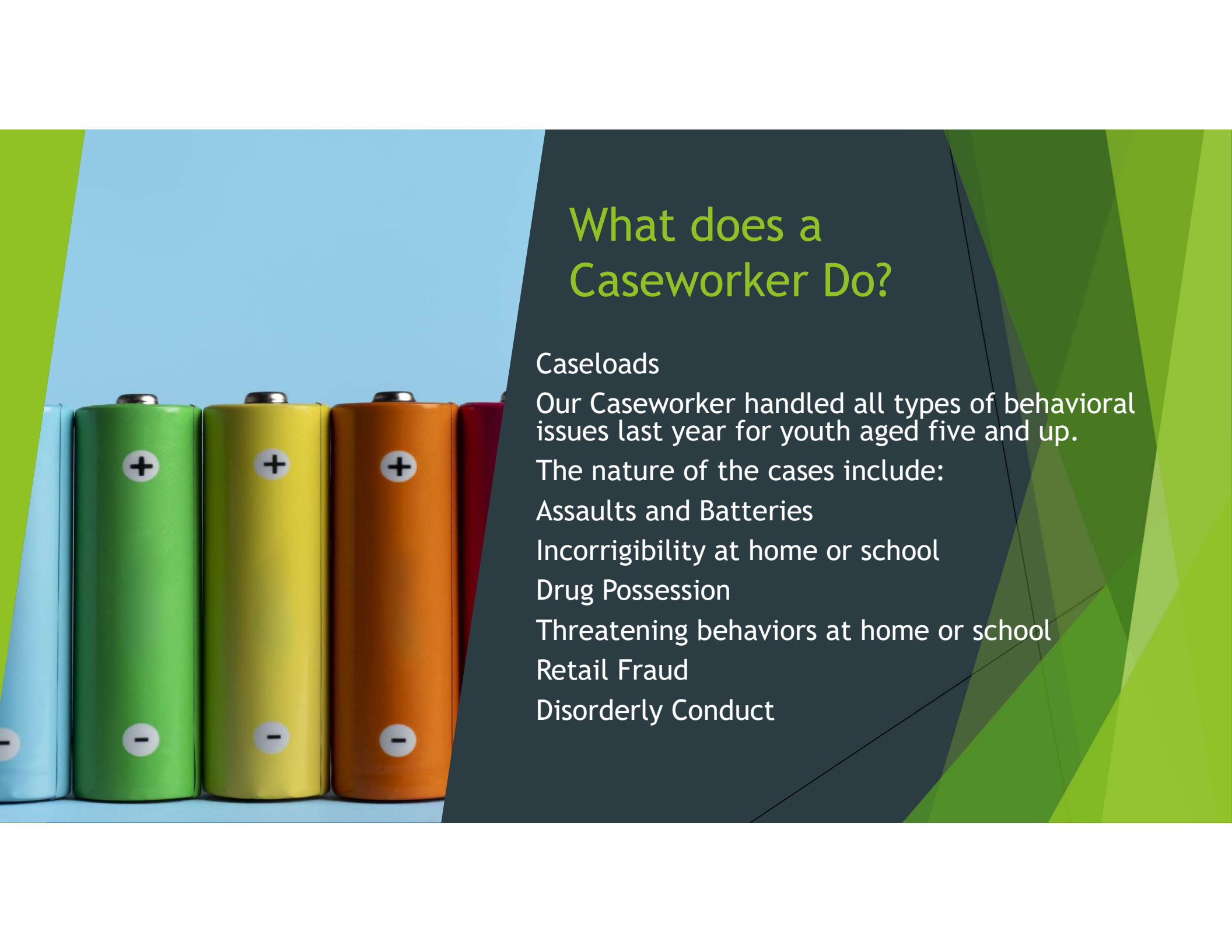
Partnership with Avondale Schools:

Select teachers have been selected to teach Students how to thrive and start each class with a short breathing to exercise to prepare them for their respective classes





New Parenting Program This Year



What does a Caseworker Do?

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

Case Work

Caseload numbers

During the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2025 Caseworker Paula Johnson handled 130 student for the various violations

Students are referred by:

Parents

Police

School Administrators

And the Courts

Believe it or not

Average age of
youth referred
for casework
services

=

12.2 years of
Age

50 Families

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.

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Avondale

Strengthening Families
Through Community Involvement

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