



2016 - 2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Pictured Right to left: Rachel Ekizian, Curt Lawson, Cynthia Hill, Carol Hack, David Flaisher, Kelly Hyer and Stacy Pasini

OUR MISSION

To strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through community involvement.

OUR SERVICES

- Youth & Family Counseling • Referral Services • Skill Building
- Youth Recognition • Mentors PLUS program • Summer Camp Scholarships
- Family Education • School Programming • Parenting Programs

CONFIDENTIAL, PROFESSIONAL CASEWORK SERVICES

Youth Assistance provides confidential, short-term, family-centered counseling and referral services for young people, 17 years of age or younger and their families, who live within the boundaries of West Bloomfield School District in Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake Village, Sylvan Lake and West Bloomfield Township.

There is a one-time \$25.00 processing fee for all casework services.

Referrals are accepted from schools, police, family members, neighbors and parents themselves with concerns about their child. In addition, the Family Division's Intake Unit diverts cases when, in their judgment, Youth Assistance services are most appropriate; there could be additional costs for court diversion agreements. Typical reasons for referral include retail fraud, school and home problems, truancy, behavior changes, assault, alcohol or other drug abuse and violations of local ordinances.

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Youth Assistance along with West Bloomfield Optimist took area children to see the new penguin exhibit at the zoo!



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Caseworker's Report

WBYA Caseworker Stacy Pasini, MPA Oakland County Youth Assistance Caseworker II

The Oakland County Circuit Court - Family Division places professional caseworkers in each Youth Assistance office. West Bloomfield Youth Assistance has one caseworker assigned to the WBYA office. The caseworker provides direct service to all referral families and oversees all volunteer programs.



Caseworkers offer family focused, short-term, voluntary counseling using the following methods: family assessment, short-term counseling, behavior contracting, accountability/police diversion (to avoid official court involvement), *U Turn Jail tour*, monitoring behavior, and/or referrals for outside therapy. WBYA receives client referrals from parents, police, community agencies and the West Bloomfield School District.

Most recently, Re-Entry services have begun at the local offices. These services are available to children and families who may have experienced an out of home placement, and need assistance with returning back to their community. All of these services benefit our local youth and work towards fulfilling the Youth Assistance mission of strengthening youth and families through community involvement!!

I look forward to the continued partnerships with the West Bloomfield School District, our local police departments in Keego Harbor, Orchard Lake and West Bloomfield, and our many community partners that work tirelessly to help the children and families in our community.

Chairperson's Report to Our Sponsors

Chairperson Curt Lawson

I am proud to be part of Youth Assistance. Our team continues to build upon past successes while continuing to find innovative ways to help children and families. Our casework services continues to provide vital assistance to hundreds of children. Our caseload has sharply risen over the past year due to the fact more and more school staff, parents, and law enforcement personnel have seen the positive impact Youth Assistance has had with children.



Our partnerships with the local school district and the Greater West Bloomfield Coalition has also had a meaningful impact. Our programs were well received by students, teachers, and parents and we look forward to continue our partnerships in 2018.

In 2017 we launched a brand new program called *Parenting on the Go*. Funded by Belfor Property Restoration and produced by West Bloomfield Civic Center TV. Parenting on the Go has provided hundreds of parents with new tools to deal with real life problems that affect their children. These videos are easily accessible and provide great tips for parents from local experts.

In the fall of 2017, we look forward to announcing an exciting new community event that is guaranteed to bring families together. Check out our Facebook page for more details in the next few months.

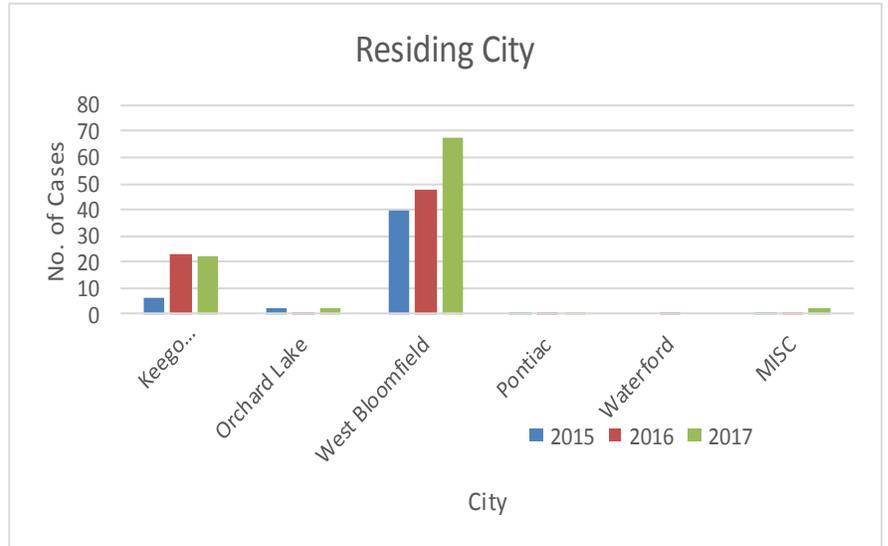
Finally, I'd like to thank all of our sponsors for their support. We are making a difference because of your generosity.

Find more information on our website at <http://www.wbyouthassistance.org>

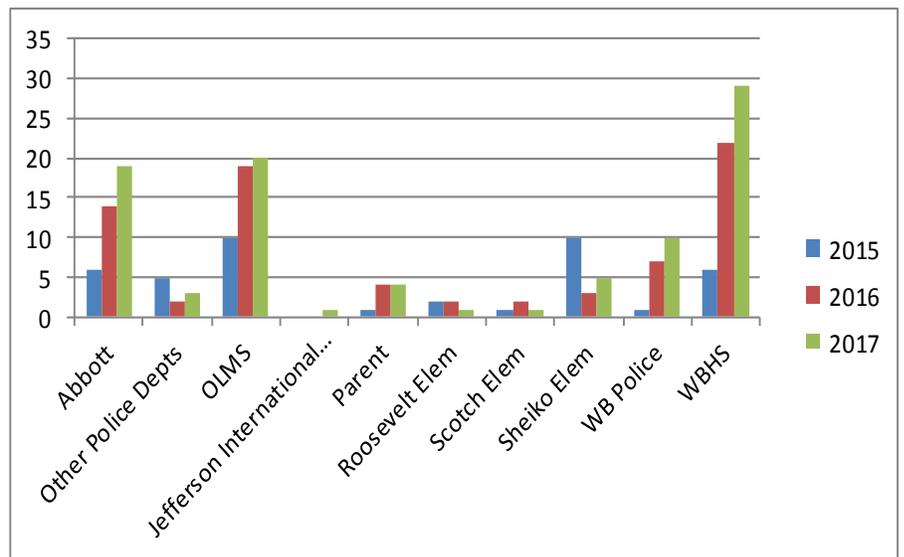


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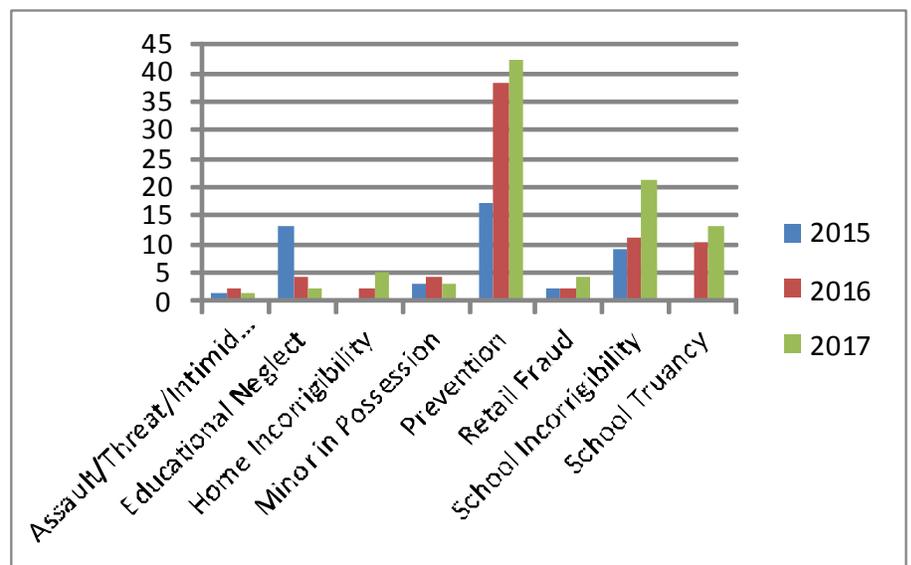
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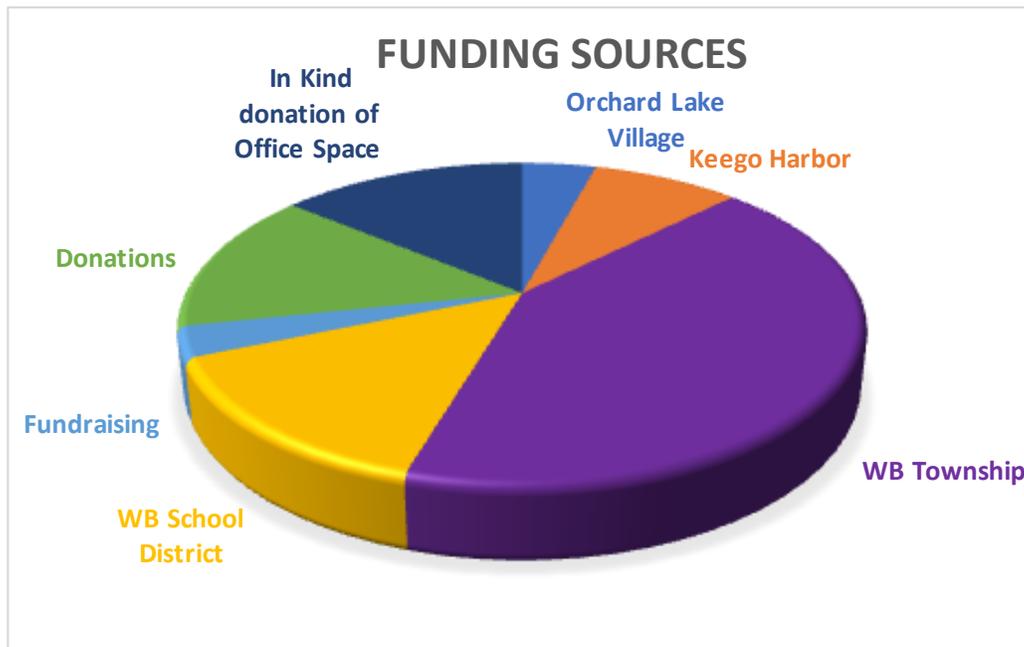
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Financial Report

WBYA Treasurer Joe Green

We want to thank West Bloomfield Township, the City of Keego Harbor, City of Orchard Lake Village, the West Bloomfield School District and the Oakland County Probate Court for their financial support. We are on firm financial ground thanks to you. Together we do make a difference!



Summer Camp Committee Report

Summer Camp Scholarship Committee: Curt Lawson, Kelly Hyer, Stacy Pasini



In 2017, the Camp Scholarship Committee received requests from 11 applicants. Nine were found to meet our criteria for scholarships. We are pleased to report that \$2000 was given toward Scholarship requests. This number is down from previous years, but we have found it necessary to limit our funds this year to balance our budget. There were five applicants were from Keego Harbor area and 5 were in the West Bloomfield area. Four applicants were funded through a restricted fund from Keego Harbor CDBG. Each Roosevelt Camp applicant was awarded \$250 of CDBG funding with the family expected to pay the remaining \$175 of this year's cost of \$425. It was voted on to decrease the Summer Camp Scholarship fund given the current trend of decreased applicants. The vote was proven valid as we went from 39 applicants in 2016 to only 11 applicants in 2017. The board will discuss ways to increase visibility of Summer Camp Scholarship availability in the future for 2018.

Youth Assistance Program Structure

Youth Assistance programs are community-based, & developed by volunteers who live and/or work in the communities in which they serve. The Circuit Court provides the professional staff to work with the volunteers & provide direct casework services. Each Youth Assistance Program is sponsored by the municipalities and Board of Education contained within that particular school district and the Probate Court/Circuit Court - Family Division of Oakland County.

Local Funding For Youth Assistance

WBYA's continued annual local funding is a result of sponsorship resolutions passed by each municipality in 1969.

The local sponsors (school district & municipalities) are responsible for the operational & programmatic expenses of running the local Program.

West Bloomfield Youth Assistance operates under the sponsorship of the West Bloomfield School District, the City of Keego Harbor, the City of Orchard Lake, West Bloomfield Township, and the Probate Court/Circuit Court-Family Division. Additional funding is obtained through grants, donations, & local fund-raising efforts.

The Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council, Inc. provides advice, consultation, and support to the Central Office and to the local Youth Assistance Boards. The Council provides training for local officers and coordinates county-wide events. It seeks and distributes grant monies to the local Boards, and produces the Youth Assistance newsletter.

Family Education Committee Report

Committee Members: Kelly Hyer, Diane Maury, and Melanie Torbert

The Family Education Committee presented a robust agenda filled with new speakers, new partnerships and a brand new parenting program called Parenting On The Go. The online program, which features short videos presented by local experts, is designed to support busy parents and guardians of children who reside in Greater West Bloomfield and direct families to local resources that they might otherwise be unfamiliar with. The videos are produced in collaboration with Civic Center TV. The first set of videos shed light on over scheduled families, opioid and heroin abuse, and suicide prevention. The presenters included Psychologist Melanie Schwartz, Drug Enforcement Agent Richard Isaacson, Sergeant Todd Metcalf of West Bloomfield Police Department, Jewish Family Service Senior Director of Family Life and Wellness, Erica Saum and Oakland County Health Division Youth Suicide Prevention Task Force Chair, Hannah Cassise. To further strengthen families, West Bloomfield Library is also a partner of the Parenting On The Go campaign and will lend a hand by stocking parenting books that build on the presenter's expertise.

Please visit wbyouthassistance.org to view the videos and when visiting the library ask to see the Parenting On The Go section in the youth services department.

21st Annual Youth Recognition Awards Ceremony

Committee Members: Cynthia Hill, Curt Lawson and David Flaisher

Hosted by Jason Colthorp from WDIV Channel 4 and including over 50 youth awards the 20th annual youth awards were a success. Special thanks to our volunteers that made the ceremony run smoothly.



WDIV Anchor
Jason Colthorp



Award Recipient

Each year, West Bloomfield Youth Assistance recognizes the positive actions of young people at our Youth Recognition Awards Ceremony. They are honored for their volunteer service, acts of heroism or personal achievements.

Our May 3, 2017, celebration included 44 West Bloomfield School District students who were nominated by district teachers, administrators and West Bloomfield community members. Numerous local and state dignitaries were on hand to congratulate our nominees along with parents, relatives and other well wishers. As emcee, WDIV News Anchor, Jason Colthorp, added a spark of humor and goodwill to the ceremony.

Youth who are selected for this honor have demonstrated an active commitment to making our community a better place to live or to improving themselves. They serve as role models for their peers and reassure our community that the future is in good hands. We are proud to acknowledge, encourage and thank these young people for their efforts.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
YOUTH ASSISTANCE
IN COLLABORATION WITH
CIVIC CENTER TV, PRESENTS:

Parenting-On-The-Go

short, four-minute videos with
important messages to help you

PARENT WITH MORE FOCUS, STRENGTH & CONFIDENCE.

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WEST BLOOMFIELD YOUTH ASSISTANCE
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Parenting tips & advice from local experts
for you to watch on your schedule.

Videos and more information online at:
WWW.WBYOUTHASSISTANCE.ORG

2017 Keego Harbor Parade



Thank you to Case worker Stacy Pasini and Executive Secretary Rachel Ekizian for all they do for children throughout our communities on a daily basis.

The Charity Cakes Breakfast brought together dozens of families. Partnering with the Rotary Club, West Bloomfield Optimist, WB Parks, and the Greater West Bloomfield Coalition we were able to raise funds to help support more children throughout our community.



Contact Us

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YOUTH ASSISTANCE WAS FOUNDED IN 1953

by Wilfred Webb, the Superintendent of Hazel Park Schools, and Probate Judge Arthur Eugene Moore. Greater West Bloomfield's Youth Assistance program was subsequently founded in 1969. The Youth Assistance model was so successful it was replicated across Oakland County. Currently, there are 26 local YA offices which serve all 28 Oakland County public school districts.