

SAGINAW COUNTY YOUTH PROTECTION COUNCIL

Saving Lives – Creating Futures

To empower and support children and families in reaching their full potential and becoming self-sufficient, saving lives and creating futures through educational enrichment and shelter services.

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EMERGENCY AND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER SERVICES FOR RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH

- **Innerlink for Runaways**
1110 Howard Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48601
(989) 753-3431
- **Innerlink Transitional Living Program**
1110 Howard Street
Saginaw, Michigan 48601
- **Gratiot Transitional Housing**
- **(989) 753-3431**

Jasmine Calhoun, Division Director

Innerlink for Runaways: This program provides emergency shelter and counseling for youth who have runaway or are potential runaways. The project has a 15 bed facility to house youth ages 12 – 17 (including minor teen parents with their children), thus keeping them off the streets. Youth can be housed for up to 15 days. Supportive outreach and follow-up services are also provided. The goal is to unite the youth with their family whenever possible. Services are provided in Gratiot, Saginaw, Tuscola and Midland counties. Presentations are given about services provided upon request.

Innerlink Transitional Living Program: This program provides shelter and case management for homeless youth and young adults ages 17 – 21. The project has an 8 bed facility and youth can be housed for up to 21 months. The goal is to help participants become self-sufficient.

Gratiot Transitional Housing: This program provides shelter and case management for young adults ages 18 – 21 who are homeless. The project has several apartments to house youth. The goal is to assist youth in obtaining self-sufficiency.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES

Prevention and Youth Services

Drug Education Center

1226 North Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan 48602
(989) 755-0937

Rosa Davis, Division Director

Prevention and Youth Services (PAYS) works with youth ages pre-school through high school. The overall goal is to reduce or stop substance abuse in our community. Reduction of substance abuse is accomplished by building assets that reduce risks and increase protective factors of individuals, families, schools and the community at large. PAYS is a licensed Substance Abuse Prevention Program and staff are certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialists (or have a development plan).

PAYS provides the following services:

- Group-based services at elementary/middle/high schools, community agencies, and several day care centers. PAYS also provides groups for youth who have been identified as using drugs on school property or are in need of anger management services.

- PAYS is the designated Youth Access to Tobacco compliance agency and provides education and monitoring testing for tobacco retailers.
- PAYS provides substance abuse education to the general community through local events
- PAYS also provides home-based parenting and early childhood education for young mothers and their children, many of these parents are involved with the local drug court.

TEEN PARENT SERVICES

- **Teen Parent Services**
1630 Gratiot Avenue
Saginaw, Michigan 48602
(989) 792-6789
- **Teen Parent Services Transitional Housing**
1419 Veteran's Parkway
Saginaw, Michigan
(989) 379-0006

Rosa Davis, Division Director

Naomi Nickleberry, Transitional Living Program Supervisor

Teen Parent (Birth – 5, Healthy Families America, Michigan Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting Teen Program & Early Head Start): Provides home visitation, parenting and early childhood education using the Parents as Teachers curriculum, life skills groups, screening/assessments/evaluation of children, and self sufficiency services for teenage parents up to 21 years of age. These services are provided through a collaboration with the Saginaw Intermediate School District.

Project Home (Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing): This is a collaborative program with the United Way of Saginaw County which provided eligibility assessment, goal setting/housing plans, housing quality standard inspections, and funding (rental arrearage, utility arrearage, rental payments, security deposits, and etc.) to prevent homelessness and to provide rapid re-housing to those who are homeless.

Rapid Re-Housing provides long-term rental assistance and case management services for homeless youth and teen parent families. This program works to assist youth/teen parents in developing the life skills needed to make a successful transition to adulthood.

Teen Parent Services Transitional Housing provides homeless outreach, transitional housing, comprehensive family support and self-sufficiency services and follow-up services for homeless pregnant and parenting teens ages 17 – 21 years of age.