# Our WORK

## Women Organizing Resources and Knowledge

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# Project Goals

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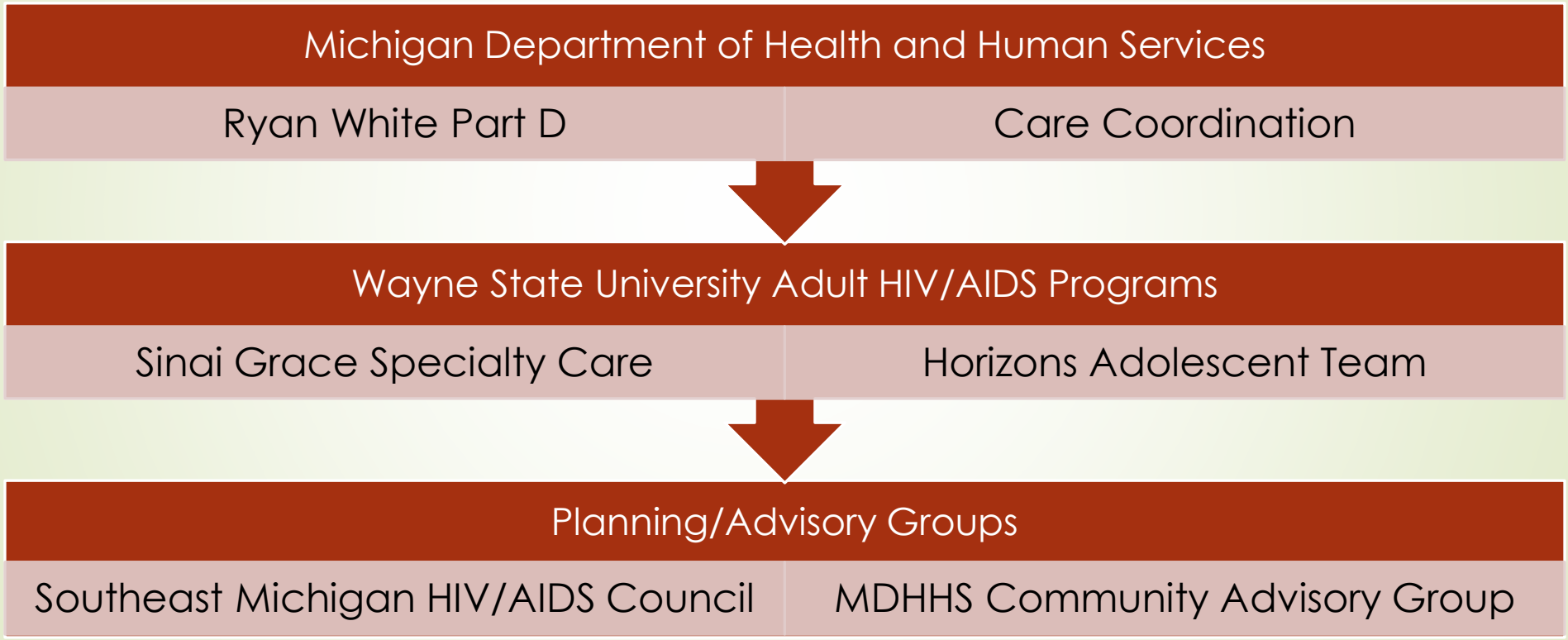
| Create | Create a supportive home environment for women with children |
| Provide | Provide access to trauma informed mental and health care |
| Improve | Improve their ability to gain financial stability |
| Reduce | Reduce barriers that prevent parents from attending appointments, school, and job training |
| Enhance | Enhance life skills necessary to successfully transition into long term stable housing |
| Balance | Balance the inequity of representation for Women Living with HIV (and other lived experiences) in the Ryan White workforce. |

# Target Population

- WLWH between the ages of 19 – 30 years of age with children
- Can have up to two children ages 3 and under
- Identified by Ryan White service provider(s)
- At risk of sporadic HIV care and treatment
- Unstably housed
- Agree to HIV care and treatment

# Program Development



# Funding Sources

**Current Funding – MDHHS**

- Ryan White Part D (Women, Infant, Children, and Youth)

**Detroit Health Department**

- Ending the HIV Epidemic

**Program Income**

- 340B Rebate Dollars

# Scope of Services

**Ryan White**

- Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services
- Housing Case Management
- Mental Health Services
- Transportation Services
- Childcare
- Psychosocial Support Services
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals

**Other Funding (EHE)**

- Job Training
- Education
- Life Skills
- Financial Literacy

**Community Partners**

- Unified HIV Health and Beyond
- Family Matters Psychological and Counseling Centers
- Fleming Estates
- Childcare Provider (TBD)
- Matrix Human Services

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# Core Services & Supportive Services

- **Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS)**
  - Medical care and treatment can be provided on-site or off site
  - Option to have medical insurance from the insurance exchange to support program income
- **Mental Health Services**
  - Individual trauma informed care provided by licensed therapist
  - Eligible for services based on the degree of trauma being unpacked.
  - Psychosocial Support services through collaboration with therapist and LMSW
- **Transportation**
  - Residents will be supported with transportation to and from job training as well as other specialty care appointments
- **Childcare**
  - Children will receive childcare off site during normal business hours and when appropriate, on-site support will be provided after normal business hours
- **Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals**
  - Will assist with supplementing food, cleaning, and hygiene items

# Our Home-
## Detroit Location

- Two family flat being retrofitted into a single-family home
- Four bedrooms on the upper level with one utility room
- One handicap accessible room on the first floor
- Two full baths
- Common areas include living room, dining room, and multipurpose space in the basement
- Three adult bedrooms, one nursery, and one childs room.

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**Detroit Location** (continued)

- Security cameras for the entire parameter of the home
- Home security system on windows and doors
- Internet, cable and Wi-Fi equipped
- Full kitchen
- Enclosed backyard without garage

# Our Home-
## Highland Park Location

- Currently under renovations
- Single Family home on double lot
- 2 Car garage
- Common areas include living room, dining room, and full basement (finishing pending)
- Three adult bedrooms, with a half bath to each room
- Home security system on windows and doors
- Internet, cable and Wi-Fi equipped

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## Program Design

# Housing Program Design

- Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS (MIPA)
- Family units will inhabit one bedroom in child fits in a basinet to toddler bed.
- Family units can stay up to three years
- Scheduled mealtimes with some flexibility as the project progress
- Adult residents will receive:
  - Access to medical care and treatment
  - Trauma informed individual and group counseling
  - Housing Case Management
  - Support with childcare

# What the Women Want

**3 Focus Groups**

- 9 women participated
- Incentives $50 bath & body works
- Food & Transportation provided
- Recruitment through the traditional Ryan White Network of the DEMA
- In-Person  participation only

- The following were the most marked outcomes:
  - Conflict resolution skills
  - Home/Family environment
  - Mental Health counseling
  - Mentoring
  - Structure
  - Life Skills
- Based on these findings, women will not be pushed out to start job or educational activities, but given a chance to feel safe and stable.

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## Successes

- We're funded (state & local)
- Community partnerships/Scope of services
- Project is rooted in and for WLWH
- Vision of house rules are in line with focus group findings.
- In line with the one of the Ending the Epidemic goals of empowering PLWH

## Challenges

- Restrictive hiring practices with WSU.
- Contractors ability to meet deadlines for project renovations
- Targeted Community-based needs assessment not completed
- RW funding only covers support services impacting health outcomes.

# Where are we now?

**Current Partnerships**

- Fleming Estates
- Unified HIV Health & Beyond
- Family Matters Counseling

**Prospective Community Partners**

- Matrix Human Services
- The Wellness Plan
  - (SRH Care)
  - M.O.T.H.E.R. (Maternal Health)

**Equity in Motion**

- Housing Administrative Coordinator
- Lead Peer Support Specialist
- Peer Support Associate (2)
- Roles available are 2 Peer Support Associates
- EHE Innovative project funding can fill some unallowable cost with RW funding.

# Moving Forward

1

Community Partner Meetings have started and will continue

2

Program Documents

- Assessment Tools have been created and developed to prevent overlap

3

Scope of services

- Roles & Responsibilities have been defined

4

Plan for the vetting process will begin in the coming week or so

# Questions?

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