

About the Michigan State Police (MSP) Angel Program

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) has become a severe public health concern in the United States, destroying and often ending lives. In 2020, the United States recorded 91,000 overdose deaths, an increase of 226% since 2018.

In 2016, the MSP partnered with the non-profit Police Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) to bring the Angel Program to Michigan. The Angel Program provides a unique opportunity for police agencies to take direct action against the disease of drug addiction in their communities. The goal is to better assist individuals who wish to seek treatment for substance use disorders, including drugs or alcohol.

The MSP Angel Program allows any person who enters an MSP post or a partnering agency and requests help with their addiction to be screened for potential participation without the fear of being arrested for their drug/alcohol use or current possession.

Working with our partners including PAARI, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans, the Northern Michigan Opioid Response Consortium (NMORC), local law enforcement agencies, and treatment centers, the MSP supports a three-prong approach to combating illegal drugs and substance use disorders:

- Prevention/Education
- Treatment (Angel Program)
- Enforcement

Questions about the MSP Angel Program?

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Struggling with Drug and Alcohol Use?

We Can Help

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE
Angel Program

What is Substance Use Disorder?

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a disease that affects a person's brain and behavior and leads to an inability to control the use of legal or illegal drugs or alcohol.

Substance use disorders occur when the recurrent use of legal or illegal drugs or alcohol causes clinically significant impairment, including health problems, disability, and failure to meet major responsibilities at work, school, or home.

Signs of Substance Use Disorder

- Struggling to perform at school or work, including poor attendance
- Changes in physical appearance
- Changes in behavior, such as an increased desire for privacy, irritability, or euphoria
- Changes in relationships
- Deteriorating financial management, such as not paying bills on time
- Decreased appetite and associated weight loss
- Reacting defensively when asked about substance use
- Performing illegal activities (stealing, driving impaired, etc.)
- Lacking the ability to stop using the substance independently
- Experiencing withdrawal symptoms when not using the substance

How does the MSP Angel Program work?

The MSP Angel Program allows individuals struggling with a Substance Use Disorder to walk into a MSP post during regular business hours to ask for assistance.

MSP Angel Program participants are guided through a professional substance abuse assessment and intake process to ensure proper placement into treatment. An "Angel" volunteer from the local community will respond to the post to support the individual during the intake process and to provide transportation to the appropriate treatment facility.

We accept donations!

Your donation will assist the MSP in many ways, including providing training to community volunteers, covering reimbursement for costs associated with the services provided by the Angel volunteers, and purchasing Angel Kits (comfort items) for each of the 30 MSP posts.

Your donation is greatly appreciated!

Donations may be mailed to:

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Grants and Community Services Division
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