



Youth Assistance Program *News*

The Grosse Pointes & Harper Woods

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CARE Expands Services

We are ready!

The Children's Home of Detroit transferred responsibility for providing the Youth Assistance Program (YAP) to CARE for the five Grosse Pointe Municipalities and Harper Woods effective November 1, 2007. We have worked closely to make sure that the transition is a smooth one. All services currently provided by the Children's Home of Detroit will continue.

These services include offering psychosocial assessments, mentoring opportunities and community service for those youth with a first time encounter with public safety.

We also look forward to providing additional services aimed at strengthening families and being able to provide some activity within the community that will assist with understanding the changes that have occurred.

Recidivism

In August, 2007, the Wayne County Juvenile Court completed a recidivism check. The following criteria must be met before the recidivism can be processed:

1. The client must have successfully completed the Youth Assistance Program or the Status Offense Service program.
2. The client must be under the age of 17 (at the time the recidivism check was submitted).

In 2007, 45 youth met the criteria and were checked with the court records. The results of the records check showed that out of the 45 youth who successfully completed either program, 4 of them came into contact with the court again. These 4 youth are now classified as repeat offenders. This recidivism check demonstrates a 91% success rate of the programs.

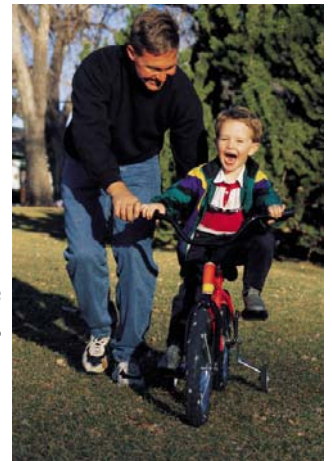
In conclusion, these findings indicate that youth who successfully complete the program, deter from future contact with police. The low recidivism rate indicates that these programs are meeting the goal of preventing further involvement with public safety.

CARE's History

CARE (Community Assessment Referral & Education) has served the community since 1977 when a few community minded people saw that those suffering from alcoholism or other drug disorders needed to have an opportunity to receive an unbiased substance abuse assessment and be referred to an agency that could provide the most appropriate treatment.

Quickly, the CARE agency grew to serve parents seeking child-rearing education and students who required mental health and/or treatment for alcohol or other drug use.

In addition, an employee assistance program was offered to municipalities, school districts and businesses that were noticing an increase in alcohol and other drug use by their employees.



Currently, CARE provides student assistance services for 18 of Macomb County's 21 school districts. These services include providing comprehensive psychosocial assessments for youth experiencing mental health difficulties including the problematic use of alcohol and/or other drugs. Referrals to appropriate treatment programs and follow up by CARE allows districts to provide assistance to their students that will increase their opportunity to have a successful educational experience.

In addition, CARE offers anger management classes, parent education workshops, substance abuse education and an adolescent program for girls. Programs are open to all youth regardless of their county of residence.

CARE is CARF accredited, licensed by the State of Michigan and has been recognized by many groups as an agency of



excellence. Most recently, CARE received an award from the American Counseling Association, presented at their national conference, for program excellence and sustainability.

Take It Back

CARE has been chosen to participate in the **Take It Back Campaign*** to bring attention to the normalization of alcohol advertising to youth and the responsibility of adults to challenge this normalization.

The NicotineNarcs and Teens Talking Truth advocacy groups will host a community briefing on Wednesday, March 5 at the Macomb Intermediate School District at 9:00 am. Plan to attend and let your voice be heard.

** Take It Back is a statewide campaign sponsored by FACE, a national program focused on the prevention of substance abuse dependency.*

Family Center Events

Partners in Parenting - January 16, February 20, March 19, April 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Van Elslander Pavilion, 3rd Floor Cardiology Conference Room.

Your Child & Technology - What Every Parent Needs to Know - February 5 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at Grosse Pointe North High School in Grosse Pointe Woods.

For more information, call 313.432.3832.

Young Women's Lives

CARE will facilitate an ongoing 8-week program for girls ages 13-16 who are experiencing difficulty with relationships, school commitments and other social situations. Please call Shelly Bania at 586.541.0033 ext. 222 for more information.



Anger Management for Adolescents

Six sessions teach family members how to manage their strong emotions more effectively.

Please contact Lynda Zott at 586.541.0033 ext. 215 for upcoming dates.

CARE is dedicated to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use.

Program funding is provided by Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan and the communities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Woods and Harper Woods.

ADULT MENTORS WANTED

Adults to mentor youth who are participating in the Youth Assistance Program. A commitment of one hour per week for 8 weeks is required. Please call Stacie Hiller, the Youth Assistance Coordinator, at 313.332.0972 for more information.

CARE's 13th Annual Parenting Conference

CARE's 13th Annual Parenting Conference "The Parenting Puzzle" at the Macomb Intermediate School District in Clinton Township. The conference will give participants an opportunity to become aware of techniques and skills necessary to raise healthy, drug free children.

Call 586.541.0033 for more information!

CARE's Parenting Workshops

CARE offers a wide variety of Parenting Workshops including Parenting Young Children, Parenting School Aged Children, and Parenting Teenagers.



Check out our website for information about workshops for those with specific needs include parenting children with ADD/ADHD, Single Parenting and Exploring Codependent Relationships - www.caresworklifesolutions.com.

These 8-session workshops address the needs of families including communication and discipline techniques, age appropriate behavior, and ways to have fun with your family.

teenintervene

Teen Intervene is a program for youth, ages 12-19 who are suspected of experiencing mild or moderate problems associated with alcohol or other drug use.

A six-part parent session is run simultaneously and is mandatory for teen participation.

Call Lynda Zott at 586.541.0033 ext. 215 for more information.

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