

2018

annual report

THE HARBOR/WINGS/CYPRESS PLACE

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH SERVICES, INC.

Throughout the early part of the 20th century, child welfare agencies and the juvenile justice court system were responsible for homeless youth. In the 1970's, concern for runaway & homeless youth grew. The federal government took action when Congress passed The Runaway Youth Act, Title III of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Protection Act of 1974. As The Harbor celebrates its 40th anniversary, it is a good time to reflect on the successes and growth of the program. The Harbor opened in the spring of 1978 as a single site runaway homeless youth program in response to the Runaway Youth Act. The Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency conducted several hearings, concluding that homeless youth were commonly living in dangerous and overcrowded conditions. The Subcommittee then proposed the RYA. In 1977, the act expanded to become the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA), which allowed local systems of care to be developed and shaped by the unique needs and priorities of an area. Today, the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program (RHYP) continues with three programs designed to prevent and address youth homelessness: Street Outreach, Basic Center, and Transitional Living & Maternity Group Homes.



The Harbor is a community-based, 24-hour emergency shelter program designed to empower youth and families to take control of their lives in positive and purposeful ways. The Harbor operates programmatically and administratively by promoting a “Positive Youth Development Framework” predicated on the understanding that all young people need protective factors. The Harbor places a major focus on providing youth with support, guidance, and opportunities to enhance well-being and self-sufficiency as well as enhancing permanent connections with caring adults to feel safe. Programs include the following services: The Basic Care Center Program for youth ages 9-17, Wings Transitional Living Program for youth ages 16-21, and Cypress Place Street Outreach Program for youth up to age 21 who are runaway, homeless, disconnected, or street youth.

Our Purpose

The Harbor meets urgent needs of runaway, homeless, and disconnected youth, as well as those youths who face the risk of becoming a runaway or homeless. We believe young people and families have the strengths and abilities necessary to solve their problems and improve their lives. We have the tools, resources, and dedicated staff to assist young people and their families. A person who believes he/she can change and envision a different life can make that desire real.

Programs

The Harbor Basic Care Center is a community-based ten bed shelter serving runaway and homeless youth between the ages 9 through 17. The Harbor provides emergency shelter services for youth for a period of 21 days for families in St. Clair, Sanilac, and Huron counties.

Program Components

- Crisis Intervention
- Recruitment
- Community Education
- Shelter
- Individual, Family, and Group Counseling
- On-site Education and Structured Day Programming
- Case management
- Referral for educational, health, employment, and mental health needs
- Aftercare

The Harbor, located at 929 Pine Street, Port Huron, Michigan offers a continuum of services including: information & referral; outreach; assessment; 24-hour crisis intervention; case management; prevention; emergency shelter; individual, family, group, and aftercare counseling; skill building groups; specialized school programs; youth participation; follow-up and advocacy. An assigned counselor is responsible for the case management, individual and family counseling, and coordination of services and treatment. The Harbor provides academic programming; case management; support services, and activities augmenting individual counseling.

Wings Transitional Living Program provides long-term residential services to 5 youth ages 16 - 21 at any one time. Services help young people who are homeless make a successful transition to self-sufficient living. The program provides youth with stable, safe living accommodations in a beautifully restored Victorian home, gifted to the program by the Community Foundation of St. Clair County. Youth can be in the program for 18 months. Wings offers or refers youth ~

- Safe, stable living accommodations
- Basic life-skill building, including consumer education and instruction in budgeting, the use of credit, housekeeping, menu planning, food preparation and parenting skills
- Interpersonal skill building, including enhancing young people's abilities to establish positive relationships with peers and adults, make decisions and manage stress
- Educational opportunities, i.e. GED preparation, post-secondary training, vocational education, Virtual Learning Academy referrals and support.
- Assistance in job preparation & attainment, such as career counseling and job placement
- Education, information and counseling to prevent, treat, and reduce substance abuse
- Mental health care, including individual and group counseling
- Physical health care, routine physicals, health assessments and emergency treatment

Cypress Place Street Outreach Program: Cypress Place Street Outreach program provides services directly and/or by collaborating with other agencies to protect and treat young people who have been or are at risk of sexual abuse or exploitation. Cypress Place services include ~

- Street-based education and outreach
- Access to emergency shelter
- Survival aid
- Individual assessments
- Treatment and counseling
- Prevention and education activities
- Information and referrals
- Crisis intervention
- Drop-in Center Services
- Follow-up support

The Harbor Programs Provide Help with:

- Building positive relationships and connections with caring adults
- Family Reunification
- Ensuring safe exits
- Increasing safety, self-sufficiency & well-being
- Developing necessary life skills
- Obtaining employment and housing
- Completing educational programs
- Providing conflict resolution and support
- Health related or other needs
- Trauma-Informed Care
- Building protective factors

**The Harbor Basic Center Program
Annual Statistical Report
October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018**

Service	Annual Total
Residential Shelter Care	84
Gateway Services (Assessments, Case Management, Aftercare)	92
Outpatient (Diversion Counselor)	8
Youth Safely Returned Home or Reunited with Family	81
Total Youth Served	92

100% of youth contracted 6 months after exiting shelter reported safe/stable living arrangements.

Age	Male	Female
9	2	2
10	1	0
11	3	2
12	3	5
13	5	6
14	1	11
15	10	5
16	10	8
17	6	12
Total	41	51

Race	Annual Total
Caucasian	64
Native American	1
Asian	2
Black/African American	13
Hispanic	10
Indian	2

Identifying Issue	#	%	Identifying Issue	#	%
Conflict w/Family	92	100	Mental Health/Youth	24	26.1
Housing/Family Homelessness	18	19.6	Mental Health/Family	29	31.5
School/Education	31	33.7	Drug/Alcohol Abuse /Youth	14	15.2
Unemployment/ Family/Youth	20	21.7	Abuse/Neglect/Youth	25	27.2
Sexual Orientation/Youth	2	3.3	Sexual Abuse	15	16.3
Health Issues/Youth	14	15.2	Victim of Bullying	22	23.9
Domestic Violence Victim	9	9.8	Sex Assault/Exploitation	6	6.5

**The Harbor Basic Center Program
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<i>Location Prior to Intake at The Harbor</i>	<i>October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018</i>
St Clair County	
Port Huron	64
St. Clair	2
Fort Gratiot	3
Kimball	2
Goodells	1
Clyde	1
Burtchville	1
East China Township	1
Capac	1
Yale	2
<i>Total St. Clair County = 78</i>	
Sanilac County	8
Huron County	2
Detroit Area	2
Macomb County	2

The Harbor provided 994 days of care to 84 RHY in the shelter program from 09/30/17-09/ 29/18, with an average length of stay of 14.42 days. Another eight youth were served exclusive of shelter care services in outpatient counseling. The Harbor is focused on increasing annual projections and has increased outreach efforts to areas of the county that may not be aware of the program’s services. Since focusing on increasing outreach efforts as well as changing outreach methods the outcome is an increased number of youth contacting the program and an increase in the number of intakes during September/October 2018. We will continue to closely monitor trends and provide outreach activities that successfully reach youth. The Program Director is also the Champion of the “*Youth Engagement Initiative*”. This initiative is generating ideas runaway and homeless youth programs can reach all youth eligible for services.

**Wings of The Harbor
Annual Statistical Report
April 1, 2017 – March 31, 2018**

<i>Services Provided</i>	<i>Youth Served</i>	<i>Carry-Overs</i>	<i>Demographics</i>	<i>Youth Served</i>	<i>Carry-Overs</i>
Admitted to the Program	9	5	Gender		
Total Served	14		Female	4	2
Total Days of Care	1443		Male	5	3
Average Length of Stay	12 Months				
			Age		
Race			16	1	0
African American	1	2	17	4	0
Caucasian	7	3	18	2	2
Hispanic/Latino	1	0	19	1	0
			20	1	1
Presenting Problems			21	0	2
Conflict w/ Parent/LG	9	4			
School Issues	5	0	Prior Location		
Employment Issues	4	3	Port Huron	8	2
Homelessness	9	4	Warren	1	
Trafficking/Assault	1	0	Sterling Heights		
Pregnancy/Parenting	1	1	Albion		1
Sexual/Gender Identity	0	1	Lapeer		1
Substance Use/Abuse	3	0			
Abuse/Neglect	7	2	Total Discharged	16	
Domestic Violence	2	2			
Bullying/Violence	2	1	Exit Destination		
			Own Apartment	9	
			Returned Home	4	
			The Harbor	1	
			Relative	2	

**Cypress Place Street Outreach Program
Annual Statistical Report
October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018**

Services/Deliverables Provided	Annual Projection	Total Services 09/30/2017-09/29/2018	Variance
Street-based Outreach and Drop-in Center Services.	200/Youth	254/Youth	+54
Individualized harm reduction safety plans developed, behavioral health referrals, support reducing the likelihood of sexual exploitation, trafficking, assault.	12/Youth	17/Youth	+5
Gateway services (providing food, clothing, hygiene, & supplies)	200/Youth	226/Youth	+26
Youth exiting the street to reunify with family or safe/stable shelter or housing	40/Youth	50/Youth	+10
Assessments, case management, and follow-up services (ongoing)	40/Youth	62/Youth	+22
Referrals/resource plan development connecting with school, employment, transportation, case management, housing services	200/Youth	259/Youth	+59
Crisis/Intervention, referrals, and follow-up	200/Youth	259/Youth	+59
Educational Referral Resources Distributed	4000/Materials	6276/Materials	+2276
Survival Kits Distributed	400/Kits	491/Kits	+91
Food/Drink Items Distributed	4000/Food/Drink Items	4316	+416





**United Way of St. Clair
County**

Affiliated Organization

The Harbor is a grateful affiliated organization of United Way of St. Clair County. Currently, United Way funds three separate programs of The Harbor.

United Way provides funding for an Intervention Specialist/Teaching Assistant to provide in-home schooling to runaway and homeless youth residing at The Harbor. In addition to funding a position, United Way provides specific assistance to youth in the form of weather appropriate clothing, medical items such as glasses, co-pays on prescriptions, hygiene articles, bus passes, and educational fees.

United Way funds an educational program at Wings to teach youth how to do meal planning, shopping, cooking, and related skills for when the youth are living on their own in the community.

United Way funds a program at Cypress Place Street Outreach Program that ensures youth have access to specific assistance in the form of weather appropriate clothing, medical items such as glasses, co-pays on prescriptions, hygiene articles, bus passes, and educational fees.





Community Foundation of St. Clair County

The Board of Directors and staff of Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc./The Harbor, Wings and Cypress Place are extremely grateful to the Community Foundation of St. Clair County for the recent donations of a kitchen renovation at The Harbor, 929 Pine Street, Port Huron, Michigan and the gift of the home which houses homeless youth at 1114 Court Street, Port Huron, Michigan.

Without the support of the Community Foundation of St. Clair County, The Harbor and Wings would not be as strong as there are. The staff and residents (past and current) are deeply grateful to the foundation for the support and contributions to building a bright and sustainable future for our programs and our community.



Thank you to our distinguished Board of Directors

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Tribute to Fred & Shirley Swegles~

“The value of dreaming isn’t just measured by the outcome, but the inspiration that comes from the journey.” In 1978, we began our journey with Fred and Shirley Swegles. We are grateful for their steadfast diligence and passion. We are humbled by the legacy they left that is wrapped in care and cemented in love. Their vision is indelibly marked throughout our journey. Their work is love made visible.

In Memory of~



Rex A. Burgess

Clay Township - A Viet Nam veteran who set out later in life to become an attorney, going to college and then law school at night while working a full time job at a factory in Detroit over a period of 17 years, died on June 27, 2018. Rex is preceded in death by his son, Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess, KIA in Iraq in 2006 and survived by his loving wife, Anne M. Burgess (nee Heafey) and sister Kathie Poske (Alex). A true American Badass who was an avid boater and fisherman on Lake St. Clair, Rex was a well-respected attorney who revered our judicial system. He met each day with a well-tailored suit and civility, with an inimitable ability to see everyone as equal. He always believed in second chances and the Constitution - taking a copy to every jury trial and using it during closing arguments. You were a better person for having known him. He wasn't just one of the good guys, he was the best. He will be dearly missed.

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Rex was an awesome man! Having sat on the Board of Directors for Comprehensive Youth Services, Inc. for many years with Rex, his ability to lend candid advice to all was such an admirable talent. He will be missed as a fine human being always giving back to the community.
~Dave Meldrum

"A man embodying the stoic character, that of patience, fortitude acceptance and tolerance. He was the epitome of virtue. For all that knew him, we celebrate the wisdom he imparted. For the future we lament in our loss but stand resolute with the wisdom he gave and imparted it to the organization and everyone he touched".
~Jeffrey Oldham

From the whole Comprehensive Youth Services organization, we send our most heartfelt condolences. We were the lucky ones to have the honor of Rex involved in our organization. His wisdom and knowledge will be greatly missed. He was an exceptional man.
~Melissa Carignan

What a wonderful man and my great honor to know him. His service to The Harbor and Comprehensive Youth Services set a standard few others could meet. Thank you Rex. You will be greatly missed.
~Nikki Carse

Rex was my champion and hero. There are just no words. Rest in Peace Rex.
~Sally A Currie

The Harbor

Cypress Place Street Outreach Program



- Drop in Center Ages: 12-21 Thursday-Saturday 3pm-8pm
- Educational Support w/Internet
- Safe, Positive Setting for Youth to Socialize, Free Food & Gaming.
- Laundry, Showers, Backpacks & Hygiene Packs

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• The Harbor

- 24Hr Emergency Youth Shelter Ages: 9-17
- Shelter for Homeless, Runaway, & Potential Runaway Youth
- Family & Individual Counseling
- Family Resolution & Crisis Intervention
- Information and Referral Services
- Food, Clothing, Backpacks, etc.
- Case Management, Aftercare & Follow-up Services

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Wings of the Harbor

- Transitional Living Program Ages: 16-21
- Shelter for Homeless or Potential Homeless Youth up to 18 Months
- Help in Obtaining Housing, Employment & Continued Education
- Develop Independent Living Skills, While Receiving Basic Needs and Support Service's.



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