

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Social Services Block Grant

Intended Use Plan and Pre-Expenditure Report

Fiscal Year 2025

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Specify the fiscal year, including start and end dates, covered in the pre-expenditure plan.

Fiscal Year (*select one*):

☒ State

☐ Federal

Dates (*start and end date of fiscal year*):

Start Date: 10/01/2024

End Date: 09/30/2025



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Dear Ms. Hannah Wang:

Enclosed is the Social Services Block Grant Intended Use Plan and pre-expenditure report for the State of Michigan. The report covers State and Federal Fiscal Year 2025, which runs from 10/1/24 to 09/30/25.

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Sincerely,

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III. Public Inspection

The governor of Michigan has designated the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services as the state agency to receive and administer the Title XX Social Services Block Grant. The department has produced this plan to meet the requirements for receiving Title XX Social Services Block Grant funds and to facilitate public comment on the services to be supported by Title XX funds.

A public hearing for the SSBG State plan was held on August 2, 2024. The draft plan was published and made electronically available for public comment and review during the month of July and August 2024 and announced to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services local offices, the Legislature, and other interested groups and individuals for comment. A designated electronic mailbox (MDHHS-SSBGMail@michigan.gov) was used to receive comments from interested groups and individuals on the draft plan.

A copy of the press release and newspaper articles is provided in Appendix A.

IV. Narrative

A. Administrative Operations

1. State Administrative Agency

Agency Designated to Administer SSBG Program:
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

Vision:

Develop and encourage measurable health, safety and self-sufficiency outcomes that reduce and prevent risks, promote equity, foster healthy habits, and transform the health and human services system to improve the lives of Michigan families.

Guiding Principles:

- Ensure that Michigan youth are healthy, protected, and supported on their path to adulthood.
- Safeguard, respect, and encourage the wellbeing of Michigan adults in our communities and our care.
- Support families and individuals on their road to self-sufficiency through responsive, innovative, and accessible service delivery.
- Transform the healthcare system and behavioral health coordination to improve outcomes for residents.
- Promote and protect the health, wellness, and safety of all Michigan residents.
- Strengthen opportunities, promote diversity, and empower our workforce to contribute to Michigan's economic development.

Agency Responsibilities:

MDHHS provides assistance to clients in the following areas: food, childcare, cash, medical and emergency relief. MDHHS is also responsible for providing services for the following programs: child support, foster care and adoption, abuse and neglect, juvenile justice, Native American Affairs, migrant and refugee programs, rehabilitation services, adult and children's services, disability determination, domestic violence prevention and family and community services.

Agency Goals and Objectives:

The following are the goals and objectives of MDHHS:

Goal 1: Children exit foster care to permanent placements.

Objective 1. 41 percent of children entering foster care in a 12-month period will discharge to permanency within 12 months of entering foster care.

Objective 2. 44 percent of children who have been in care for 12 – 23 months will discharge to permanency.

Goal 2: Children free from recurrence of maltreatment.

Objective 1. 95 percent of child victims of abuse and/or neglect not victimized again in a 6-month period.

Goal 3: Food assistance payment accuracy rate.

Objective 1. 94 percent of benefits accurately issued to clients each month.

Goal 4: Children free from abuse or neglect in foster care.

Objective 1. 99 percent of child victims of abuse and/or neglect not victimized again by a foster parent or child caring institution staff person.

Goal 5: Food Assistance Program recoupment from client error or intentional fraud.

Objective 1. \$2,700,000 in benefits retained annually by the state for recovery of Food Assistance Program client error and Intentional Program Violation claims.

2. State Offices/Departments

Below are descriptions of MDHHS program areas where Title XX funds are intended to be allocated:

Adult Protective Services: Provides protection to vulnerable adults (18 years or older) who are at risk of harm due to the presence or threat of abuse, neglect or exploitation.

Adult Community Placement: Provides services that assist in achieving the least restrictive community-based care settings for adults who require care in licensed community placement: Adult Foster Care facilities or Homes for the Aged.

Adoption Services Program: Provides for adoption planning and placement of children who are permanent state wards due to termination of parental rights. Services are provided to recruit and support permanent placements of children in homes that are capable of meeting the long-term physical, emotional, educational and behavioral needs of the child.

Children's Foster Care: Provides placement and supervision of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The court authorizes removal of children from their parents and refers them to MDHHS for placement, care and supervision. Also, several programs are provided to support older youth in foster care and youth that have exited foster care.

Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative: Provides improved outcomes for youth transitioning from foster care to adulthood by bringing together community members, public and private agencies, and resources that are critical to enhancing the success of young adults who are transitioning or have transitioned from foster care.

Children's Protective Services (CPS): Investigates allegations that a child under the age of 18 is being abused or neglected by a caretaker (a person defined in the law as responsible for the child's health or welfare). CPS also assesses the safety of all children in the household, provides services for the children and family as needs are identified and, if necessary, initiates actions needed to protect children in the home.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services: Provides crisis-based services to runaway youth ages 12 through 17 and their siblings and families, including crisis intervention, community education, prevention, case management, counseling, skill building and placement. Homeless youth ages 16 through 24 that require support for a longer period are also provided services, including crisis management, community education, counseling, placement and life skills.

Child Welfare Licensing: Protects vulnerable children by regulating and consulting with licensees. This industry is regulated through initial licensure, original and renewal inspections, complaint investigations, approval of corrective action plans and taking disciplinary action as needed to protect individuals served.

Community Resource Program (CRP): Offers numerous services and locally customized programs to meet community needs with the assistance of volunteers, donations and grant funding. MDHHS employs Community Resource Coordinators who focus on building relationships to provide additional services to families within the community. Some coordinators are housed within local schools, bringing services directly to clients and low-income families. The CRP responds to the unique and changing needs of MDHHS staff, recipients and community partners. MDHHS volunteers provide services in the following areas:

- Transportation;
- Peer Counseling;
- Tutoring;
- Child Care; and
- Community Engagement and Partnerships.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment: Provides funding for domestic violence emergency shelters, sexual assault programs, transitional supportive housing, and all accredited Child Advocacy Centers.

Farmworker Outreach Services: Provides statewide policy and program development; assessments; coordination of services including but not limited to health care, bilingual translations, and benefit assistance; and advocacy for Michigan's migrant and seasonal farmworkers, their family members, and dependents through specialized MDHHS county office staff, the Interagency Migrant Services Committee, and regional migrant resource councils.

Native American Affairs (NAA): Delivers a broad range of services to Michigan's American Indian and Alaska Native population, tribes, urban Indian organizations, MDHHS local office staff, and private agency foster care (PAFC) providers. Services provided include: policy and program development, resource coordination, advocacy, training and

technical assistance, coordination of efforts to ensure implementation of applicable state and federal laws, and tribal consultation.

Juvenile Programs: Provides technical assistance, consultation, assessment services and training for state community-based juvenile justice programs and youth in state-operated and private, contracted residential facilities. Assessment services include providing educational services, vocational services, short-term assessment services, cognitive restructuring, family assistance, crises intervention, transportation and recreation.

Multicultural Services: MDHHS contractors provide information, referral, and advocacy services to low income Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Arab-American, Chaldean, Jewish and Vietnam veterans applicants or recipients of public assistance. Services include orientation of applicants to the American culture including legal, educational, economic, social, or health matters.

B. Fiscal Operations

1. Criteria for Distribution

SSBG funds constitute approximately 0.1 percent of total funding and about 0.2 percent of all federal funding for MDHHS. The distribution of SSBG funds is influenced by many factors, such as the availability of other federal, state and local funds; the availability of services from other federal or state agencies, private non-profit agencies, local agencies or family members; and the priorities of MDHHS.

2. Planning Process for Use and Distribution of Funds:

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) regulations authorize the use of up to 10 percent of a state's TANF grant to carry-out programs pursuant to Title XX of the Social Security Act.

TANF-transferred SSBG funds will support activities as described in this report subject to the federal requirement that TANF funds transferred to SSBG shall be used only for programs and services to children and their families whose income is below 200 percent of the federal income poverty guidelines.

3. Financial Operations System:

MDHHS uses a public assistance cost allocation plan to assign costs to federal and state fund sources for program administration and service delivery. Through the use of appropriate cost allocation methodologies, the department identifies eligible costs for federal funds.

Annually, the state has eligible claims in excess of its Title XX block grant and transfer funds. At that time, Title XX claims across all program areas are reduced to within the

state's available funding. Remaining costs are supported with state funds as is necessary. Allowable costs are directed to Title XX per this intended use plan.

C. Program Operations

1. SSBG Statutory Goals the State Plans to Achieve

SSBG Statutory Goals:

- ☒ 1. Achieving or maintaining economic self-support to prevent, reduce, or eliminate dependency.
- ☒ 2. Achieving or maintaining self-sufficiency, including reduction or prevention of dependency.
- ☒ 3. Preventing or remedying neglect, abuse or exploitation of children and adults unable to protect their own interests, or preserving, rehabilitating or reuniting families.
- ☒ 4. Preventing or reducing inappropriate institutional care by providing for community-based care, home-based care or other forms of less intensive care.
- ☒ 5. Securing referral or admission for institutional care when other forms of care are not appropriate, or providing services to individuals in institutions.

2. Characteristics of Individuals to be Served

Definitions

Child: For MDHHS protective services programs, child is a person under 18 years of age (MCL 722.622(e)). For all other programs, child is an individual who is not emancipated under 1968 PA 293, MCL 722.1 to 722.6, who lives with a parent or caretaker, and who is either of the following:

(i) Under the age of 18.

(ii) Age 18 and a full-time high school student.

Adult: An adult in need of services is a vulnerable person not less than 18 years of age (MCL 400.11). *Note that there are additional Michigan statutes that define an adult as a person 18 years of age or older and a child as a person under 18 years of age.

Family: For limited purposes of the family independence program, family is defined in MCL 400.57 as a household consisting of a child and either a parent or stepparent of the child, or a caretaker of the child; a pregnant woman; a parent of a child in foster care.

Eligibility Criteria:

Adult Protective Services: Any adult who is reported as at risk of harm from abuse, neglect or exploitation, and there is a reasonable belief that the person is a vulnerable adult in need of protective services.

Adult Community Placement: Adults who are elderly, frail, physically handicapped, emotionally impaired or mentally ill.

Adoption Services Program: All children legally free for adoption under the agency's care and supervision.

Children's Foster Care: Children who have been abused and/or neglected, and who cannot remain in their family homes because the child is at substantial risk of harm or is in surroundings that present an imminent risk of harm and the child's immediate removal from those surroundings is necessary to protect the child's health and safety.

Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative: Youth, ages 14-23, who were placed out of home with MDHHS under either an abuse and neglect order or delinquency order and who are eligible for federal Chafee funds.

Children's Protective Services: All children and families when any of the following conditions exist: a child is reported, known, or suspected to be in danger of abuse, neglect or exploitation by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare; a child is without proper custody or guardianship; a child is adjudicated neglected and the court requests supervision by MDHHS in the child's home; a child or family is referred for investigation.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Services: Youths, ages 12 through 24, who are voluntarily admitted for services and have run away from their caretaker, are contemplating running away, are homeless or have been thrown out of their homes or are in crisis or in need of protection. Families of eligible youth may also receive services to encourage family reunification.

Child Welfare Licensing: Vulnerable children receiving services from licensed facilities including all child caring institutions, child placing agencies, foster family and foster family group homes, and juvenile court-operated facilities.

Community Resource Program: Children, adults and families that have been identified as needing services.

Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment: Adult victims of domestic violence and their children and sexual assault victims of any age.

Farmworker Outreach Services: Migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their family members and dependents.

Native American Affairs (NAA) and Native American Outreach Services (NAOS):

People and/or families who self-declare as having American Indian or Alaska Native ancestry or are federally recognized tribal members; and have developed or are at risk for the development of social, educational, and economic problems, particularly but not limited to: children, families, elders, low-income individuals and disabled persons.

Youth in Transition: Youth who are active in the foster care system, placed out of their home based on abuse and neglect, starting at age 14 and up to age 23; youth, ages 18 to 23, that have been in foster care on or after their 14th birthday but are no longer under MDHHS/Tribal supervision; a youth who has or had an open juvenile justice case and is placed in an eligible placement under the supervision of MDHHS.

Juvenile Programs: Adjudicated delinquent youth who have been committed under Public Act 150, 1974, or who are court wards ordered to the MDHHS for placement and care. Youth who are at risk of becoming delinquent because of home or community involvement.

Multicultural Services: Clients served are low income Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Arab-American, Chaldean, Jewish and Vietnam veteran applicants or recipients of public assistance.

Income Guidelines:

Adult Protective Services, Adult Community Placement, Adoption Services Program, Children's Foster Care, Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative, Children's Protective Services, Runaway and Homeless Youth Services, Child Welfare Licensing, Community Resource Program, Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, Native American Affairs, Indian Outreach Services, Migrant Program Services and Juvenile Programs are provided without regard to income.

Multicultural services require a person or family to have an income level below 200 percent of the federal income poverty guidelines.

3. Types of Activities to be Supported

ADOPTION SERVICES

MDHHS provides permanent homes for Michigan Children's Institute wards (permanent state wards) and permanent court wards under the supervision of the department. In certain situations, MDHHS may also provide adoption assistance to assist in supporting the day-to-day care of the child, treatment of medical conditions, or both.

Services are provided to all children legally free for adoption under the care and supervision of MDHHS. Adoption services concentrate on adoption planning and placement of children who are permanent state wards including children who are

members of sibling groups, children with physical and emotional handicaps and older children.

MDHHS ensures child welfare clients have access to health care services such as medical, dental and mental health. MDHHS provides medical, psychological and psychiatric services to clients of the Adoption Services Program. MDHHS contracts with a medical consultant who provides policy direction advice, trains MDHHS staff, administers the Health Advisory Resource Team, and meets with state partners on health-related issues.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 3
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

CASE MANAGEMENT

MDHHS administers and provides oversight of case management services throughout the state for MDHHS clients.

A. Adult, Juvenile Justice and Child Welfare Case Management

MDHHS provides the daily administrative rate paid to child placing agencies that deliver foster care case management services on behalf of MDHHS. MDHHS supports the delivery of case management services and intervention by front-line staff, supervisors and program managers in Adult Services; Prevention; Adult and Children's Protective Services (Maltreatment in Care, Centralized Intake); Foster Care (Health Unit/Liaison Officers, Michigan Youth Opportunities Initiative, Educational Planners, Child Welfare Financial Specialists, Permanency Resource Monitor and Assistants, Peer Coaches); Foster Home Licensing; Juvenile Justice and Adoption. These case management services often include referrals to specific providers or direct intervention by the front-line staff in areas of health, education, independent living, housing, employment, parenting, transportation and counseling.

MDHHS also supports the organization and management of substantial reform efforts to improve child welfare case management and service delivery by developing an enhanced case practice model (MiTEAM); establishing and implementing a statewide child welfare continuous quality improvement system (with qualitative service review component); and improving the collection and evaluation of child welfare data. Due to a class action lawsuit in Michigan, *Dwayne B. v. Snyder*, additional monitoring activities occur by and through a federal court ordered contract with Public Catalyst Group to ensure the rights of child welfare clients under the care and supervision of MDHHS protected pursuant to the Modified Implementation, Sustainability and Exit Plan (MISEP).

MDHHS provides training and education support to child welfare staff to ensure all child welfare professionals serving child welfare populations in the state have necessary and applicable initial and ongoing training in areas of child welfare service delivery and case management.

B. Farmworker Outreach Services

MDHHS has been designated as the lead state agency responsible for the assessment, development and coordination of services for Michigan's 90,700 migrant and seasonal farmworkers, their family members and dependents, which includes an estimated 41,000 children and youth under the age of 20. MDHHS responsibilities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers are accomplished through the Farmworker Outreach Services Division, the Interagency Migrant Services Committee, and nine regional migrant resource councils.

Case management workers throughout the state are augmented by seasonal and full-time migrant program workers located in the counties with the largest number of migrant farmworkers. These staff provide specialized case management services to migrant and seasonal farmworkers including assisting with childcare, food assistance, Medicaid, bilingual translation services, emergency, and employment services.

In support of these services, migrant program staff also perform extensive outreach activities to locate unserved farmworkers and provide supportive services. They also help address other farmworker needs by collaborating with and making referrals to other migrant service providers who can help with employment services, job skills training programs, healthcare providers, housing services, free legal services, migrant education, English as a Second Language classes and GED programs. Migrant program staff also work to educate farmworkers about Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI)/Bird Flu, COVID-19, distribute PPE, and support COVID-19 testing and vaccination events.

The Farmworker Outreach Services Division provides specialized training on migrant assistance payments case management, MDHHS migrant policy, and outreach to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their family members receiving MDHHS services.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

C. Native American Affairs

Native American Affairs (NAA) serves as MDHHS' avenue to comply with federal and state requirements for consultation with American Indian tribes regarding all state plans, programs, legislative changes, and policy changes that impact American Indian and Alaska Native children and families.

NAA delivers a broad range of education and training services to Michigan's approximate 250,000 American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population, tribes, urban Indian organizations, and department or private agency foster care staff including, but not limited to: child welfare/direct assistance policy and program development, client resource coordination, advocacy, training and technical assistance, cultural and educational linkages (resource guides, back to school backpacks, conferences, and foster care youth/recruitment incentives), coordination of efforts to ensure implementation of applicable state and federal laws including the federal Indian Child

Welfare Act (ICWA) and Michigan Indian Family Preservation Act (MIFPA) pertaining to American Indian/Alaska Native persons, and tribal consultation annually or as requested by tribes.

MDHHS supports coordinated statewide efforts and collaborations with other state entities to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of Indian children and families in Michigan, including: Tribal State Partnership, Urban Indian State Partnership, Tribal State Forum, Regional Indian Outreach Worker Meetings, Child Welfare Training Institute, State Court Administrative Office, Court Improvement Program, Statewide Task Force and Tribal Court Relations Subcommittees; and tribal and urban Indian organization site visits.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

D. Native American Outreach Services

Native American Outreach Services (NAOS), through coordination and support from the MDHHS Office of Native American Affairs (NAA), assists Michigan's American Indian/Alaska Native residents with issues of a social, educational, psychological, physical, economic and/or cultural nature to improve their quality of life. Native American Outreach Workers (NAOWs) who share or have a knowledge of the values, traditions, customs, and language of tribal communities assist American Indian/Alaska Native families to attain self-sufficiency with a program focus to preserve, rehabilitate, strengthen and reunite families. Native American Outreach Workers (NAOWs) provide information and referral services, homemaker services, and serve as a liaison between the American Indian/Alaska Native community, state and local agencies, Indian centers, schools and the non-Native American community.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: 24 Michigan Counties (Alger, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Chippewa, Emmet, Gogebic, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Ingham, Isabella, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Kent, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Manistee, Marquette, Menominee, Schoolcraft, Van Buren, and Wayne).

E. Multicultural Services

Information, referral, and advocacy services are provided to low income Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic, Arab-American, Chaldean, Jewish and Vietnam Veteran applicants or recipients of public assistance. Services include orientation of applicants to the American culture including legal, educational, economic, social, or health matters. Adults are oriented to the agency's work program: Partnership. Accountability. Training. Hope. (PATH). This program requirement is done in order to assist them in fulfilling the responsibility to their families and MDHHS program requirements. Individuals are assisted in determining the appropriate direction to achieve gainful employment.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4

- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

COUNSELING SERVICES

Therapeutic counseling services are provided to MDHHS clients receiving services from a wide variety of MDHHS programs, including Juvenile Justice, Children's Protective Services, Foster Care and Cash Assistance programs. Counseling services include clinical, outreach and group counseling.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 5
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

FOSTER CARE SERVICES - ADULTS

Adult Community Placement (ACP)

ACP Program provides services that assist in achieving the least restrictive community-based care settings for adults who require care in licensed community placement: Adult Foster Care (AFC) facilities or Homes for the Aged (HA). ACP works to maximize independence and self-determination for program recipients by assisting in maintaining connections with family, other community members, and community activities. ACP provides pre-placement services and assistance with placement for adults who need care in licensed community placement settings. Post-placement/follow-up services are provided.

MDHHS Adult Services workers provide program services to adults 18 or older who are elderly, frail, physically handicapped, emotionally impaired, or mentally ill. Most clients are Medicaid-eligible and receive Supplemental Security Income.

Specific ACP services can include: case management, counseling, education and training, health-related services, information and referral, money management, pre-placement services, post-placement services, and protection. MDHHS workers authorize personal care supplement payments each month to the AFC/HA provider for Medicaid clients residing in these facilities.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3
- Method of Delivery: Public
- Geographic Area: Statewide

FOSTER CARE SERVICES - CHILDREN

A. Children's Foster Care Program

MDHHS provides foster care placement activities for children who have been abused and/or neglected or who cannot remain in their family homes because the child is at substantial risk of harm or is in surroundings that present an imminent risk of harm and the child's immediate removal from those surroundings is necessary to protect the child's

health and safety. MDHHS provides temporary supervision of abused or neglected children when deemed necessary by the family court. MDHHS provides the following services:

- Maintains the child in the family home when possible and assists the family in resolving the situation.
- Provides access to therapeutic services designed to remediate familial problems and permit safe reunification with families.
- Supervises children placed out of their homes and works with the families to return the children to their families, if possible.
- Petitions the court for legal termination of parental rights, if necessary.
- Seeks permanent homes for children when neither return to their homes nor adoption is possible.
- Assures payments for necessary social services for children in foster care.

MDHHS provides placement and supervision of all children who are court or state wards. The Children's Foster Care program works closely with the Children's Protective Services program and the Adoption Services program.

MDHHS ensures child welfare clients have access to health care services such as medical, dental and mental health. MDHHS ensures the provision of timely health services, including medical, psychological and psychiatric services to clients of Foster Care Program. MDHHS contracts with a medical consultant who provides policy direction advice, trains MDHHS staff, and meets with state partners on health-related issues. MDHHS also contracts for specialty health services not covered by Medicaid, such as Comprehensive Trauma Assessments.

B. Child Welfare Licensing

The Children's Services Agency, Division of Child Welfare Licensing is responsible for issuing child placing licenses and children's foster home licenses in the state and conducting ongoing monitoring of all child foster care licenses. Foster home licensing consultants are assigned to child placing agencies to assist with the licensing and monitoring of children's foster care licenses. Services provided can include: pre-licensing orientations to potential Child Placing Agency (CPA) applicants; criminal background checks; consultation for the applicant on how to comply with the administrative rules and licensing statutes; training child placing agency certification staff related to the licensing of children's foster homes; training for Child Placing Agency (CPA) and child caring institution staff related to maintaining compliance with administrative rules and statutes as well as good practices; onsite inspections to verify compliance with all administrative rules; license renewal inspections to verify the facility remains in compliance; reviews in foster homes to ensure the safety of foster children and the provision of services by the CPA or for youth in independent living arrangements; consultation to assist with compliance as needed throughout the duration of the license; special investigations when allegations of noncompliance are received; receipt and processing of complaints; special investigations and/or renewal inspections; processing of adverse actions to revoke, suspend, deny issuance or refuse to renew licenses; maintaining the licensing database.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public
- Geographic Area: Statewide

C. Juvenile Justice

MDHHS Juvenile Justice Programs administers state and federal grants. Juvenile Justice Programs writes policy for State of Michigan juvenile justice case managers and public and private, contracted juvenile justice residential treatment facilities. Juvenile Justice Programs also manage:

- Regional detention support services.
- An assignment unit for all juvenile justice residential placements.
- Two state-run residential juvenile justice facilities.
- Nine private contracted residential juvenile justice facilities.
- Prison Rape Elimination Act compliance monitoring and audits for all public and private, contracted juvenile justice residential facilities.
- Juvenile forensic mental health examiner training.
- Implementation of the juvenile justice risk assessment system.
- The Michigan School-Justice Partnership statewide initiative.

Juvenile Justice Programs implements the Michigan Youth Reentry Initiative that operates through a contract for care coordination, with an emphasis on assisting young people with medical, mental health or other functional life impairments that may impede success when re-entering the community. The program delivers evidence-based and/or promising practices resulting in lower rates of recidivism, increased employment and education outcomes and permanency for youth with disabilities when re-entering the community.

Juvenile Justice Programs oversees the Michigan School-Justice Partnership, an initiative focused on ending the 'school-to-prison pipeline' in Michigan. Each year, Juvenile Justice Programs brings together multi-disciplinary county teams for a statewide forum designed to keep kids in school and out of the juvenile and criminal justice systems. County teams, led by a judge and intermediate school district superintendent, are tasked with solving the school-to-prison issues in their communities. Team membership includes school principals, teachers, truancy officers and other school personnel, mental health personnel, prosecutors, MDHHS staff, juvenile referees, probation officers and law enforcement.

HOUSING SERVICES

A. Runaway and Homeless Youth

MDHHS contracts with runaway and homeless youth service providers to provide outreach, prevention, crisis intervention, and emergency shelter to younger youth to reunify families and prevent placement into foster care or juvenile justice placement; as well as transitional living programs for older youth needing longer-term preparation to live independently. The service array that is offered includes, but is not limited to, assessment, individual, group and family counseling, case management, independent living skills, referrals and linkages for housing, education and health care needs.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4

- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

B. Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board (MDSVPTB)

MDSVPTB, administratively housed in MDHHS, is legislatively mandated to coordinate all statewide functions related to the prevention and treatment of domestic and sexual violence and is the entity responsible for enacting the congressional Violence Against Women Act in Michigan. MDSVPTB sub-contracts to local domestic violence emergency shelter agencies for the provision of safe shelter housing coupled with voluntary supportive services as needed to assist domestic violence survivors and their dependent children. The MDSVPTB comprehensive domestic violence grants include onsite shelter managed by the domestic violence program and program-sponsored hotel rooms. Supportive services include 24-hour hotline, individual and group supportive counseling that is empowerment-based and related to domestic violence and/or sexual violence issues, counseling/therapy, childcare during counseling sessions, children's services, transportation, and advocacy services in obtaining health care, criminal justice assistance, financial/specific assistance, employment assistance and housing assistance. The MDSVPTB also administers grants for comprehensive sexual violence services, transitional supportive housing and support for child advocacy centers.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

INDEPENDENT/TRANSITIONAL LIVING SERVICES

MDSVPTB sub-contracts with local domestic violence agencies for the provision of safe, decent single-family occupancy units coupled with voluntary supportive services, to assist domestic violence survivors and their dependent children. Housing is available 7 days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for up to 24 months.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR ADULTS

Adult Protective Services (APS) provide protection to vulnerable adults who are at risk of harm due to the presence or threat of abuse, neglect, or exploitation. MDHHS provides immediate intervention to APS clients when necessary, which may include cost for placement in a safe environment; personal care aides; housecleaning; fumigation; or other needs that would assist the person to remain safely and independent.

Services in this program:

- Provide immediate (within 24 hours) investigation and assessment of situations referred to the department where an adult is suspected of being or believed to be

abused, neglected, or exploited. This includes the operation of a 24-hour centralized intake center, where callers are able to call one number statewide to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

- For those found to be in need of protection, assure that the adult is living in a safe and stable situation, including legal intervention, where required, in the least intrusive or restrictive manner.
- Transitional services for individuals relocated when nursing homes close.

Program services are available to any adult who is reported at risk of harm from abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and where there is a reasonable belief that the person is a vulnerable adult in need of protective services.

MDHHS purchases guardianship services for adults. Contractors deliver legal intervention services (guardianship, conservatorship, or both) which include the following duties and obligations to the ward:

- Ensuring that the ward is appropriately housed.
 - Ensuring that provision is made for the care, comfort and maintenance of the ward.
 - Making reasonable efforts to secure medical, psychological and social services, training, education, and social and vocational opportunities for the ward.
 - Filing with the court a report on the condition of the ward in compliance with the probate code.
 - Acting as fiduciary of the ward's estate in compliance with the probate code.
 - Receiving and managing benefit payments on behalf of the beneficiary.
 - Keeping in regular contact with the ward and maintaining an individual client case record of contacts, service plan, progress notes, etc.
 - Upon the death of the ward, notify the probate court and any department providing benefits to the ward, make funeral arrangements, apply for burial funds if necessary, turn the ward's assets over to the individual designated by the probate court and submit a final accounting of the ward's estate to the court.
 - Put in writing and implement a grievance procedure.
 - Have a written procedure to assist in making medical decisions.
 - Carry out all other duties required by the probate code.
 - Use partial guardianships (for example, finances only) when appropriate to maximize the rights maintained by the individual.
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- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3, 4
 - Method of Delivery: Public
 - Geographic Area: Statewide

PROTECTIVE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN

The purpose of Children's Protective Services is to assure that children are protected from further harm due to non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, exploitation, or neglect by a person responsible for a child's health or welfare.

MDHHS staff accomplish this through:

- Investigating reported abuse and neglect.
- Assisting the family in reducing risk and addressing safety factors.

- Referring families to community resources, including family preservation services when appropriate.
- Petitioning the court for removal of the child, if necessary.
- Providing public information about child abuse and neglect.
- Coordinating community service programs.
- Operating a 24-hour centralized intake center, where callers can call one number statewide to report suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

MDHHS Children's Protective Services are provided to all children (under 18 years of age) and families when any of the following conditions exist:

- A child is reported, known, or suspected to be in danger of abuse, neglect or exploitation by a person responsible for the child's health or welfare.
- A child is without proper custody or guardianship.
- A child is adjudicated as abused or neglected and the court orders supervision by MDHHS in the child's home.

MDHHS ensures the provision of timely health services, including medical, psychological and psychiatric services to child welfare clients. MDHHS contracts with a medical consultant who provides policy direction advice, trains MDHHS staff, administers the Health Advisory Resource Team, and meets with state partners on health-related issues. MDHHS also contracts for specialty health services not covered by Medicaid, such as Comprehensive Trauma Assessments. The MDHHS migrant program provides interpretation services in children's protective services cases.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public
- Geographic Area: Statewide

RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES

MDHHS provides care and supervision of abused, neglected and delinquent youth the court places with the department. Counseling as well as other treatment and therapeutic services are provided to youth in child placement residential facilities (child caring institutions).

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 3, 5
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

The two state-run juvenile justice residential facilities provide secure treatment and detention services for delinquent youth 12- to 20-years-old, placed either directly by the county court or by an MDHHS juvenile justice specialist through the Juvenile Justice Assignment Unit. Juveniles include males and females who are delinquent for whom community-based treatment is determined inappropriate. Services include secure short-term detention, general residential, treatment of youth who are sexually reactive and substance use disorder treatment. Residential facilities operate at the secure level and include 24-hour, seven days per week staff supervision.

SPECIAL SERVICES FOR YOUTH INVOLVED IN OR AT RISK OF INVOLVEMENT WITH CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

MDHHS may work with high quality mentoring programs in the four core cities (Flint, Detroit, Pontiac, and Saginaw) to expand the number of disconnected youth (such as youth in foster care, children of prisoners, and youth in gangs or at risk of gang involvement) served by mentors. Youth must be matched with a mentor in a formal mentoring program as defined by Mentor Michigan. Mentor Michigan is the state's lead agency on volunteerism. It provides support and resources to organizations around the state by providing training and research, as well as fostering partnerships to advance mentoring. In addition, Mentor Michigan works to ensure that every young person has a safe and beneficial mentoring experience by developing and promoting the use of quality program standards.

Youth in foster care are defined as youth who have an active foster care case and are placed in the care and supervision of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. This includes older youth ages 18-21 that may be enrolled in Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Foster youth do not have to be under the jurisdiction of the court or be placed in a licensed foster home in order to be defined as a foster youth.

Children of Prisoners are defined as children with one or both parents incarcerated in a Federal or State correctional facility or in a local correctional facility if remanded there by a Federal or State court. The term is deemed to include children who are in an ongoing mentoring relationship in this program at the time of their parents' release from prison, for purposes of continued participation in the program. The match process must be initiated while one or both of the incarcerated parent(s) is serving a sentence in a Federal or State correctional facility or in a local correctional facility if remanded there by a Federal or State court.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 3, 4
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

OTHER SERVICES

A. Community Resource Program

MDHHS provides food cards, gas cards, bus tokens and passes, and emergency food pantry of non-perishable goods. Basic hygiene supplies for personal care and house cleaning are provided to MDHHS clients in emergency situations, to children involved with protective services and foster care, to low-income children in local services, or to foster care youth transitioning into independent living arrangements. A variety of trainings and informational sessions are provided through the Community Resource Program (CRP) to eligible and potential clients to increase their understanding and knowledge of available programs and resources. CRP purchases oil changes and gas cards and provides transportation costs and reimbursement to enable MDHHS

registered volunteer drivers to continue transporting MDHHS clients who are Medicaid eligible to medical providers and other service providers when there are no other available options. MDHHS provides specialized trainings to volunteers to ensure volunteer and client safety.

Holiday gifts and baskets are provided to low-income families and/or foster children who would not otherwise have the means for these things. These programs are usually operated in partnership with community-based organizations or local chapters of national organizations like Toys for Tots.

B. Back-to-School Backpack Program

MDHHS supports the Back-to-School Backpack program that is administered by MDHHS Community Resource Coordinators (CRC) in local offices through the Community Resource Program (CRP). Free school backpacks filled with age-appropriate and grade-appropriate basic school supplies are provided to low-income school-aged children at the beginning of the school year that would otherwise not have these necessities for their education. This enhances not only their educational opportunities and ability to learn but also their self-esteem and self-worth as they can come to school equipped and ready to learn like their classmates.

- SSBG Statutory Goal(s) Supported: 1, 2, 3
- Method of Delivery: Public and Private
- Geographic Area: Statewide

V. Pre-Expenditure Reporting Form

Part A. Expenditures and Provision Method

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

EXPIRATION DATE: 09/30/2023

STATE: Michigan	FISCAL YEAR: 2025
Contact Person: Emiliaz Noel	Phone Number: 517 284-9412
Title: Accountant	E-Mail Address: noele@michigan.gov
Agency: Department of Health and Human Services	Submission Date: August 30, 2024

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	SSBG Expenditures		Expenditures of All Other Federal, State and Local funds**	Total Expenditures	Provision Method	
	SSBG Allocation	Funds transferred into SSBG*			Public	Private
Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures						
1 Adoption Services	\$ 760,454		\$ 146,421	906,875	X	X
2 Case Management	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		X
3 Congregate Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
4 Counseling Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-	X	X
5 Day Care-Adults	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
6 Day Care-Children	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
7 Education and Training Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
8 Employment Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
9 Family Planning Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
10 Foster Care Services-Adults	\$ 4,554,444	\$ -	\$ 5,766,252	10,320,696		X
11 Foster Care Services-Children	\$ 21,286,951	\$ 73,815,421	\$ 121,318,072	216,420,444	X	X
12 Health-Related Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
13 Home-Based Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
14 Home-Delivered Meals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
15 Housing Services	\$ 2,506,610	\$ -	\$ 311,875	2,818,485	X	X
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
17 Information & Referral	\$ 183,451	\$ -	\$ -	183,451	X	X
18 Legal Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
19 Pregnancy & Parenting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
20 Prevention & Intervention	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
21 Protective Services-Adults	\$ 10,479,883	\$ -	\$ 28,811,831	39,291,714		X
22 Protective Services-Children	\$ 5,931,045	\$ 1,848,551	\$ 472,656	8,252,252	X	X
23 Recreation Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
24 Residential Treatment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
25 Special Services--Disabled	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk	\$ 1,703,722	\$ 1,615,447	\$ 207,626	3,526,795	X	X
27 Substance Abuse Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
28 Transportation	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
29 Other Services***	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-		
30 SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES	\$ 47,406,560	\$ 77,279,419	\$ 157,034,733	\$ 281,720,712		
31 Administrative Costs	\$ 587,433	\$ -		\$ 1,902,040.34	<Overflow	
SUM OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$ 47,993,993	\$ 77,279,419	\$ 157,034,733	\$ 282,308,145		

* From which block grant(s) were these funds transferred? TANF

** Please list the sources of these funds: TANF, T-XX, State General Fund

*** Please list other services:

Part B. Recipients

OMB NO.: 0970-0234

STATE: Michigan
FISCAL YEAR: 2025

Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures	Children	Adults			Total Adults	Total
		Adults Age 59 Years & Younger	Adults Age 60 Years & Older	Adults of Unknown Age		
Service Supported with SSBG Expenditures						
1 Adoption Services	113	0	0	0	0	113
2 Case Management	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Congregate Meals	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Counseling Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Day Care-Adults	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Day Care-Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Education and Training Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Employment Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
9 Family Planning Services	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 Foster Care Services-Adults	0	0	0	23,853	23,853	23,853
11 Foster Care Services-Children	10,272	0	0	0	-	10,272
12 Health-Related Services	0	0	0	0	-	-
13 Home-Based Services	0	0	0	0	-	-
14 Home-Delivered Meals	0	0	0	0	-	-
15 Housing Services	3,558	-	0	3724	3,724	7,282
16 Independent/Transitional Living Services	0	0	0	0	-	-
17 Information & Referral	558	969	326	28	1,323	1,881
18 Legal Services	0	0	0	0	-	-
19 Pregnancy & Parenting	0	0	0	0	-	-
20 Prevention & Intervention	-	0	-	0	-	-
21 Protective Services-Adults	0	0	0	55,885	55,885	55,885
22 Protective Services-Children	67,282	0	0	0	-	67,282
23 Recreation Services	0	0	0	0	-	-
24 Residential Treatment	0	0	0	0	-	-
25 Special Services--Disabled	0	0	0	0	-	-
26 Special Services--Youth at Risk	14	0	0	0	-	14
27 Substance Abuse Services					0	0
28 Transportation					0	0
29 Other Services					-	-
30 SUM OF RECIPIENTS OF SERVICES	81,797	969	326	83,490	84,785	166,582
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FOOTNOTE:

Appendix A: Documentation of Public Hearing

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August 2, 2024 9-10 a.m.

Grand Tower, Dempsey Room

235 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

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August 2, 2024, to MDHHS-SSBGMail@michigan.gov

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Newspaper Name: **Lansing State Journal**

Run Date	Ad Size	Caption/Position/Special Instructions
6/30/2024	2 col x 2.5"	2 col. x 2.5", B&W Main News placement

Signed by *Diana Davis* (MP1/MANSI Representative)

Date: June 30, 2024

Notary Public: *James R. Tarrant*

Date: June 30, 2024

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Newspaper Name: **Marquette Mining Journal**

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6/29/2024	2 col x 2.5"	2 col. x 2.5", B&W Main News placement

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Region



A new track and artificial turf will be installed at Flivver Field in 2025 as part of an estimated \$1.75 million to \$1.85 million in work recently approved by the Breitung Township Schools Board. (Iron Mountain Daily News photo)

Kingsford’s Flivver Field to get new track, artificial turf in 2025

Iron Mountain Daily News
KINGSFORD — Breitung Township School District has announced it will replace its three-decade-old track and install artificial turf on Flivver Field in a project officials say will be completely paid through donations and fundraising.

The Breitung Township School Board approved the work, which has a preliminary estimated cost of \$1.75 million to \$1.85 million, during a special meeting last week, Superintendent David Holmes said.

Construction is expected to begin just after the 2025 Upper Peninsula Track and Field Finals and should be completed before the start of the fall 2025 sports seasons, Holmes said in a news release this week.

The original track surface was installed in 1991, with some repairs and repainting at times over the past several years. The board committed to replacing the original track, which includes base-work, resurfacing and painting. An ad hoc committee then was formed to determine whether or not to add an artificial turf field, since

the base work for the track surface was already being planned.

“After several committee meetings and input from administrators and staff members who regularly use the facility with students, the board voted to move forward with the complete track and field project, which includes the installation of artificial turf,” Holmes said in the release.

The \$2 million in funding committed so far include a \$200,000 donation from Iron Mountain-Kingsford Community Schools, a \$150,000 donation from the Kingsford High School Athletic Booster Club, \$150,000 from initial fundraising efforts and the remaining funds not to exceed \$1.5 million from the Francis Zanardi Trust.

While confident with the initial pricing for the project, Holmes said additional costs could surface as the district goes out for more detailed concepts and vendors, so fundraising will continue. “The work now really begins with the engineering,” he said Wednesday.

The Flivver Field Legacy Project fundraising campaign kicked off Tuesday,

Holmes said. Individuals and businesses will be able to purchase yard lines, sidelines, end zones, goal posts or track lanes and receive recognition on a billboard that will be constructed as part of the fundraising effort.

Other individual donations will also be accepted as part of the fundraising campaign. The final details of the fundraising plan are available on the Breitung Township Schools website at www.kingsford.org/legacy, as well as the district’s Facebook pages.

Donation already are coming in, with items available for purchase on a first-come, first-served basis, Holmes said Wednesday.

“I commend the board for making this decision to maintain and upgrade our facilities. Flivver Field is already a gathering place and our community takes great pride in the history and tradition associated with it. However, there is limited use with the current grass field,” Holmes said. “Adding an artificial turf surface allows the facility to be used in many ways for seven to eight months of the year. Multiple sports

programs, marching band, physical education classes, sports camps and community school summer programs will all be able to use the facility. In addition, replacing the track surface enables us to continue to host the Upper Peninsula Track and Field Finals, which is the largest single sporting event held in the Upper Peninsula annually.”

Holmes praised the support of IMKCS, the Kingsford High School Athletic Booster Club and the “incredible gift” from the Francis Zanardi Trust, adding, “This project will have an immediate benefit to multiple student programs and the community as a whole.”

Kingsford High School Athletic Director Chris Hartman added, “Replacing the track and installing artificial turf was one of my major facility goals when I accepted this position in 2019. Flivver Field is one of the nicest venues to host events in the region. We will now have the opportunity to expand the use of this facility and take our programs, IM-K community schools camps and regional events to a whole new level.”

Windy conditions affect catch of Hancock fish business

By BEN GARBACZ
Daily Mining Gazette
HANCOCK — A Hancock fish market and restaurant are experiencing some difficulties with inventory from continuous windy conditions on Lake Superior.

The storms and continuous wind this spring and summer are creating issues with hazardous conditions out on the water as well as hindering the efficiency of the nets used by Peterson’s Fish Market’s fishing boats.

Business has been good overall this year and there is still fish available at the market and restaurant, but the freezers of reserve whitefish and trout are empty.

“The winter was an anomaly,” said Tammi Peterson, manager of Four Suns Fish and Chips restaurant.

“We didn’t have the ice freezing us in, and we were able to get out consistently. Now it’s been the spring instead; the winter we could fish pretty much everyday and now the spring and summer has been the stormy time.”

Stormy weather creates conditions causing the fishermen to postpone fishing trips due to safety hazards or the conditions making it too difficult to fish.

When conditions are fair enough to venture out but wind is still high, the ef-

fectiveness of fishing nets is limited. High winds will drag the nets and catch debris such as branches which can destroy them.

If the debris does not destroy the nets, it will still cause issues due to the debris being visible to the fish. When the wind blows nets around that have dozens of objects tangled in them, it is easier for the fish to see and keep their distance from the boats.

If the fishermen do not go out every couple of days, the stock of fish is threatened.

On a regular weekday, Four Suns Fish and Chips makes 50 to 60 pounds of whitefish while on Friday and Saturday, they can make about 100 pounds of whitefish. The current supply will last until Friday unless another haul is brought in.

Fortunately, the restaurant has ways to keep business going without their staple entree.

Peterson’s Fish Market and Four Suns Fish and Chips will rely on their farm-raised salmon as a substitute.

The restaurant also serves breaded perch and cod from their food supplier, chicken strips and Vollerth’s hot dogs. Customers opting for perch will keep the whitefish supply lasting longer.

Appeals court upholds sexual assault conviction

By JIM ANDERSON
Iron Mountain Daily News
IRON MOUNTAIN — The Michigan Court of Appeals has upheld the conviction and sentencing of a Quinnesec man found guilty of first-degree criminal sexual conduct in Dickinson County Circuit Court.

Adam K. Tolen was sentenced to 25 to 45 years in prison on one count first-degree CSC, two counts of second-degree CSC and one count of fourth-degree CSC. The charges stemmed from a complaint filed in 2021, the most serious of which involved sexual penetration of a victim under 13 years of age. The last incident of sexual abuse occurred when the victim was 16 years old, according to the complaint.

On appeal, Tolen argued

he was denied effective assistance of counsel because his attorney failed to object to the admission of hearsay testimony and witness vouching testimony. He also claimed his mandatory minimum sentence of 25 years was disproportionate and cruel and unusual.

The appeals court affirmed both the convictions and sentence in the case heard by Judge Christopher Ninomiya.

The hearsay objection involved testimony from a boyfriend of the victim on a conversation about the alleged abuse. The appeals court found the testimony was admissible and Tolen’s counsel raised sufficient concerns about it.

The vouching argument stemmed from testimony from a forensic interview-

er employed by the Caring House Child Advocacy Center. The appeals court said the testimony was limited to providing general information about the forensic interview process and its purpose. Because the witness did not vouch for the victim’s credibility, trial counsel was not ineffective for failing to raise an objec-

tion, the court said.

On the question of sentencing, the court said Tolen’s lack of a criminal history was insufficient to overcome the presumption that his legislatively mandated sentence was proportional.

The appeal was heard by judges Allie Maldonado, Kirsten Kelly and James Redford.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CHOCOLAY

Notice is hereby given that the Chocoday Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Thursday, July 25, 2024, at the Chocoday Township Hall at 5010 US 41 South, Marquette, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 PM, to receive public comment on Zoning Board of Appeals application ZV 24-32.

Wolff Belanger, owner of parcel # 52-02-330-001-00 located at 170 Bayou Street, Marquette, Michigan, wishes to add an addition onto a structure that does not meet the waterfront setback for the structure.

Section 14.2 *Regulations Pertaining to Lawful Nonconforming Uses and Structures* in the Township Zoning Ordinance states:

“No lawful nonconforming use shall be extended, expanded, enlarged, or increased in intensity without first securing the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals.”

A copy of the application is available for review and inspection at the Chocoday Township office Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and can also be viewed at chocoday.gov. Questions or comments can be directed to the Planning Director at 906.249.1448, sent to the Township office, or submitted via email (publiccomment@chocoday.gov). Comments will be received until 12:00 PM July 18, 2024.

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CITY OF ISHPERING

2024 JULY BOARD OF REVIEW

The July Board of Review for clerical errors, mutual mistakes, Veteran’s exemptions, and Homestead Affidavit corrections is to be held at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024** in the Council Chambers at Ishpeming City Hall, 100 E. Division Street, Ishpeming, MI 49849. Questions can be directed to the City Clerk’s Office at the same address or by phone 906/485-1091, Ext. 203.

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Newspaper Name: **Pontiac Oakland Press**

Run Date	Ad Size	Caption/Position/Special Instructions
6/30/2024	2 col x 2.5"	2 col. x 2.5", B&W Main News placement

Signed by *Diana Davis* (MP1/MANSI Representative)

Date: June 30, 2024

Notary Public: *James R. Tarrant*

Date: June 30, 2024

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Community Calendar

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

■ Community partners collaborate to present Homebuyer's Resource Fair for prospective homebuyers, 2-5p.m. June 30, at the Historic McKinley Elementary School, 18330 George Washington Drive, in Southfield. Registration is required for the free resource fair at <https://wcsemrealist.org/events>, free.

■ Wet and Wild Wednesdays are noon-2p.m. Wednesdays, July 3-31at Rochester Hills Museum at Van Hoosen Farm, 1005 Van Hoosen Road, Rochester Hills, \$5ages 2+, no registration required.

■ Village of Rochester Hills Shopping Center offers free Music & Me classes for children with am adult, on select Tuesdays and Wednesdays, including 10-10:45a.m. Tuesdays-Aug. 6-Aug. 27, and Wednesdays July 3-Aug. 21, near the gazebo in Festival Park at The Village of Rochester Hills, 104N. Adams Road, Rochester Hills, TheVORH.com. Cars & Coffee is 11a.m. July 6-8, M1Concourse, 1Concourse Drive, Pontiac, featuring antiques, vintage and classics. Tickets are available at no cost in advance at <https://m1concourse.com/trackevent/cars-and-coffee-gm-brands>.

■ Stoney Creek Cemetery Walking Tour is 6:30-7:30 p.m. July 9, at the cemetery, located on Leticia Road at Romeo Road, park at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 620Romeo Road, Rochester, \$8/museum members; \$10/non-members, register at www.rochesterhills.org/musprograms.

■ Food Truck Wednesdays take place 11a.m.-1p.m. Wednesdays, through Aug. 21. Bloomfield Township will host a food truck every Wednesday (excluding July 3) on the Township Campus parking lot just west of Bloomfield Community Television at 4190Dublin Drive, www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Living-in-Bloomfield/Special-Events/Food-Truck-Wednesdays.

FARMERS MARKETS/GARDEN WALKS

■ Troy Garden Club Garden Walk "Garden Stories" is July 10. View six private gardens in Troy plus free entry to Troy Historic Village, 60W. Wattles Road, Troy. View gardens 9:30 a.m.-3p.m. and 5-8:30p.m., rain or shine, \$15in advance at Auburn Oaks Garden Center, Telly's Greenhouse, Troy Historic Village, Uncle Lukes and Bordine's Rochester Hills, online at www.TroyGardenClubMI.com, 248-765-8088, day of tickets are \$18at Troy Historic Village.

■ 30th Annual Northville Garden Walk is 9a.m.-4p.m., July 10, starting at the Green Space behind Northville Library, 212W. Cady Street, Northville. Tour of six private gardens,



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Oakland County Fair is July 5-14 at Springfield Oaks County Park in Davisburg.

vendors, tickets have addresses of gardens, advance tickets are \$12, tickets day of event are \$15. www.cgcncv.org, 734-788-9935.

FESTIVALS

■ Festival in the Park is June 30, Civic Center Park, 360 W 13Mile Road, Madison Heights. Festival begins at 7 p.m. with inflatables, face painting, food vendors and live music. Fireworks at 10p.m., madison-heights.org, weather permitting.

■ Oakland County Fair is July 5-14, with carnival. Fireworks show is at dusk July 5, following concert by Grant Reiff band at 7p.m., and crowning of Oakland County Fair Royalty, at Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451Andersonville Road, Davisburg, 248-634-8830, oakfair.org, admission and ticket prices vary. New show in 2024is the Sea Lions Splash. Fair parking, which includes admission, is \$15/vehicle and \$10/motorcycle or walk-in. Presenting sponsor Oakland County Parks offers free parking July 5and July 11with a 2024Oakland County Parks Vehicle Permit.

For more events, go to 4th of July Fireworks and Festivals, www.theoaklandpress.com/2024/06/21/fireworks-and-festivals-celebrating-the-4th-of-july-in-oakland-county.

FUNDRAISERS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ The Heart of the Lakes Community Fundraiser— Rockin' for Roosevelt is 7-11p.m. July 13, at Santia Hall, 1985Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor, in support of saving the historic, 104year old Roosevelt building from demolition. Also a tribute to the late Bugs Beddow, who taught music at Roosevelt. Live music, pizza, pasta and salad, cash bar, silent auction, \$40in

advance and \$45at the door, bit.ly/3z2wrYU.

■ American Red Cross Blood Drives are hosted throughout the area. Donation appointments can be scheduled by calling 313-300-9617or visiting www.redcrossblood.org/give.htmlfind-drive and entering a zip code for nearby locations.

GOLF OUTINGS

■ "Connecting Fore a Cause" golf outing is July 11at Fountains Golf & Banquet, 6060Maybee Road, Clarkston, to benefit Community Housing Network, \$125+ per player, register at <https://communityhousingnetwork.networkforgood.com/events/67917-2024-connecting-fore-a-cause>

■ Swing For Change golf outing is July 19, at Pheasant Run Golf Club, 46500Summit Pkwy., in Canton, to benefit Foundation for Pops, a nonprofit to aid individuals experiencing homelessness and veterans. The event begins with a 9a.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$190+ for an individual golfer or \$750+ for a four-player team, <https://bird-ease.com/foundationforpops>.

■ Rochester Christian University will host the Fletcher-Shinsky Golf Classic to raise money for student scholarships, July 16, at Cherry Creek Golf Course in Shelby Township. Tickets are \$200each and \$150for RCU alumni. Registration includes 18holes of golf, a cart, a continental breakfast, a lunch and dinner buffet. Registration begins at 8a.m. with a shotgun start at 9a.m. Sponsorships are available, rcu.edu/golf.

■ Open Door Outreach Center Charity Golf Outing is July 26, 8a.m. check in, 9a.m. shot

gun start, at Beacon Hill Golf Club, 6011Majestic Oaks Drive Commerce, \$150per player, \$50dinner only, \$5004players, register online at <https://opendooroutreachcenter.org/events>.

■ Hospitality House Golf Outing is July 29, check-in at 8:30 a.m. shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. at Edgewood Country Club, 8399Commerce Road, Commerce Twp., www.hhfp.org, foursome \$700, dinner only-\$50.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

■ UFOS Over Michigan is 6-7 p.m. July 2, Celebrate World UFO Day at Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, program presented by Bill Konkolesky, State Director for the Michigan Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network. Registration required at <https://ssldl>, 248-437-6431.

■ The Troy Public Library offers STEM kits to library patrons with support from Eagle Scout, Isaac Bucknell. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Troy Public Library is at 510W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, troypub.org/humans, 248-680-7297.

MUSEUMS

The Waterford Historical Society Historic Village is open for the season, 10:30a.m.-2p.m. Wednesdays through Sept. 25, at Fish Hatchery Park, 4490 Hatchery Road, Waterford Twp. Historic Village, Log Cabin, Hatchery House and Fire Station, 248-683-2697.

PARKS/SPORTS

■ Red Oaks Waterpark in Madison Heights and Waterford Oaks Wave Pool in Waterford Twp. are open for the 2024

season. During the beginning and end of the season, waterpark and wave pool hours and dates of operation will be subject to change based on weather, attendance and staff availability. Children ages 0-11must be accompanied by an adult. It is recommended to purchase tickets online because many days sell out in advance, www.oakgov.com/community/oakland-county-parks, ticket prices vary.

■ Huron-Clinton Metroparks in Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne, metroparks.com. Park entrance fees apply.

■ Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas, michigan.gov/dnr. Park entrance fees apply.

SCHOLARSHIPS

■ Empowering the Future of IT-Kinetix inaugural scholarship program for Michigan IT Students, is accepting applications for \$1,000scholarships, through June 30, www.kinetixinc.com/scholarships.

■ Shelving Inc. annual Shelving.com Business Scholarship contest, with a \$4,000first place scholarship, \$2,500second place scholarship, and \$1,500 for the second runner-up. The scholarship program welcomes applications from Michigan residents who are currently enrolled in an accredited university or college, as well as high school seniors who have already enrolled or intend to enroll in college no later than the Fall 2024semester. Eligible

candidates should be pursuing a major in business or a related field of study, maintaining a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8. Application period closes on July 4, visit www.shelving.com/Shelving-com-Business-Scholarship-Applications-2053.htm.

SUPPORT ACTIVITIES/RESOURCES

■ For access to local community services, dial 211(844-875-9211) or text zip code to 898211, for information and referrals to physical and mental health resources; housing, utility, food, and employment assistance; and suicide and crisis interventions, United Way, <https://unitedwaysem.org/get-help>. ■ Common Ground's Resource & Crisis Helpline is available 24/7 — call or text 800-231-1127.

■ The 988Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7 confidential support for people who are suicidal or in emotional distress, or who know someone who is. Calls and text messages to 988route to a 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center. Pressing 1after dialing 988will connect to the Veterans Crisis Lifeline, www.fcc.gov/988Lifeline.

■ National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-7233, available 24/7.

■ Veterans Crisis Line, 800-273-8255, press 1, or text 838255.

Submit community events online at <https://bit.ly/40a2iAm>.

NOTICE OF AUGUST 6, 2024 STATE PRIMARY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD

To the Qualified Electors of the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, County of Oakland:

The State Primary will be held in the CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BLOOMFIELD, County of Oakland, on Tuesday, August 6, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of ***nominating*** candidates for the following offices:

CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE COUNTY U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress Representative in State Legislature County Executive, Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk/Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Water Resources Commissioner, County Commissioner Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees Judge of Circuit Court, 6th Circuit, Non-Incumbent Position;

TOWNSHIP NONPARTISAN

And for the purpose of electing **Precinct Delegates to the County Convention** of the Republican and Democratic parties;

And to vote on the following ballot proposals: **• VOTERS in the AVONDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT: School Improvement Bond Proposition** **• VOTERS in the BLOOMFIELD HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT: Operating Millage Renewal Proposal**

Please take notice that Bloomfield Township voters will be voting on the following millage proposal as presented and listed below:

PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the Charter Township of Bloomfield renew and continue to levy the voter authorized public safety tax levy of 0.6474 mills, due to expire in 2026, authorizing a levy of \$0.6474 per \$1,000 of taxable value to finance the Charter Township of Bloomfield's continued providing of fire, police and public safety protection, for a period of 10 years, with the renewed millage to be levied commencing in December 2026. This renewal public safety millage will be subject to applicable statutory and constitutional tax limitation provisions at the time of the levy and will not exceed the above stated rate. It is estimated that this proposal would result in the authorization to collect \$4,000,000 in the first year if approved and fully levied.

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained at the Charter Township of Bloomfield office located at 4200 Telegraph Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Sample ballots can be found on the Township website: <https://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/elections/sample-ballots/>

The polling place locations for said election are as follows:

Precinct	Polling Location
1	Bloomfield Hills Baptist Church
2	St. George Greek Orthodox Church
3	Adams Woods Community Building
4	Bowers Farm Activity Building
5	Eastover Elementary School
6	Eastover Elementary School
7	Bowers Farm Activity Building (temporary location for the August Primary Only)
8	Dave Payne Public Services Building
9	Bloomfield Township Senior Services Center
10	Harlan Elementary School
11	West Maple Elementary School
12	Bloomfield Community Television Studio
13	West Maple Elementary School
14	Booth Center
15	South Hills Middle School
16	Birmingham Covington School
17	Booth Center
18	Marian High School

In addition to the above locations, registered voters also have the option to visit one of two Early Voting sites:

- Bloomfield Township Public Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
- Waterford Oaks Activity Center, 2800 Watkins Lake Road, Waterford, MI 48328

Early Voting site hours will be:

- Saturday, July 27th, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 29th, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 30th, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 31st, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 1st, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 2nd, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3rd, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, August 4th, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For assistance in obtaining voting instructions in alternative formats such as audio and Braille, please contact the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Persons wishing to obtain an absentee ballot may do so by contacting the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office, Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. In addition, the Clerk's Office will be open **Friday, July 26, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Friday, August 2, 2024, 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, August 3, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** to assist with election-related business.

The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot **by mail is 5:00 p.m., Friday, July 26, 2024**. Registered electors may obtain an absent voter ballot in person in the Clerk's Office up to **4:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2024**.

For any other information, please contact the Bloomfield Township Clerk's Office at 248-433-7702 or clerk@bloomfieldtwp.org.

Martin C. Brook, Bloomfield Township Clerk
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Phone: 248-433-7702 Fax: 248-642-7610
clerk@bloomfieldtwp.org
<https://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/elections/>

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of the fiscal year 2025 Title XX Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) State Plan.

The public hearing for the SSBG State Plan is:

August 2, 2024 9-10 a.m.

Grand Tower, Dempsey Room

235 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

Comments on the SSBG State Plan may be submitted by email through August 2, 2024, to MDHHS-SSBGMail@michigan.gov

PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HIGHLAND PLANNING COMMISSION July 18, 2024 7:30 P.M.



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held at the Highland Township Hall Auditorium, 205 N. John St. on Thursday, July 18, 2024, at 7:30 p.m.

Notice is further given that all interested parties are invited to review the request and offer comment through the internet or mail. The application may be viewed at <http://highlandtwp.net> under the Planning Commission tab. Comment may be submitted to planning@highlandtwp.org, mailed to the Township offices or dropped in our secure drop box at the Township Offices, 205 N. John St. If you have any questions, please call 248-887-3791, ext. 2.

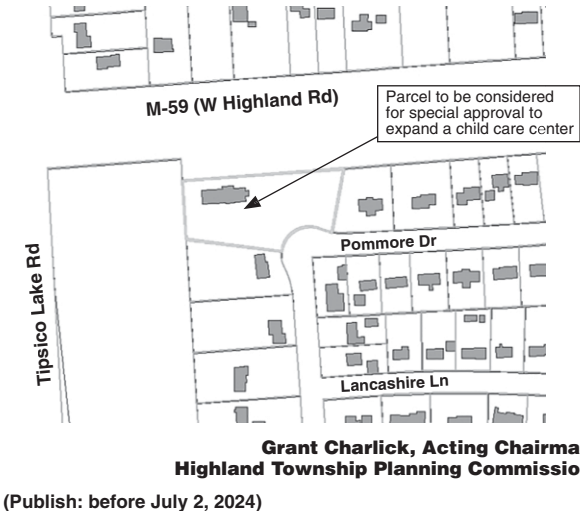
TO CONSIDER:

Request for Use Requiring Special Approval submitted by applicant Frederica Kasabasic and property owners Spiro and Frederica Kasabasic

REQUEST:

Section 4.06.C.5 Special Land Use as Child Care Center in LV Zoning District Article 6, Special Land Use Procedures and Standards.

LOCATION: 4501 W. Highland Rd; Parcel 11-30-101-002



Respectfully Submitted,
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OAKLAND COUNTY

What became of malls that died?

There's been a range of repurposing

By Anne Runkle
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Several malls in Oakland County have closed over the past two decades. Here are the details of what became of them, compiled from published reports.

Great Oaks Mall

Great Oaks Mall opened at Walton and Livernois in Avon Township, later Rochester Hills, in the late 1970s. Its anchor tenant was the now-defunct Jacobson's department store. The mall closed in the early 2000s. Part of it was torn down and it is now a strip mall.

MeadowBrook Village Mall

The first phase of MeadowBrook Village Mall opened in 1975 at Walton and Adams in Avon Township, later Rochester Hills. The interior of the enclosed mall had an 1800s theme with vintage storefronts. It was in operation until the early 2000s. Most of it was demolished. It was transformed into an outdoor shopping center, the Village of Rochester Hills.

Northland Center

Northland Center opened in 1954 in the area of Greenfield and Eight Mile roads in Southfield. It was among the first in the nation of what came to be known as malls. It was built as an outdoor mall but was later enclosed. The last stores closed in 2015. The city of Southfield bought it and sought a multi-use development. The city sold the property



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The former Northland Center shopping mall sat vacant for years while the city of Southfield sought a developer who would provide a multi-use redevelopment.

to Contour Development Group, which demolished most of the mall. The former Hudson's store, considered architecturally and historically significant, was preserved. A development with retail, residential and green space components is underway.

Summit Place Mall

Originally called Pontiac Mall, it opened in 1962 at Telegraph and Elizabeth Lake roads in Waterford Township. Sears was the last store to close in 2014. The mall sat vacant for years and became a target for scrappers and vandals. It was demolished in 2019. It is now the home of the Oakland County Business Center; one of its main tenants will be a DTE Energy service center. DTE employees are expected to begin moving in late 2024 or early 2025.

Fun fact: In 1972, an elephant named Little Jenny, who starred in the movie "Elephant Walk," was buried on the mall site.

MICHIGAN LOTTERY

Saturday
Midday Daily 3: 8-9-0
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Powerball: Estimated jackpot: \$113 million

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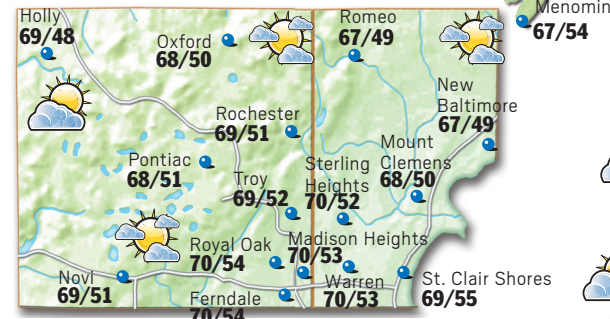
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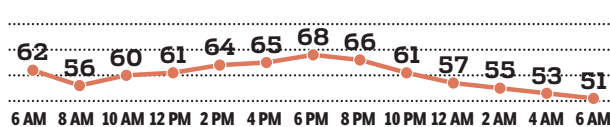
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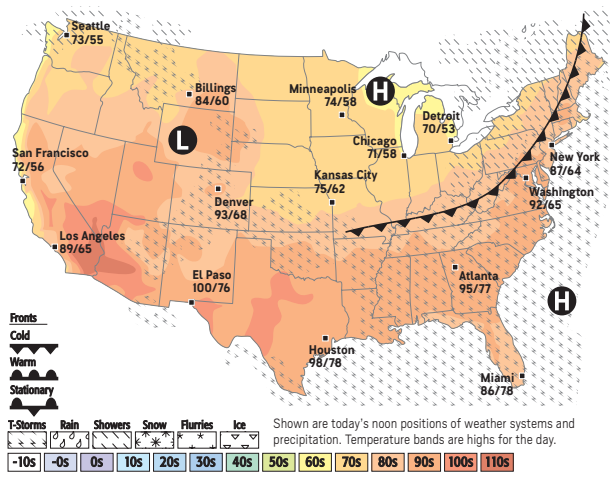
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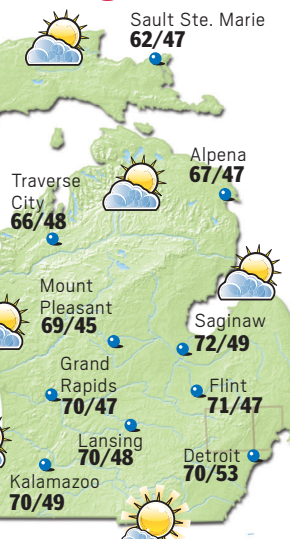
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City	Today HI/Lo/W	Mon. HI/Lo/W	City	Today HI/Lo/W	Mon. HI/Lo/W
Amsterdam	70/56/sh	65/57/c	London	71/53/c	69/55/c
Athens	93/75/s	92/74/s	Madrid	79/59/c	85/58/s
Baghdad	115/84/pc	115/88/pc	Manila	93/79/t	91/79/t
Bangkok	94/81/t	93/81/t	Mexico City	73/59/sh	70/57/sh
Beijing	94/68/pc	79/69/t	Montreal	78/60/sh	80/59/s
Berlin	85/60/t	70/56/r	Moscow	86/67/pc	88/71/c
Budapest	96/69/s	85/63/c	New Delhi	93/82/t	90/80/t
Buenos Aires	58/45/s	61/47/s	Paris	74/59/r	74/58/c
Cairo	93/78/s	96/77/s	Rio de Janeiro	71/64/r	71/67/r
Caracas	90/76/t	90/75/sh	Riyadh	112/86/s	113/87/s
Dublin	64/53/c	64/48/c	Rome	85/68/s	84/67/pc
Geneva	73/58/c	77/56/r	Singapore	87/78/t	80/79/c
Havana	88/75/t	89/74/t	Sydney	61/47/sh	58/51/sh
Hong Kong	90/85/t	91/85/t	Tokyo	83/76/c	84/75/t
Jerusalem	85/66/s	86/67/s	Toronto	66/53/pc	75/59/s
Johannesburg	64/45/s	66/43/s	Vienna	93/67/pc	74/60/sh
Kabul	94/65/s	95/66/s	Warsaw	95/68/pc	75/61/sh

National forecast



Michigan outlook



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Regional Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Mon. HI/Lo/W
Ann Arbor	69/48/s	75/52/s
Battle Creek	70/49/pc	76/51/s
Bay City	72/51/pc	74/57/s
Benton Harbor	66/49/pc	77/58/s
Cheboygan	65/48/pc	71/54/s
Chicago	71/58/s	76/63/s
Harbor Beach	64/57/pc	70/58/s
Jackson	69/46/pc	75/54/s
Lapeer	69/48/pc	76/53/s
Marshall	71/47/pc	75/54/s
Muskegon	69/49/pc	77/60/s
Port Huron	63/48/pc	73/51/s
South Bend	67/49/pc	77/56/s
Toledo	74/52/s	74/55/s
Windsor	70/54/pc	75/61/s

National Cities

City	Today HI/Lo/W	Mon. HI/Lo/W
Albuquerque	94/72/c	87/69/t
Anchorage	70/53/r	64/52/c
Atlanta	95/77/t	93/76/s
Atlantic City	81/65/t	77/65/pc
Baltimore	93/63/t	84/63/s
Billings	84/60/t	78/56/c
Bismarck	74/61/t	76/57/t
Boise	87/59/pc	84/56/sh
Boston	88/66/t	74/64/sh
Charlotte, SC	95/77/t	86/74/t
Charlotte	93/73/t	89/66/s
Cheyenne	87/62/t	88/58/pc
Cincinnati	82/58/pc	77/58/s
Cleveland	73/57/pc	72/55/s
Dallas	100/82/pc	100/81/s
Denver	93/68/t	92/60/pc
Detroit	70/53/pc	76/60/s
El Paso	100/76/pc	101/80/s
Fairbanks	85/64/pc	82/62/pc
Honolulu	87/78/pc	87/77/pc
Houston	98/78/s	99/78/s
Indianapolis	76/56/s	78/60/s
Kansas City	75/62/pc	80/74/t
Las Vegas	110/83/s	109/81/s
Little Rock	95/73/t	89/70/s
Los Angeles	89/65/s	86/64/pc

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Somerset Collection in Troy.

Malls

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2000s.

Bucking the trend

Several malls in Oakland County have their own distinct personalities, and that's a big part of their success, said Janell Townsend, professor of marketing and international business at Oakland University.

Stepping inside Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi, you see brisk foot traffic and even busier vehicular traffic around the mall.

General Manager Dan Jones said a number of factors keep the mall desirable, including an "ever-evolving tenant mix."

Destinations like Apple, The Cheesecake Factory, Crate & Barrel, lululemon and the recently-opened Anthropologie clothing store create an environment where shoppers and tenants thrive, he said.

"Shoppers want to be at Twelve Oaks, so tenants want to be at Twelve Oaks and vice versa, Jones said.

The Somerset Collection in Troy has branded itself as an upscale destination shopping center, attracting visitors from outside the Detroit area, Townsend said.

Somerset is the only Michigan location for two department store chains: Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus. Other niche store chains maintain their only Michigan store at Somerset as well.

"Somerset is often the first, and exclusive location in the state for these global brands," said General Manager Kathryn Millea, an email.

"This approach to retail, along with offering exceptional dining options and one-of-a-kind experiences, has allowed Somerset Collection to continue to attract and engage guests," she said.

Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills offers name-brand items at discounted prices. It has also become a destination for family fun, adding attractions like Sea Life Michigan Aquarium and Peppa Pig World of Play, Townsend said.

A young entrepreneur, Mario Kiezi, bought Oakland Mall in Troy two years ago and pledged to increase foot traffic and transform it into a family destination. Neither Kiezi nor mall management could be reached for comment.

The mall's Facebook page recently announced several new tenants, including attractions for children.

Area malls declined to release occupancy rates, but data from the International Council of Shopping Centers shows average occupancy nationwide at 89.5%.

Occupancy rates have been consistent since at least 2020, according to the ICSC. "Three in five Gen Zers, a large generation growing into their spending power, say that they visit malls just to socialize or meet friends, even if they don't need to purchase something specific," said Stephanie Cegielski, ICSC vice president, research and public relations. "As consumers continue to view malls as oppor-

tunities to socialize and spend time together outside of their homes and workplaces, malls are increasingly expanding their service and entertainment offerings to meet these consumer needs," Cegielski said in an email.

In-person v. online shopping

In-person shopping will always have a place in retailing, Townsend said. Every online shopper has experienced the dismay of receiving an order and finding an item doesn't fit or didn't fulfill expectations. Suppose the shopper has a quickly-approaching event to attend, nothing appropriate to wear and no time to reorder.

A mall is going to offer that shopper a lot of choices and the ability to obtain merchandise immediately, she said.

Online shopping grew in popularity during the pandemic, said Townsend from OU. But when stay-at-home requirements were lifted, people wanted to congregate in places like malls, she said. In-person shopping made a comeback.

The future of shopping is "going to be a mix of bricks and clicks," she said.

Most estimates put e-commerce at 15-20% of all retail sales, said Jones, of Twelve Oaks Mall. And the percentage of items returned from online purchases is highest among apparel retailers, which brings shoppers back into stores, he said.

The future of malls

Two factors will keep malls relevant, Townsend said.

- Malls should be places where shoppers can "run in quickly and get what they want," she said. That may explain the popularity of smaller shopping centers like the Village of Rochester Hills, she said. The "be-hemoths" of the past may struggle, she said.

- Malls need to make shopping an experience, with family attractions, lots of dining options or unique stores.

The future of malls may look more like the development planned for the former Lakeside, with everything people need within a few minutes, she said.

A mixed-use development is also underway at the former Northland mall.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of the fiscal year 2025 Title XX Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) State Plan.

The public hearing for the SSBG State Plan is:

August 2, 2024 9-10 a.m.

Grand Tower, Dempsey Room

235 S. Grand Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

Comments on the SSBG State Plan may be submitted by email through August 2, 2024, to MDHHS-SSBGMail@michigan.gov

Appendix B: Certifications

1. Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
2. Environmental Tobacco Smoke
3. Lobbying
4. Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS

This certification is required by the regulations implementing the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988: 45 CFR Part 76, Subpart, F. Sections 76.630(c) and (d)(2) and 76.645 (a)(1) and (b) provide that a Federal agency may designate a central receipt point for STATE-WIDE AND STATE AGENCY-WIDE certifications, and for notification of criminal drug convictions. For the Department of Health and Human Services, the central point is: Division of Grants Management and Oversight, Office of Management and Acquisition, Department of Health and Human Services, Room 517-D, 200 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20201.

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (Instructions for Certification)

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification set out below.
2. The certification set out below is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, the agency, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. For grantees other than individuals, Alternate I applies.
4. For grantees who are individuals, Alternate II applies.
5. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need to be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
6. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio studios).
7. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph five).
8. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

Controlled substance means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

Conviction means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

Criminal drug statute means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

Employee means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All direct charge employees; (ii) All indirect charge employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and, (iii) Temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Certification Regarding Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Alternate I. (Grantees Other Than Individuals)

The grantee certifies that it will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

- (a) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
- (b) Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about - -
 - (1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (2) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (3) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (4) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
- (c) Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph (a);
- (d) Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph (a) that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will - -
 - (1) Abide by the terms of the statement; and

(2) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;

(e) Notifying the agency in writing, within 10 calendar days after receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

(f) Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under paragraph (d)(2), with respect to any employee who is so convicted - -

(1) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or

(2) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;

(g) Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f).

(B) The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

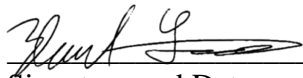
Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

Alternate II. (Grantees Who Are Individuals)

(a) The grantee certifies that, as a condition of the grant, he or she will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance in conducting any activity with the grant;

(b) If convicted of a criminal drug offense resulting from a violation occurring during the conduct of any grant activity, he or she will report the conviction, in writing, within 10 calendar days of the conviction, to every grant officer or other designee, unless the Federal agency designates a central point for the receipt of such notices. When notice is made to such a central point, it shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant.

[55 FR 21690, 21702, May 25, 1990]



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Signature and Date

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL TOBACCO SMOKE

Public Law 103227, Part C Environmental Tobacco Smoke, also known as the Pro Children Act of 1994, requires that smoking not be permitted in any portion of any indoor routinely owned or leased or contracted for by an entity and used routinely or regularly for provision of health, day care, education, or library services to children under the age of 18, if the services are funded by Federal programs either directly or through State or local governments, by Federal grant, contract, loan, or loan guarantee. The law does not apply to children's services provided in private residences, facilities funded solely by Medicare or Medicaid funds, and portions of facilities used for inpatient drug or alcohol treatment. Failure to comply with the provisions of the law may result in the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of up to \$1000 per day and/or the imposition of an administrative compliance order on the responsible entity by signing and submitting this application the applicant/grantee certifies that it will comply with the requirements of the Act.

The applicant/grantee further agrees that it will require the language of this certification be included in any subawards which contain provisions for the children's services and that all subgrantees shall certify accordingly.



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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions. Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.



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CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - -
Primary Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective primary participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The inability of a person to provide the certification required below will not necessarily result in denial of participation in this covered transaction. The prospective participant shall submit an explanation of why it cannot provide the certification set out below. The certification or explanation will be considered in connection with the department or agency's determination whether to enter into this transaction. However, failure of the prospective primary participant to furnish a certification or an explanation shall disqualify such person from participation in this transaction.

3. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when the department or agency determined to enter into this transaction. If it is later determined that the prospective primary participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

4. The prospective primary participant shall provide immediate written notice to the department or agency to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective primary participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

5. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meanings set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of the rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the department or agency to which this proposal is being submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

6. The prospective primary participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency entering into this transaction.

7. The prospective primary participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include the clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusive-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," provided by the department or agency entering into this covered transaction, without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

8. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from the covered transaction, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant

may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

9. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

10. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph 6 of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency may terminate this transaction for cause or default.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters - - Primary Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective primary participant certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:

(a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded by any Federal department or agency;

(b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;

(c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and

(d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

(2) Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

Instructions for Certification

1. By signing and submitting this proposal, the prospective lower tier participant is providing the certification set out below.

2. The certification in this clause is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was entered into. If it is later determined that the prospective lower tier participant knowingly rendered an erroneous certification, in addition to other

remedies available to the Federal Government the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

3. The prospective lower tier participant shall provide immediate written notice to the person to which this proposal is submitted if at any time the prospective lower tier participant learns that its certification was erroneous when submitted or had become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

4. The terms covered transaction, debarred, suspended, ineligible, lower tier covered transaction, participant, person, primary covered transaction, principal, proposal, and voluntarily excluded, as used in this clause, have the meaning set out in the Definitions and Coverage sections of rules implementing Executive Order 12549. You may contact the person to which this proposal is submitted for assistance in obtaining a copy of those regulations.

5. The prospective lower tier participant agrees by submitting this proposal that, should the proposed covered transaction be entered into, it shall not knowingly enter into any lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this covered transaction, unless authorized by the department or agency with which this transaction originated.

6. The prospective lower tier participant further agrees by submitting this proposal that it will include this clause titled "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction," without modification, in all lower tier covered transactions and in all solicitations for lower tier covered transactions.

7. A participant in a covered transaction may rely upon a certification of a prospective participant in a lower tier covered transaction that it is not proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, debarred, suspended, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions, unless it knows that the certification is erroneous. A participant may decide the method and frequency by which it determines the eligibility of its principals. Each participant may, but is not required to, check the List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement and Nonprocurement Programs.

8. Nothing contained in the foregoing shall be construed to require establishment of a system of records in order to render in good faith the certification required by this clause. The knowledge and information of a participant is not required to exceed that which is normally possessed by a prudent person in the ordinary course of business dealings.

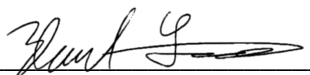
9. Except for transactions authorized under paragraph five of these instructions, if a participant in a covered transaction knowingly enters into a lower tier covered transaction with a person who is proposed for debarment under 48 CFR part 9, subpart 9.4, suspended, debarred, ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction, in addition to other remedies available to the Federal Government, the department or agency with which this transaction originated may pursue available remedies, including suspension and/or debarment.

Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion - - Lower Tier Covered Transactions

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared

ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

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Appendix C: Proof of Audit

Federal regulations state that: "Each State shall, not less often than every two years, audit its expenditures from amounts received (or transferred for use) under this title...Within 30 days following the completion of each audit, the State shall submit a copy of that audit to the legislature of the State and to the Secretary." (Sec. 2006 [42 U.S.C. 1397a, Sec. 2006]).

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Proof of Audit

The single audit report for the year ended September 30, 2023 is posted on the Michigan Office of the Auditor General's website at:

<https://audgen.michigan.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/rs000010024-29413.pdf>

In addition, the audit report has been received by the Federal Audit Clearinghouse.

Appendix D: Grant Authority Signing Letter



STATE OF MICHIGAN

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
LANSING

GRETCHEN WHITMER
GOVERNOR

ELIZABETH HERTEL
DIRECTOR

April 26, 2021

Dear Grant Administrator:

This letter is to assign authority to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Federal Reporting Section to sign and certify all grant-related documentation with federal agencies as the Department's Authorized Organizational Representative.

Due to the size of the MDHHS and the large number of grants it administers, the Federal Reporting Section has been tasked with administration of the application, receipt, and management of grants within the Department. Dan Lance and Rebecca Jones within the Federal Reporting Section are hereby authorized to apply for, enter into, and administer grant agreements with federal agencies as the Department's Authorized Organizational Representatives.

Any questions regarding this authorization may be directed to Rebecca Jones, Federal Reporting Manager, at 517-284-9383 or JonesR6@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Hertel".

Elizabeth Hertel

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VII. Additional Information
PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF PERSONS
APPLYING FOR OR RECEIVING SERVICES
FUNDED BY THE SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

Confidentiality

Michigan Act 280 of Public Acts of 1939 contains provisions that govern the use and disclosure of information in social services records. These are found in Section 35 and 64 of Act 280, being Sections 400.35 and 400.64, Michigan Compiled Laws. In addition to the state law, the Department has promulgated Administrative Rule 400.6. Other state laws and administrative rules that apply to specific programs include:

- Section 748, Act 258, 1974, being MCLA 330.1748 (Mental Health Code).
- Section 11, Act 220, 1935, being MCLA 400.211 (MCI Act).
- Section 8, Act 150, 1974, being MCLA 803.308 (Youth Rehabilitation Act).
- Section 5 and 7, Act 238, 1975 as amended by Act 372, 1988, being MCLA 722.627 and 722.627 (Child Protection Act)
- Section 67 and 68, Act 296, 1974, as amended by Act 116, 1980 and Act 505, 1988, being MCLA 710.67-68 (Adoption Code).
- Section 13, Act 442, 1977, being MCLA 15.243 (Freedom of information Act).
- Section 28, Act 288, 1939, as amended by Act 330, 1982; Act 420, 1984; Act 170, 1986; Act 18 and 91, 1988; and Act 73, 1989 being MCLA 712A.28 (Juvenile Code).
- Section 10, Act 116, 1973, being MCLA 772.120 (Child Care Organization Act).
- Section 12, Act 218, 1979, being MCLA 400.712 (Adult Foster Facility Licensing Act).
- The law and the administrative rules provide protection of confidentiality for clients in services programs supported by Social Services Block Grant funds.

Hearings and Appeals

Act 280 of Public Acts of 1939, Section 65, as amended by Act 401, 1965, being Section 400.65 of Michigan Compiled Laws, specifies that the department shall prescribe rules and regulations for the conduct of hearings, appeals and complaints. Administrative Rule 400.901-922 provides the same hearing procedure for all department clients.

Standards of Promptness

Administrative Rule 400.2 states that applications shall be processed within the standard of promptness established in federal regulations. With the elimination of any federal regulations governing the standard of promptness for Title XX Social Services, programming receiving Social Services Block Grant funds will be governed by department policy. Department policy will continue with standards of promptness for Social Services Block Grant funded services that require processing applications within 45 days.