



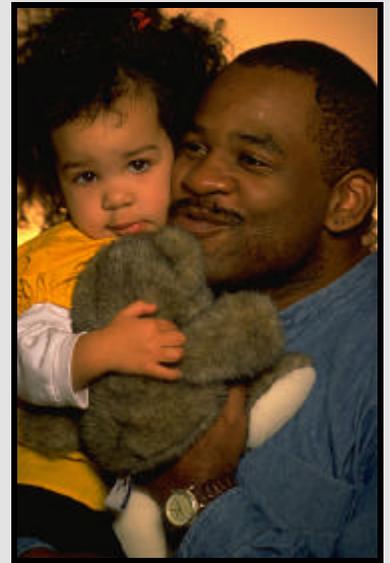
Children's Trust
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2005 Annual Conference

Moving Into the Future



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Fast Facts

In Michigan:

- ◆ More than 350 cases of child abuse & neglect are reported each day.
- ◆ Between 1993 & 2000 there has been an increase of 37.7% in substantiated abuse & neglect cases.
- ◆ Every 60 minutes, 3 children are substantiated as abused.
- ◆ By age 18, one out of every 5 children will be abused or neglected.

HOW CTF WORKS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM:

- ◆ CTF raises money to fund 71 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils and family resource centers, serving 81 out of 83 counties.
- ◆ Local councils are independent, community-based organizations that identify needs and facilitate collaborative prevention programs for children and families in their communities.
- ◆ CTF also funds over 30 community-based, direct service programs across the state. Types of programs funded include: Child Development, Respite Care, Home Visiting, Parenting Education & Support Groups, Teen Parent Programs, and Referral Services
- ◆ CTF has implemented several statewide public awareness campaigns such as: "Never Shake A Baby," "In Michigan We Love Our Kids," and the Blue Ribbon/Blue Sunday Campaign for Child Abuse Awareness Month in April.
- ◆ CTF created Wonder Years, a national, award-winning parenting magazine and collaborative publication of the Children's Trust Fund, Wayne RESA, and the Partnership for Learning, that is disseminated statewide to families and caregivers of children ages 0-5.
- ◆ CTF also implemented the Program Information Management Systems (PIMS), a computerized data collection, management, and reporting tool that enables programs to manage and report on the community programs and participant services they provide. The purpose of PIMS is to standardize the data collection procedures to build a state data set for the purpose of state level research and evaluation.
- ◆ CTF spearheads the *Consortium for Applied Research on Child Abuse and Neglect* (ARCAN), a partnership of diverse constituencies including academia, the field, advocates, funders, and state agencies. The goal of ARCAN is to provide useful information to inform and to improve efforts to prevent and respond to child abuse and neglect in Michigan.
- ◆ CTF is responsible for the planning and organizing of the Biannual Strong Families Safe Children Conference.
- ◆ CTF funds special demonstration projects such as the DeVos Hospital Shaken Baby Program and Oakland University's Family Resiliency Program.
- ◆ CTF provides training, technical assistance and support to our statewide prevention network.
- ◆ CTF actively engages in the development of public policy and programs that prevent Child abuse and neglect by strengthening and supporting families on a national, state, and local level.

For every \$1 spent on prevention, \$34 is saved on crisis-oriented programming like foster care, protective services, special education, etc.

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Monday, October 10, 2005 – 9:00 AM

Kevin Kirtpatrick



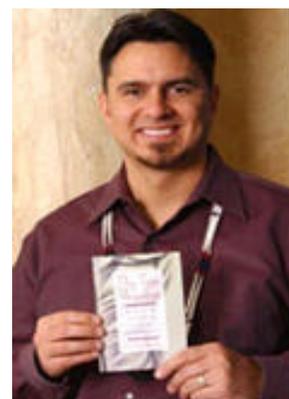
After fifteen years of working in government, media and public relations, Kevin merged his passion for creating positive social change with his skill in communications in 1998 when he joined Prevent Child Abuse America as Vice President of Marketing and Communications. During his seven-year tenure in the Chicago headquarters of this national nonprofit organization, he directed all external and internal communications for the organization, including media relations, public service advertising, direct mail and the organization's website.

Kevin led the Strategic Reframing Initiative for Prevent Child Abuse America exploring how the issue of child maltreatment can be "reframed" for increased understanding and personal engagement. This groundbreaking research revealed why efforts to communicate about the issue have largely failed to advance public will to prevent child maltreatment and motivate changes in individual behavior.

As the leader of this research initiative, Kevin has become a recognized and sought-after public speaker and consultant on the advancement of a social movement to promote effective parenting, improve child health and development, and prevent child abuse and neglect. He also advises organizations at the national, state and local levels on how to employ social marketing to better frame their issues, and to create positive social change that is measurable and sustainable.

Kevin holds Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics and Political Science, and a Master of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Tuesday, October 11, 2005 – 9:00 AM
D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas



D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas is a husband, father, internationally acclaimed motivational storyteller and success coach. He is also the author of the celebrated book *The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement* which is printed in six countries.

D.J. is an Odawa Indian from Michigan and uses traditional warrior concepts and wisdom to inspire others to achieve their best in life and career. For over a decade, he's delivered his dynamic programs in 45 states and overseas to over 1,500 audiences including NASA, IBM, Hewlett Packard, and hundreds of tribal governments, communities and schools.

He holds a B.S. from the U.S. Air Force Academy and an M.S. from University of Southern California. After serving ten years as an Air Force officer, he is now the president of his own company, Native Discovery Inc. D.J.'s mission is to "build the warriors of tomorrow...today" and can be reached at www.nativediscovery.com.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Conference Check-in
Set-up Program Display Tables

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Hospitality Room Open

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:30 am – 9:00 am

Conference Check-in

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast and Welcome

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Keynote:

Kevin Kirtpatrick

Break

Session A Workshops

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Lunch

10:45 am – 12:00 pm

Annual Awards

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Session B Workshops

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Session C Workshops

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Dinner

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm

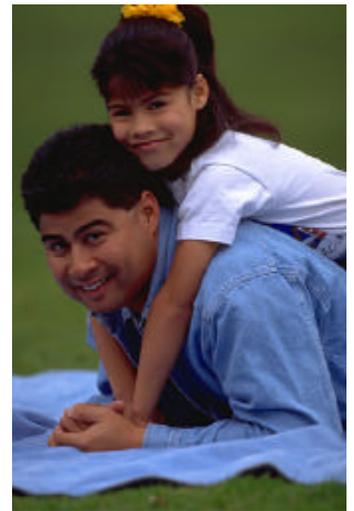
Networking

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Program Sharing

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Evening Activities



TUESDAY OCTOBER 11

8:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:15 am

Keynote:

D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas

10:30 am – 11:30 am

Regional Meetings

Grantee Meetings

11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Lunch

Evaluations



WORKSHOP SESSION A

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005

10:45 AM-12:00 PM

A1: Implementing the Bavolek Nurturing Program

(Tricia Schuster and Jordan Hickson)

Board Room #2

This workshop will include a general overview of the Stephen Bavolek Nurturing Programs. There will be focus on developing referral sources, volunteer recruitment and retention and modifying the program curriculum to fit individual community needs.

A2: For Kids' Sake: Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect for Mandated Reporters

(Ellen Hatcher)

Room #1

For Kids' Sake is a multi-sensory workshop that educates mandated reporters. The goals of the workshop are to teach the participants their legal obligations under the Michigan's Child Protection Law, explain how to recognize indicators or abuse, and convey how to report child abuse.

A3: Learning to Listen: Understanding Domestic Violence and Its Effects on Children

(Joyce Wright)

Room #2

The workshop will explain how children are affected by and cope with domestic violence and how workers can respond to a child's disclosure of domestic violence.

A4: What About Those Fathers? Engaging Men In Service Provision

(Duane Michael Wilson)

Room #3

Strengthening positive male/father involvement in family life increases positive outcomes for children. This interactive workshop is designed to encourage service providers, at all levels, to examine their program policies, practices and procedures, which may inadvertently preclude fathers and men from benefiting from services offered. Case practice that supports positive male family involvement will be explored as well as information on the art of effective "male" communication. Attendees will learn specific tips and techniques that are designed to promote nurturing family relationships, even with the most challenging male client.

A5: Forum on Reframing

(Dee Obrecht, Facilitator)

Room #4

This workshop will provide the opportunity to discuss the importance of reframing. How the issue of prevention is communicated publicly can increase the impact and involvement of the community in preventing child abuse and neglect. Reframing this issue in our communities can result in added volunteers, donors, advocates, and role models.

A6: Going Forward: The Partnership Between State and Regions

(Sally Straffon and Nancy Moody)

Room #8 and #9

This is a question and answer session regarding the relationship between CTF (board and staff) and regions throughout the state. It is led by a regional coordinator and the CTF board chairperson.

WORKSHOP SESSION B

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005
2:30 PM-3:45 PM

B1: Exploring Data from the AAPI-2 Evaluation Project

(Michael Gillespie)

Board Room #2

This presentation will look at the first two quarters of data gathered through the AAPI-2 Evaluation Project for the Zero to Three Secondary Prevention Initiative. The focus of the data will be on summary statistics, basic findings, and information and clarification on the data collection process.

B2: Shaken Baby Syndrome Prevention: A Directed Parent Education Program

(Wilma Zeemering)

Room #8 and #9

This presentation will describe a three year Children's Trust Fund of Michigan grant funded research program to identify the merits of education of parents in the post partum period as related to the incidence of Shaken Baby Syndrome admissions to DeVos Children's Hospital. Shaken Baby Syndrome and related statistics will be described along with suggested calming and coping strategies for parents and infants.

B3: Adolescents: What Are They Thinking?

(Pat Crum)

Room #2

This workshop will explore current research about the development of teen brains, including new discoveries that offer insight into the choices and behaviors that can baffle adults. Implications of the research for parents, as well as for service providers and policy-makers, will be explored.

B4: What Does It Mean to Promote Healthy Marriage and Couple Relationships in Our Program?

(Karen Shirer)

Room #1

Recently, funders at the state and federal levels are requiring marriage and couples relationship education as part of family support and ethical manner. Some practitioners are concerned or puzzled by how to offer this kind of education in a safe and ethical manner. The purpose of this workshop is to discuss what it means to promote healthy couple relationships and to give an overview of an in-depth training opportunity designed to help practitioners promote healthy marriage and relationships.

B5: Circle of Parents

(Meri Pohutsky)

Room #3

Circle of Parents is a national network of organizations dedicated to using a peer-to-peer, self-help model of parent support to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect. CTF is the Michigan affiliate of Circle of Parents. This is a new state initiative being piloted in 7 sites this Fall. The presentation will provide an overview of the organization, philosophy, program model, and network.

B6: CTF EGrants

(Ismail Noor)

Room #4

This workshop will help one learn CTF's cutting edge EGrant system. Learn about new requirements for submitting grant applications and reporting online.

WORKSHOP SESSION C

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005

4:00 PM-5:15 PM

C1: A Preliminary Assessment of PIMS: Using Data To Build Service

(Ty Partridge and Ismail Noor)

Board Room #2

An overview of the preliminary findings from an assessment of the current Michigan PIMS data will be presented (Wayne State University Project). Some of the key findings to be discussed include predictors of successful program engagement by families, and the short-term outcomes for children of actively participating families. Special emphasis will be given to how programs can translate these findings into building service capacity.

C2: Community Prevention Programs

(Amy Smith)

Room #1

This workshop will focus on successful prevention programs in the State of Michigan. Amy Smith of the St. Clair County Community Collaborative will share about her program.

C3: An Introduction to the 0-3 Secondary Prevention Initiative Indicators

(Michael Gillespie)

Room #8 and #9

This presentation will function as an introduction to the 0-3 Secondary Prevention Indicators, their history, use, and methodology; as well as a question and answer and open discussion period for 0-3 Grantees and other interested parties.

C4: Stranger Danger-Personal Safety

(Dee Obrecht)

Room #3

This workshop will focus on personal safety and how to relate these principles to prevention of child abuse.

C5: Strengthening Families Initiative: National Alliance Project

(Deborah Strong)

Room #4

This workshop will give an overview of the Strengthening Families Initiative and relate how this National Alliance Project can benefit local programs for prevention of child abuse and neglect.

C6: How to Involve Volunteers in the Everyday Life of Your Organization

(Laurie Walters)

Room #2

This workshop will explain how to develop a volunteer program that will increase your agency's scope within the community.

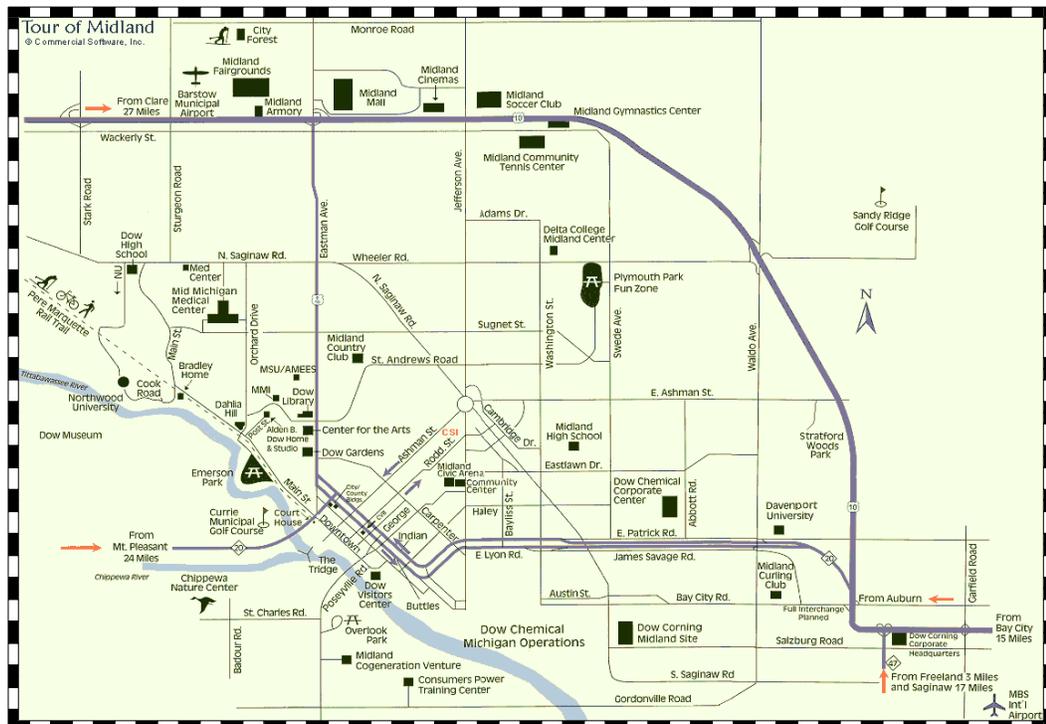
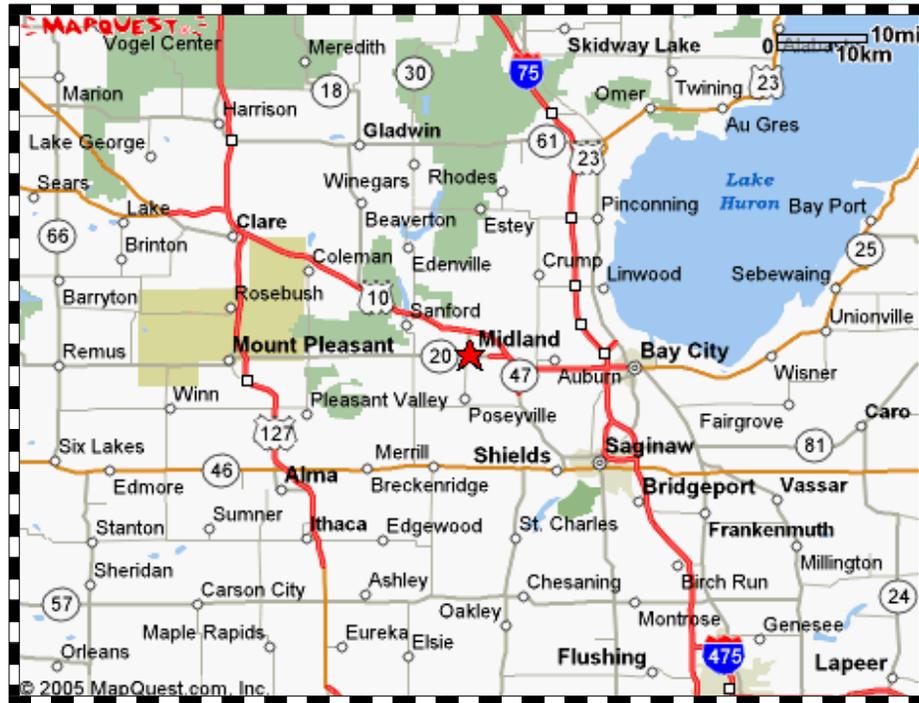


Getting to Midland

From North/South - Take I-75 To US-27 To US-10 East.

From East/West - Take M-20 To Business US-10.

Follow Business 10 to Ashman Street. Turn left onto Ashman Street. Hotel is at corner of Ashman and Main streets.



Midland Michigan: Something for everyone

ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES LED TO PROSPERITY

Two hundred years ago smoke drifted up through the roofs of wigwams perched along the banks of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa rivers. Made of bent saplings and sheathed with bark and animal skins, the round structures were the homes of the members of the Ojibwa tribe. The rivers and surrounding forest supplied the tribe with fish and game, and from the soil the people reaped corn, squash and pumpkins.

In the 18th Century, the abundance of natural resources attracted settlers of European descent to the area. Especially valuable to the hunters and traders from across the Atlantic was the plentiful animal skins. Beginning in 1835, lumber, minerals and farm products formed the basis of the area economy. The continued influx of new settlers led to the organization of Midland County in 1850, followed by the City of Midland in 1856.

The brine deposits in the Midland area contained, among other things, bromine, and by 1888 Midland had become one of the world's largest bromine producers. In 1890, the young chemist Herbert H. Dow arrived in Midland to test a new process he had developed for extracting bromine from the salt brines. The method, after much trial and error, was successful and led to the formation of the Midland Chemical Company, which incorporated into The Dow Chemical Company in 1897.

Dow Chemical went on to develop more than 400 other products that could be extracted from the brines. The company's diversity and ingenuity carried the Midland community through the demise of the lumber industry, contributed to its success through the 20th century, and promises to usher it into a prosperous 21st century.

EXHIBITS OFFER INSIGHT INTO MIDLAND'S HISTORY

Midland's history comes alive at Historical Square, a complex of buildings and artifacts recalling the pioneer days of the community and The Midland Chemical Company, forerunner of The Dow Chemical Co.

The Herbert H. Dow Historical Museum, the newest addition to Midland's Historical Square, is a replica of the Evens Flour Mill Complex, where the 24-year-old Herbert Henry Dow pioneered his experiments on the separation of bromine from natural brine by electrolysis. This and several adjacent buildings are replicas of the original mill and its out buildings.

The museum features 10 galleries of photos, graphics and artifacts relating to the early years of Dow's family and business enterprises. Other exhibits outline H.H. Dow's contributions to chemistry as well as his contributions to Midland. An especially interesting exhibit is a replica of the Laboratory Dow used from 1890 to 1892.

Historical Square is also home to the 1874 Bradley Home, a Gothic-style Victorian structure complete with period furnishings and a carriage house. Constructed in 1976 as a bicentennial project, the carriage house contains an extensive collection of carriages, sleighs, blacksmith equipment and related objects

The exhibits at Historical Square are open 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday, and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday. For additional information call (517) 832-5319.

MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS

What's 10 feet tall, 10,000 years old, hairy and wears size 80 sneakers? You can find the answer to that and many other questions in the Midland Center for the Art's Hall of Ideas, where visitors are encouraged to see, touch, hear and explore exhibits explaining the world's natural wonders.

The Hall of Ideas, a science, history and art museum, is dedicated to discovery, and a voyage through the four level museum includes the opportunity to captain a Great Lakes fishing boat, set off a mine blast, ride in a John Deere

Combine, create computer music, test your balance and learn film history in an old-time theater. Oh, yes, and see the huge feet on an American mastodon skeleton.

The top level of the museum features special exhibits held throughout the year. As part of a mission to make the museum accessible to as many people as possible, Braille labels were recently added to all permanent exhibits, and Braille notebooks and maps are available. All four levels are also wheelchair accessible.

The Center's Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art features special exhibits on loan from other institutions. Among exhibits planned during 2004 is "Egypt In The Age Of The Pharaohs" on loan from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. This exhibit is one of the premier exhibitions of its kind in the world.

The Center for the Arts also hosts a variety of entertainment, from Broadway musicals to children's theater. The Center is also the home of the Midland Symphony Orchestra, Arts Midland, Midland Music Society, Midland Theater Guild, Midland Historical Society, Midland Performing Arts Society, Alden B. Dow Museum of Science & Art and MATRIX MIDLAND.

With so much to see and learn at the Center for the Arts, make sure it's on your list of places to visit while in Midland.

The Center for the Arts is open Tuesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Sunday from 12noon to 6pm and is closed on Monday. There is a moderate charge for admission. For additional information on current displays and exhibits call our 24 hour event information line at (989) 631.8252 or during business hours call (989) 631-5930.

TRAIL LINKS PARKS, NATURAL AREAS AND HISTORIC SITES – THE RAIL-TRAIL OF MID-MICHIGAN

A fun, healthy and educational way to explore the Midland area is to follow the Pere Marquette Rail-Trail of Mid-Michigan. A project of the Midland Foundation, the trail is a 22-mile-long, 14-foot wide ribbon of asphalt tracing a former railroad right of way. The handicap-accessible trail is for non-motorized activities, including walking, jogging, in-line skating, bicycling and cross-country skiing. Extending northwest from Midland to the city of Coleman, the trail provides access to city and county parks, as well as historical and natural areas. Parking is available next to the trail in the downtown areas of Midland, Sanford and Coleman.

Starting from downtown Midland at the confluence of the Chippewa and Tittabawassee Rivers (known as "the forks"), within three miles trail users can experience the rivers, cross an historic bridge at Currie Parkway, enjoy fun activities at Emerson Park, cross a former railroad bridge, visit the Bradley Home and H.H. Dow Historical Museum, and see the Northwood University campus.

As you travel toward Sanford and on to Coleman, you'll discover hundreds of wildflowers, plants and trees. A resident herd of deer is often seen, along with a variety of birds, insects and small animals. Restrooms and eateries are available along the route.

Rail-Trail information can be obtained from the Midland County Department of Parks and Recreation, (517) 832-6870, and the Midland City Parks and recreation, (517) 631-9244.

THE TRIDGE

Midland's "Tridge." A pedestrian bridge spanning the confluence of the Tittabawassee and Chippewa rivers, marks and age-old community landmark.

For centuries, the point at which the two rivers meet has been known as “The Forks.” It has traditionally been a place where people come together as well. The waters flowing to this spot have carried birch bark canoes of Native Americans, steamboats from Saginaw and billions of board feet of white pine logs. It has long been a favorite location for recreation and entertainment, attracting fishermen following the spawning run of walleye to families gathering for swimming and a summer picnic.

Built in 1981 with funds raised by area school children, the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation and the Midland Foundation, the Tridge is a unique three-legged bridge spanning “The Forks”. Constructed of 10 train-car loads of wood and 6,400 hours of labor, the structure cost about \$732,000 to build.

Each leg of the Tridge spans 180-feet, linking recreational areas with the downtown area.

MAKE MIDLAND YOUR SHOPPING DESTINATION

Shopping in the Midland area is an enjoyable, and affordable experience. The community’s safe and conveniently located shopping districts offer a wide selection of stores and merchandise, and shop owners and employees take great pride in the personal attention and service they offer.

Downtown Midland

Midland’s downtown area has undergone an exciting streetscape renovation. Discover the secrets of specialty stores and boutiques you will find there. From a friendly coffee house to a state-of-the-art hotel, from a camera shop to a laser art store, find music for all tastes to a store specializing in outdoor sports and fly fishing accessories, or we welcome you to indulge your sense with a fragrance shop, kitchen specialty shop or art gallery.

Midland Mall

The Midland Mall offers a beautifully landscaped environment with vaulted ceilings, skylights, tropical palms and seasonal flowers all year round. Midland Mall offers a great place to shop, eat and see what’s new, regardless of the weather or time of year. There is always some type of promotion happening as well, from a New Car Show to Community Senior Citizens Arts and Craft Show. Midland Mall offers four department stores representing all levels of merchandise from discount to fine fashion apparel. More than 65 specialty shops offer a full complement of women’s apparel, menswear, fine jewelry, sportswear, personal service, shoes, toys, music and movies, electronics, cards and gifts, specialty foods, fast foods and fine dining. The Mall opened in 1999.

The community’s range of recreational opportunities is another big reason Midland County residents say, “It Happens Here All Year!”

DOW GARDENS

Herbert Henry Dow was one of the world’s most famous scientists, but he was also very down to earth – literally.

The well-known Dow Gardens was started in 1899 as landscaping around Dow’s Midland home. Eventually spreading over 110 acres, the gardens feature flowers, shrubs, trees, ornamental grass, rocks and water in a series of lush, eye-pleasing vistas. The grounds are now open to the public, annually attracting hundreds of thousands of visitors.

The collection of plants comprises some 1,200 different woody trees and shrubs and 300 different perennials, wildflowers and unique ground covers. Among the outstanding displays are rhododendrons, crab apples, wildflowers, native trees and shrubs, roses, herbs, 25,000 tulips and 10,000 bedding plants. A display greenhouse is adjacent to the former Dow Homestead.

A children’s garden was developed and opened to the public in July of 1999. This hands on garden give young and young at heart a chance to interact with fruit trees, agronomic crops, vegetables, wildflowers and aquatic plants. This 1 ½ acre interactive garden is explore and touch.

The gardens are open 10 a.m. to sunset every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The visitor entrance is located next to the Midland Center for the Arts at the corner of Eastman Avenue and St. Andrews Street. Pets are not allowed and an adult should accompany children 10 and younger. Picnicking and eating are not permitted in the gardens.

Special tours may be arranged, at no additional charge, by contacting the gardens one-week in advance of desired date. For additional information call (517) 631-2677 or (800) 362-4874. Admission fees are \$3 for adults and \$1 for youth (6 – 18).

MIDLAND WAS HOME TO STATE'S ARCHITECT LAUREATE (1904-1983)

Alden B. Dow left an architectural legacy in Midland perhaps unmatched anywhere in the country.

A son of Grace A. and Herbert H. Dow, founder of The Dow Chemical Company, Alden Dow was born in 1904. He studied engineering at the University of Michigan, and earned his degree in architecture from Columbia University in 1931. During the spring and summer of 1933, he studied under Frank Lloyd Wright at the famous architect's Taliesin studio, in Spring Green, WI.

Dow returned to his hometown and opened an architectural firm in a studio-home of his own design, which was subsequently described by Architectural Digest as "one of the two most beautiful contemporary homes in the U.S."

During his 50-year career (he died in 1983), Dow was commissioned to design homes, churches, schools, college campuses, business complexes, art and civic centers many of which are located here in Midland. Dow also designed the entire city of Lake Jackson, TX during the 1940's.

The Alden B. Dow Home and Studio is now a National Historic Landmark, and tours are offered at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Fridays, and 10 a.m. every Saturday, February – December. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations are required, children should be at least 8 years of age, and can be made by calling the Alden B. Dow Home and Studio at (989) 839-2744. Call the above number to also make arrangements for group tours and usage of the Alden B. Dow Archives.

SELF-GUIDED DRIVE-BY ARCHITECTURAL TOUR

You can learn about Midland's architectural heritage by taking a self-guided, drive-by tour of the works of the late Alden B. Dow, Michigan's architect laureate, and other significant structures in the city.

Highlights of the leisurely, one-and-a-half-hour tour include an A-frame nestled in the woods, a church in the round and a home Dow built for his Taliesin fellowship project. The tour also passes through the city's historic district, and makes a stop at the Tridge.

To take a tour, pick up a tour map and rent an audiocassette tape and tape player for \$5 (plus deposit) at the Midland Center for the Arts on the corner of Eastman Avenue and West St. Andrews. Most of the attractions can be viewed from the comfort of your car.

MAKE IT MIDLAND – NATURALLY

Quietly nestled on more than 1,000 acres not far from downtown Midland, the Chippewa Nature center is a convenient get-away from life in the fast lane.

Located at the confluence of the Pine and Chippewa rivers, the natural area features 14 miles of trails (including a wheelchair-accessible section) that meander through forests cross meadows, circle ponds and follow the rivers. The trails open from dawn to dark, often reward visitors with glimpses of wildlife.

Also located on the center's property is an 1870 Homestead Farm that includes a furnished cabin, schoolhouse, animal barn, storage barn and sugar shack. Seasonal programs offer visitors an opportunity to try their hand at the many chores that were part of life on a 19th century farm.

The visitor's center has completed a major renovation. Among the several features is the new Nature Center Store, where visitors will find a variety of books, gifts and natural history items. Visitors will also enjoy the new Naturalist Station, where they can chat with a naturalist about trail sightings or conditions, or get their "backyard nature" questions answered.

The center also has a library that features 2,500 volumes on the natural and cultural history of the region.

The new "Ecosystem Gallery" is open and features over 50 interactive exhibits to help visitors explore the various ecosystems of the Nature Center.

For more information about special programs and exhibits, call the Chippewa Nature Center's 24-hour information line at (517) 631-0830. The center is open Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday and Holidays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Trails open dawn to dusk 7 days a week.

MICHIGAN OPERATIONS OF THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

In 1897, a young chemist and entrepreneur named Henry Herbert Dow began The Dow Chemical Company beside the Tittabawassee River with less than \$400 dollars, but an endless supply of ideas.

Young Mr. Dow was drawn to Midland for its vast underground brine deposits – and essential raw material for his newest idea – and economical way to produce bromine by electrolysis.

From his early work came decades of new chemicals for making medicines, food, synthetic rubber, metals, plastics, lubricants and scores of other products. His first plant in Midland has grown to be a global chemical company.

As the birthplace of the world's second largest chemical company, Midland is sometimes referred to as "Dow Town." Michigan Operations in Midland manufactures products that are used in our daily lives. Whether it is the SARAN film to protect food or ingredients to make prescription pharmaceuticals, Michigan Operations makes products you use every day.

You are invited to take a virtual tour to learn how Dow has grown from brine to brilliance in Michigan Operations.

Dow is a leading science and technology company providing innovative chemical, plastic and agricultural products and services to many essential consumer markets. With annual sales of approximately \$30 billion, Dow serves customers in more than 170 countries and a wide range of markets vital to human progress, including food, transportation, health and medicine, personal and home care, building and construction, among others.

Committed to the principles of sustainable development, Dow and its approximately 50,000 employees seek to balance economic, environmental and social responsibilities.

Although the Midland County Convention & Visitors Bureau have made every effort to assure the accuracy of the information contained in this article, the Visitors Bureau cannot guarantee accuracy or be held responsible for omissions or errors. We recommend you call to verify information prior to your visit. The information is subject to change without notice.

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Midland Restaurant Guide

Courtesy of Midland County Convention & Visitors Bureau

RESTAURANTS

Alex's Greek Kitchen
5101 Eastman Ave.

Crossings Restaurant
Ashman Court Hotel

Mullins' Restaurant
639 W. Isabella Rd.

Alex's Railside Restaurant
201 Railway St.

Villa D'Allessandro
801 E. Wackerly St.

Nicole's Casual Fine Din.
5221 Bay City Rd.

Applebee's Neighborhood
Grill & Bar
6911 Eastman Ave.

Damon's
The Place for Ribs
6801 Eastman Ave.

Omelete's & More
112 E. Main St.

Bamboo Garden
2600 N. Saginaw Rd.

Forjas
1259 Poseyville Rd.

One-O-One Main St.
101 E. Main St.

Bennigan's
6603 Eastman Ave.

Genji
2929 S. Saginaw Rd.

Oscar's Restaurant
140 E. Main St.

Big Boy Restaurant
1513 S. Saginaw Rd.

Gimmicks for Food & Fun
5021 Bay City Rd.

Pi's Chinese Restaurant
1815 S. Saginaw Rd.

Billy Bones BBQ
4326 N. Saginaw Rd.

Gordonville Café
1556 S. Meridian Rd.

Ponderosa Steak House
1107 S. Saginaw Rd.

Bob Evans Restaurant
7000 Eastman Ave.

Chefs on the Run
1525 Washington St.

Ruby Tuesday Restaurant
Midland Mall

Buffet King
2018 N. Saginaw Rd.

Korean House
4981 Eastman Ave.

Shirlene's Cuisine
1716 W. Wackerly St.

Café' Tandoori
2600 N. Saginaw Rd.

Lanny's Restaurant
336 W. Saginaw Rd.

Texan Family Restaurant
2008 N. Saginaw Rd.

Chi-Chi's Mexican
Restaurant
6640 Eastman Ave.

Lil' Chef Restaurant
1616 S. Saginaw Rd.

The Garden Restaurant
1500 W. Wackerly Rd.

China Palace
1908 S. Saginaw Rd.

Little China Restaurant
5015 Eastman Ave.

The Sweet Onion
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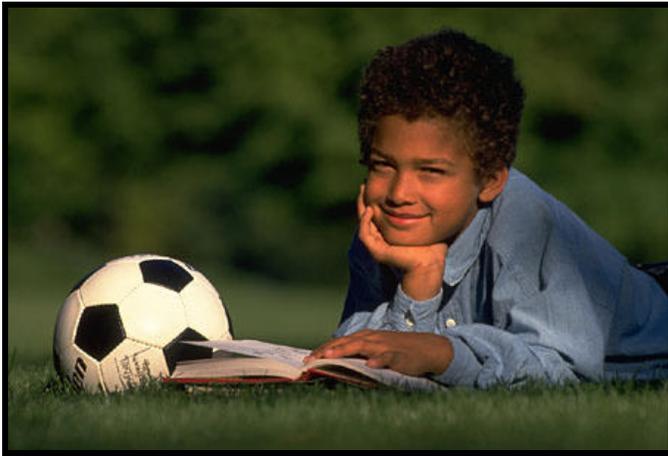


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Our Mission:

To prevent child abuse and neglect and improve the quality of life for children in Midland County

Our Vision:

It is the Council's belief that all children should have the opportunity to grow in a safe and supportive environment. A collaborative, community effort is essential to providing prevention and intervention programs and services that significantly impact the incidence of child abuse and neglect in Midland County.



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