Bridging the gaps

in community mental health

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage

2024 MILLAGE IMPACT REPORT







$3,621,219
For service expansion

Service expansion funds allow WCCMH to provide 24/7 mental health and substance use support to more residents and geographic areas across Washtenaw County.

More than 6,300
Direct crisis services

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health has leveraged millage funds to increase crisis response services and to allow its mobile crisis team to meet people where they're at.

12,453
Requests for services

The millage-funded CARES team provides case management, medication reviews, nursing services, peer services, intake assessments, psychiatric evaluations, and more.



Investing in mental health through 2024.

In its sixth year of funding, Washtenaw County's Public Safety and Mental Health Preservation Millage continued to provide crucial funds to support the mental health and well-being of county residents. In 2024, millage funds were used to bridge critical gaps in care across the county.

Millage dollars supported culturally responsive care programs for Black men and youth, empowered students to design mental health initiatives that meet their needs, expanded a co-response team of social workers and deputies for mental health calls, increased access to substance use treatment in western Washtenaw, provided short- and long-term housing for residents facing housing instability, and more.

In November, nearly 70 percent of Washtenaw County voters approved an eight-year renewal of the millage, which was set to expire in 2026. The renewal means that millage funds will continue to address the county's needs—including behavioral health care, 24/7 crisis support, criminal justice diversion, and more—until 2034.

Our 2024 annual impact report highlights a variety of millage investments and the impact they've had on our community across five categories:

Behavioral health service expansion	$3,621,219
Youth support services	$1,367,676
Supportive housing	$1,223,618
Behavioral health prevention and education	$505,586
Criminal justice reform and diversion	$849,440



2024 Impact

Service expansion

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- 5,436 county residents were served through the county's 24/7 crisis hotline, receiving crisis support, mental health and substance use screenings, and referrals to local providers.
- The Washtenaw County Community Mental Health crisis team responded to 6,306 mental health calls.

Youth support

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- More than 11,000 students reached through school-based mental health campaigns
- Needs assessments were conducted for almost 1,000 students and 440+ families, connecting them with needed community resources.

Supportive housing

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- $1,110,773 give given to housing partners to fund short- and long-term housing and supportive services
- Partner agencies, like Avalon Housing and Michigan Ability Partners, ensured that more than 95% of their clients maintained stable housing.

Prevention & education

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- More than 667,000 people reached through the Washtenaw County Health Department's youth-led #WishYouKnew anti-stigma campaign
- 156 adults and youth trained in Mental Health First Aid, learning how to recognize warning signs and support others who are experiencing a mental health crisis.

Criminal justice

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- The county's Co-Response Unit responded to 973 service requests for individuals experiencing behavioral health issues
- 75% of people diverted from the criminal justice system through Washtenaw County LEADD had no or fewer arrests after one year in the program

Partnerships

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By the numbers

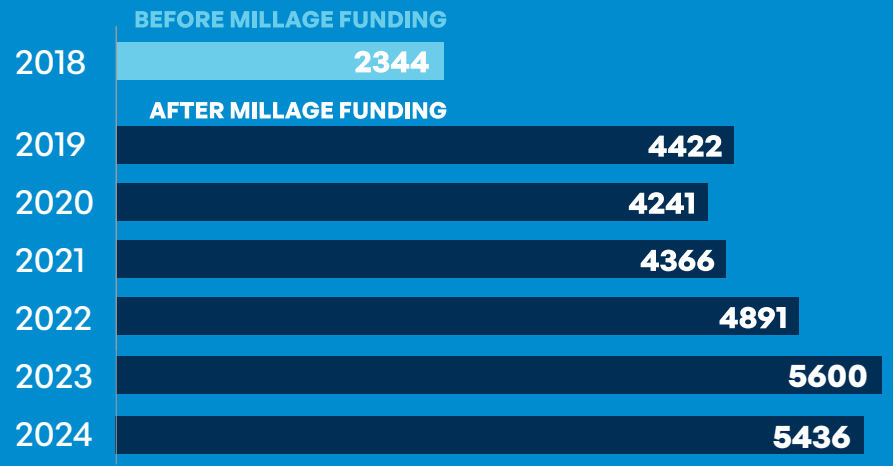
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Service Expansion

Since funding began in 2019, millage dollars have been leveraged to expand access to mental health services for all individuals across the county—no matter their insurance status, ability to pay for treatment, or severity of their mental health needs.

In 2024, millage funding continued to expand access to behavioral health care in Washtenaw County by...

Number of CARES clients served over time



WCCMH has leveraged millage funds to double the number of patients served through the CARES team

*This data uses WCCMH's Fiscal Year (October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024)
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Providing 24/7 mental health and substance use support

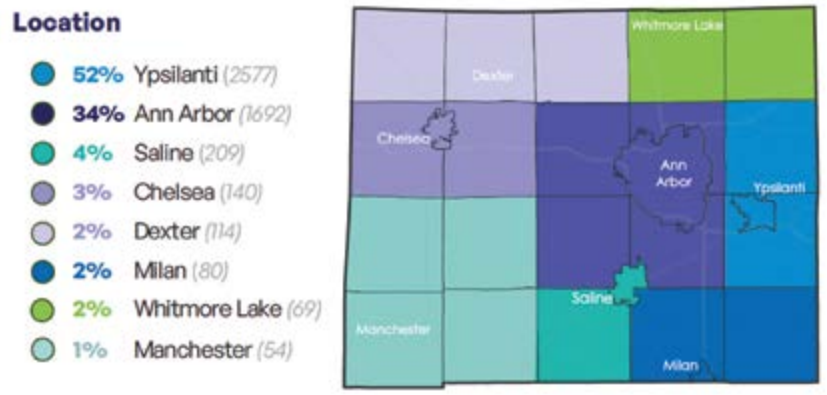
With funding from the millage and Washtenaw's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, the CARES team operates a 24/7 crisis line, answering questions about mental health or substance use concerns, conducting screenings for behavioral health needs, providing referrals for care, offering therapeutic support, and more.

Since 2022, the crisis line has also served as the county's primary access point for all substance use treatment needs. The CARES team assesses need for substance use services through a universal screening tool, and refers callers to supportive services based on their individual needs.

To access the 24/7 hotline for mental health and substance use support, call 734-544-3050.

In 2024*, the CARES team:

- **Responded to 12,453 requests for services from the community**
- **Screened 2,808 individuals for substance use needs**
- **Assisted 1,360 youth under age 18**



Serving *all* county residents.

The millage's passage allowed Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH) to substantially increase behavioral health services to all Washtenaw County residents—regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

Since 2018—the year before millage funds were first distributed—WCCMH has increased its service capacity by 230%. Through the crisis line, telehealth, and face-to-face services, millage funds help individuals in urban and rural locations, with limited transportation options, and of all ages receive the care they need.

Since 2018—WCCMH has increased its service capacity by 230%





Responding face-to-face to individuals in crisis

With millage funds, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health operates a mobile crisis response team, which goes to the homes of people experiencing a crisis and assists with their next steps.

Community members can call the millage funded 24/7 access line directly for assistance, or be referred to the hotline by the police for mental health-related incidents. The crisis team then responds to the individual's needs, including face-to-face visits and referrals to clinicians and community resources.

In 2024, the crisis response team:

- **Conducted 6,306 crisis responses**
- **Assisted 2,082 individuals**
- **Received 4,341 referral calls**

Navigating health systems with residents.

The Washtenaw Health Project (WHP) is a nonprofit organization that works to help all residents—especially low-income residents and those with language barriers—access healthcare coverage and services.

With millage funds, WHP connects clients with therapeutic services and mental health resources—supporting them with care navigation through referrals, scheduling visits with mental health providers, and assisting them in healthcare enrollment. Additionally, WHP coordinates Latinx-focused teen empowerment and support groups at Ypsilanti High School and Huron High School.

Through their work in 2024, WHP:

- **Expanded their contracted mental health providers to 69 providers, offering treatment in 9 languages**
- **Scheduled nearly 600 visits for their members with mental health providers**
- **Assisted more than 2,000 individuals from Latinx and youth communities with healthcare navigation**



Launching counseling services for Black male youth.

With millage funds, the Community Family Life Center (CFLC) is working to provide mental health counseling to Black male youth, between the ages of 10 to 25, in the Ypsilanti area. CFLC aims to mitigate the impact of trauma and improve the mental health of Black male youth, filling gaps in care specifically targeted to this demographic.

In 2024, CFLC launched their I-AAM program (Interventions for African American Males), providing individual counseling and case management services, group therapy sessions, and behavioral health groups to their clients. Their counseling and programming emphasizes processing trauma, building coping and regulation skills, and educating clients on mental health and social determinants of health.

As part of their program, CFLC:

- **Recruited 14 clients, who each received a Community Health Needs Assessment and began receiving services**
- **Hired a clinical director, clinical social worker, clinical case manager, and data analyst**
- **Created a client referral system with local organizations and government agencies serving Black male youth**



Addressing mental health needs of Black men.

With support from the millage, Packard Health and kNEWjoy leveraged their partnership to launch a Black Male Mental Health Ambassadors program. The program seeks to empower Black men in the community to be advocates for mental health awareness and support, fostering dialogue, reducing stigma around mental health issues, and increasing access to resources and social support networks.

To launch the program, Packard Health and kNEWjoy recruited and trained ambassadors to become community advocates, began hosting community outreach events and peer support programming, and developed a curriculum with culturally sensitive and relevant information for Black boys and men in Washtenaw County.

In August 2024, the organizations officially launched the program and took steps to ensure its sustainability by:

- **Recruiting a two ambassador cohorts to serve the community**
- **Regularly convening a community advisory board to discuss mental health struggles affecting Black men**
- **Securing an external evaluator to formally evaluate the program and provide recommendations for future change**

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Youth Supports

Millage dollars are used to respond to the youth mental health crisis, funding programs aimed at prevention, early intervention, mental health education, and treatment.

In 2024, the millage allocated $1,367,676 to youth-focused organizations—including the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, after school youth programs, a youth journalism campaign, students designing mental health programs, and more.

The millage supports county youth's mental health and well-being by...

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Interrupting the school-to-prison pipeline.

The Student Advocacy Center (SAC) supports students who are experiencing conflicts at school—many of whom have behavioral health concerns—through mentoring, education advocacy and support, and community organizing. At the heart of SAC's work is breaking the school-to-prison pipeline through student support and advocacy.

Millage funds are used to expand SAC's evidence-based Check and Connect program, which pairs students across the county with a mentor for two years of personalized support.

During the 2023-2024 school year, SAC served 106 youth, of which:

- **89% decreased or maintained 0-1 days of suspension**
- **69% increased or maintained their initial attendance**
- **72% increased or maintained an A or B average**



Showcasing youth perspectives in media.

The millage partners with Concentrate's Voices of Youth (VOY) program, which provides paid journalism opportunities to youth in the area to amplify their perspectives in media. Through the program, youth create content, gain professional journalism experience, connect with community leaders, and share their experiences.

In the 2023-2024 school year, 19 youth participated in the Voices of Youth program by submitting content and attending VOY workshops. Through their work, youth highlighted social issues and mental health concerns that were important to them: They produced content about mental health, race and racism, immigration, gender inequality, youth voting rights, and more.

VOY content engaged large audiences, with:

- **15 articles produced**
- **230,000+ people reached with VOY articles**
- **3,261 total interactions with VOY content**



Empowering youth to create mental health campaigns.

Since 2019, millage funds have allowed students at elementary, middle, and high schools across the county to design and implement their own mental health programs. Each middle and high school receives up to $5,000 and each elementary school receives up to $2,000 for these campaigns, which seek to engage students who don't usually participate in mental wellness activities and foster communication between students and trusted adults around mental health.

Students and schools pursued a variety of projects with the mini-grants. Several schools created "calm spaces" for students to sit in and self-regulate, Lincoln High School students created a mental health podcast, King Elementary School purchased more than 100 books for a Mental Health Library, and more.

In the 2023-24 school year:

More than $60,000 was awarded to 30 schools in mental health mini grants.

About 800 students helped plan the mental health campaigns.

Nearly 11,000 students were impacted by the projects.



Supporting students with behavioral health needs.

As part of a $2.3 million, three-year millage investment in Washtenaw schools, the Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD) addresses service gaps for youth with behavioral health needs.

Millage funds support WISD's Bridge Team, a group of clinicians and crisis mental health coordinators who provide individual and group counseling, assist with care coordination and case management, conduct comprehensive needs assessments, and connect students and families to appropriate community resources. Crisis mental health coordinators also provide evidence-based wraparound care to students making transitions to and from mental health residential treatment, partial or inpatient hospitalizations, and juvenile justice programs, coordinating between families, schools, and community providers to best support students.

Additionally, Washtenaw schools work with law enforcement officers on a "Handle with Care" program, where officers alert schools when a child has experienced a potentially traumatic event to ensure that child receives special attention and support after the incident.

In the 2023-2024 school year:

Needs assessments were conducted for 999 children, representing 443 families.

More than 360 direct hours of services were provided to students.

836 Handle with Care notices were submitted on behalf of 1,225 students.



Educating parents and caregivers.

Millage funds support parent and caregiver education on mental health and community support.

As part of this work, WISD hosts a Mental Health Parent Education Series, with monthly workshops featuring guests from community partner organizations. Additionally, WISD conducts Strong Roots Parent Cafés, which facilitate conversations about self-care, community support, and family healing between parents and caregivers across the county.

In 2024:

8 mental health parent workshops were hosted, with 20-30 attendees at each.

10 Strong Roots Cafés were hosted, with 38 parents and caregivers attending one or more.



Supporting student athletes.

In 2024, the millage partnered with the Miles Jeffrey Roberts Foundation (MJRF) to support the Mental Health Champions Program, a pilot at Skyline High School working to reduce suicide by supporting the emotional health of student athletes.

Through the program, MJRF Mental Health Champions lead programming to support Skyline student-athletes' social and emotional health, including presentations and workshops with athletic teams. The goal is to increase awareness of mental health warning signs and improve student athletes' abilities to recognize signs of mental health concerns.

In 2024, MJRF:

Gave 27 teams presentations and group sessions

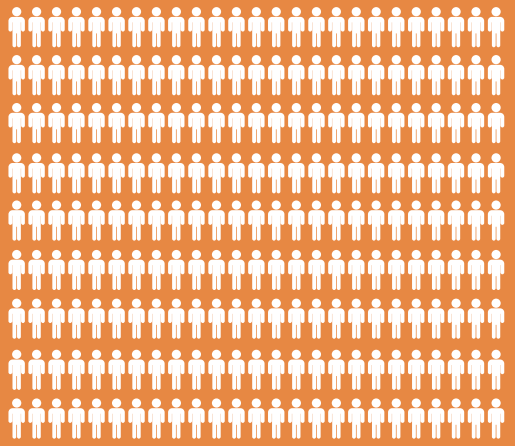
Reached 727 student athletes and 25 coaches

Increased student athletes' abilities to recognize a teammate who may be struggling with mental health concerns

Supportive Housing

The millage funds supportive housing initiatives as an essential foundation for behavioral health, supporting programs in offering short- and long-term housing to those experiencing housing instability, alongside services like case management, crisis intervention, and peer support.

In 2024, millage funding was given to six organizations working to provide shelter, wraparound care, and emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of experiencing houselessness.



In 2024, millage funds were used to house

225

individuals

In 2024, millage funding was given to six organizations working to provide shelter, wraparound care, and emergency assistance to individuals and families experiencing or at-risk of experiencing houselessness:

- **Avalon Housing**
- **Barrier Busters**
- **Ozone House**
- **Michigan Ability Partners**
- **Shelter Association of Washtenaw County**
- **Ypsilanti Housing Commission**



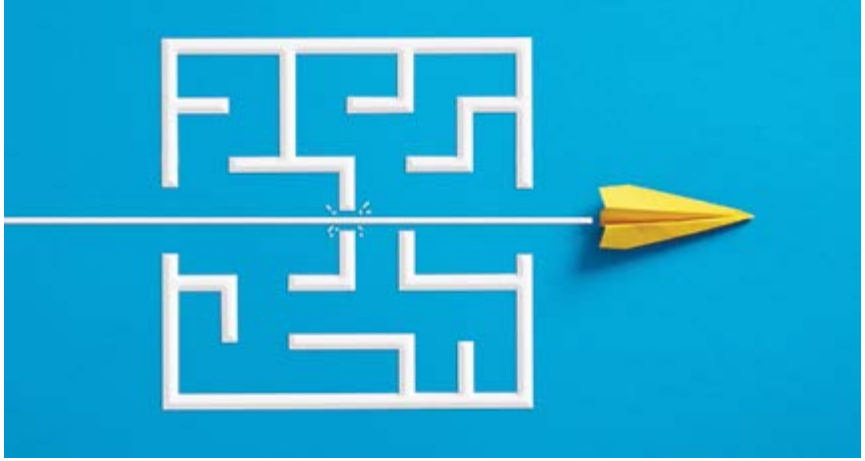
Avalon Housing

Avalon Housing provides affordable housing across 25 properties in Washtenaw County and offers supportive services to residents, including crisis intervention, care coordination, community building, and more.

With millage funds, Avalon is able to expand their supportive services for residents with behavioral health needs, and now offers outreach and engagement activities, early interventions, eviction prevention, crisis stabilization, skill-building, and more.

As a result of Avalon's case management, proactive planning, and supportive services, in 2024:

- **645 people were served, including 453 adults and 183 children**
- **99% of Avalon's millage clients maintained stable housing**
- **93% of Avalon's millage clients obtained or maintained health insurance**



Barrier Busters

Barrier Busters is a coalition of 100+ social service agencies working to respond to housing and financial emergencies county residents face. With millage funds, Barrier Busters operates an Emergency Unmet Needs Fund, which provides county residents assistance with housing and utility needs, as well as transportation, health, and other immediate needs.

In 2024, the millage granted nearly $40,000 to Barrier Busters for the emergency fund. Barrier Busters was also able to leverage $12,287 in community matching funds, increasing the full impact of millage dollars to roughly $52,000, which was used to serve 74 residents.

As a result:

- **$20,001 was used for housing**
- **$10,305 was used for utilities**
- **Housing and utilities together = 75%**
- **$5,055 was used for transportation**
- **$1,934 was used for health**
- **$2,676 was used for other miscellaneous need**



Ozone House

Ozone House specifically services youth, providing both short-term housing and supportive services, like case management, therapy, life skills training, and more.

Millage funds support Ozone's Transitional Living Program, which provides housing to 17-24 year olds experiencing housing instability or homelessness, as well as individualized case management and support to residents to connect them to community resources and secure safe and secure permanent housing.

In 2024, Ozone House:

- **Expanded its transitional living program from 10 to 14 beds**
- **Responded to 1,419 youth crisis line requests**
- **Screened 106 youth for their needs and eligibility at Ozone and partner housing agencies**



Michigan Ability Partners

Michigan Ability Partners provides permanent housing and social services to low-income and chronically houseless individuals.

The millage funds MAP's Permanent Supportive Housing Program, as well as housing support coordinators, who facilitate services including therapeutic check-ins and assistance with residents' needs, such as job applications and transportation.

In 2024, MAP's work meant that:

- More than 100 individuals were served through the permanent housing program
- 99% of residents maintained stable housing
- 100% of clients maintained or increased their income



Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

The millage supports the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County's (SAWC) Housing Crisis Stabilization program, which provides immediate shelter, stabilization, and supportive services for individuals who need immediate temporary housing.

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health can refer individuals with mental health diagnoses to the program, where SAWC offers care coordination and individualized service plans to link clients with local resources and permanent housing.

In 2024, the Housing Crisis Stabilization program:

- Sheltered 23 people, with an average 50-day length of stay
- Linked 95% of sheltered individuals to benefits and supports
- Discharged 59% of sheltered individuals to stable housing that meets their needs



Ypsilanti Housing Commission

Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC) operates permanent supportive housing properties and provides resources and supportive services to residents and low-income individuals in Ypsilanti.

With millage funds, YHC is able to provide permanent supportive housing clients in their New Parkridge location with case management services, needs assessments, empowerment plans to meet their identified needs, eviction prevention planning, and applications for utility assistance. YHC also offers programming for its residents, including wellness cafes, support groups, and afterschool tutoring for resident youth.

In 2024, YHC:

Developed empowerment plans with 44 residents

Provided afterschool tutoring to 24 regularly-attending children

Hosted events to support resident well-being, including a health cafe, a weekly peer-led support group, and a mental health care training program.



Emergency hoteling

The millage also addresses houselesness through emergency hoteling for individuals in immediate need of housing.

With millage funds, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health staff temporarily house individuals in hotels, then work to connect them to permanent housing solutions and case management to address their basic needs.

In 2024, WCCMH:

Used $64,000 to hotel individuals in need of immediate housing

Temporarily housed 191 individuals in hotels

Education

The millage works to reduce stigma against mental illness and substance use disorders through community education, sharing resources, and encouraging help-seeking behavior.

In 2024, the millage partnered with the Washtenaw County Health Department, the county's chapter of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), a western Washtenaw mental health coalition, and more to strengthen communities by creating shared understanding and support networks.

Millage partners combatted stigma and educated the community about mental health by...





Revamping youth mental health messaging.

With millage funds, the Washtenaw County Health Department worked with youth to redesign their #WishYouKnew campaign—created to spark honest conversations about mental health—to better speak to the mental health needs of Washtenaw youth.

With input from county youth, #WishYouKnew developed new taglines, diversified their ad materials, and offered more physical resources. New ads were created and distributed through multimedia platforms, print pocket resource guides were developed, and updated branding was released.

As a result:

More than 200 Instagram posts, reels, and stories were created.

#WishYouKnew garnered more than 776,000 impressions through Instagram and ads.

Print materials, including resource guides, posters, stickers, and t-shirts, were distributed at 45 local organizations and events.



Increasing outreach and advocacy for county residents.

NAMI Washtenaw County promotes mental health resources and provides programming to county residents in order to reduce stigma, raise awareness, and provide coping strategies for mental health issues.

With millage funds, NAMI was able to expand their outreach and advocacy efforts, connecting with local organizations and employers and serving residents through support groups and online classes. NAMI also translated its resource guide, "Taking Care," to Spanish to reach more county residents.

As a result of their outreach efforts, in 2024, NAMI:

Received 492 registrations with 637 attendees for peer support groups from people dealing with a mental health condition or supporting someone who is

Received 144 registrations for eight-week-long Peer-to-Peer and Family-to-Family classes

Hosted 38 booths and presentations featuring mental health resources at local organizations and companies





Servicing western Washtenaw.

Since 2019, with millage support, the 5 Healthy Towns Foundation (5HF) has convened stakeholders to improve health and well-being on the county's Westside, launching the One Big Thing initiative. One Big Thing tackles mental and community health along three fronts, with three corresponding action teams—social isolation and sense of purpose; barriers to resources, including food and transportation; and use of alcohol and other drugs.

The action teams worked to build referral networks and partnerships with key service providers and community stakeholders, including schools, hospitals, and senior centers in underrepresented and rural parts of the county.

In 2024, with millage, funds, the action teams were able to:

Convene roughly 50 people at each OBT community meeting, representing more than 30 local organizations.

Partner with 25 workplaces to distribute resources focused on employee health and well-being, including 5 videos.

Approve or install Narcan sites in Grass Lake, Dexter, Manchester, and Stockbridge, making Narcan free and accessible to residents

Training communities in mental health response.

The millage provides funding to train youth and adults in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), an evidence-based intervention course that teaches community members how to respond to and support people experiencing mental health or substance use challenges.

The nationally-recognized course instructs participants on how to recognize and proactively respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges, and what kind of initial support they can provide before connecting people struggling with professional help.

In 2024:

65 adults were trained in MHFA through Washtenaw County Community Mental Health

91 youth were trained in MHFA through the Washtenaw Intermediate School District

Criminal Justice

The millage supports criminal justice reform, which includes programs that divert people with behavioral health issues and low-level, low-risk offenders away from the criminal justice system and into evidence-based community service whenever possible.

In 2024, millage funds worked toward criminal justice reform by...





Providing alternatives to citation, arrest, and incarceration.

Since 2021, Washtenaw County's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Deflection (LEADD) has provided officers with alternatives to arrest and citation for people who have committed, or are at-risk of committing, violations related to mental illness, substance abuse, or chronic poverty.

LEADD instead works to address the underlying needs of individuals engaged in low-level criminal behavior due to social and behavioral health needs, and provide them with low-barrier case management and connection to essential community services.

In 2024, 10 individuals were referred to the LEADD program. Half of those individuals were "social contact referrals"—made by community members as a preventative measure—and half were pre-arrest diversions.

In the last three years of the program:

73% of LEADD participants have made progress on one or more of their goals

75% of LEADD participants had no or fewer arrests in the year after enrolling in the program

100% of LEADD participants had no or fewer arrests after two years in the program



Improving police responses for mental health crises.

In 2022, the Co-Response Unit launched as a pilot in Ypsilanti Township. The program featured a Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Social Worker and a Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office deputy riding together in one car, co-responding to mental health calls in the community. The team works together to identify individuals' immediate needs and provide or refer them to the appropriate resources.

In 2024, the pilot expanded to serve all of Washtenaw County, and the team served 10 cities and regions.

As a result of the expansion, the Co-Response Unit:

Responded to 973 requests, including calls to the 9-11 dispatch line, service requests from community members and agencies, and proactive stops to individuals in need

Connected 329 individuals to health and social service providers for housing support, mental health and medical support, and more

Distributed resources to 146 individuals, provided transportation to 93 individuals, and assisted 62 individuals with safety and crisis planning



Deescalating critical mental health situations.

Washtenaw County's Crisis Negotiation Team (CNT) aims to peacefully deescalate potentially dangerous crisis situations through a engagement, deescalation, dialogue, and negotiation.

Since 2019, mental health professionals at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health serve on the multidisciplinary CNT to conduct risk assessments for violence and suicidality, provide medical and mental health information to improve decision-making and outcome, and help develop negotiation strategies.

In 2024, the CNT:

- **Included four mental health experts**
- **Joined 11 high-risk deployments**





Mapping out a comprehensive youth justice system.

Millage dollars are helping Washtenaw County leaders work towards a comprehensive youth justice system that will prevent youth from entering juvenile justice and child welfare systems, instead connecting them to appropriate community care based on their underlying needs.

In April of 2024, 69 representatives from a variety of community organizations came together to discuss plans to launch a youth assessment center in Washtenaw County and build a referral network of medical providers, social service agencies, and community organizations. The evidence-based center would serve as a centralized contact point for youth at-risk of being involved in the juvenile justice or welfare systems, identifying their individual needs, and connecting them to appropriate support.

With millage funds, the county also brought on Wayne State University's Center for Behavioral Health and Justice to help produce a report outlining ways to braid together multiple current projects focused on youth justice reform. The ultimate goal is to transform the youth justice landscape through a collaborative, systemic approach.

In 2024, Washtenaw County leaders took these steps to build an equitable youth justice system:

- **Convened 69 people representing 42 organizations to discuss youth justice reform**
- **Created a referral network of local providers to serve at-risk youth**
- **Conceptualized an integrated approach to juvenile justice that combines multiple current projects**

Partnerships

Community-led mental health initiatives.

Millage leaders understand that Washtenaw County's complex behavioral health needs won't be solved through one agency, and necessitates collaboration across community organizations. Accordingly, in 2024, the Millage Advisory Committee granted $3,746,683 to dozens of community partners working in one or more of the millage's funding priorities: service expansion, criminal justice diversion, youth supports, prevention and education, and supportive housing.



5 Healthy Towns Foundation

In partnership with local organizations, including Washtenaw County Community Mental Health, 5HF launched a One Big Thing initiative to improve mental health and well-being, and decrease substance use and mental health crises, within local communities.



Community Family Life Center (CFLC)

With millage funds, CFLC launched their I-AAM program, a behavioral health program for Black male youth aged 10-25 in the Ypsilanti area. Through the program, clients receive individualized therapy, case management, behavioral health groups, and more.



Issue Media Group

In 2022, the millage partnered with Issue Media Group to provide $12,000 in funding for the Voices of Youth program. Voices of Youth is a series that strives to shed light on local issues that are important to Washtenaw County's youth, from their own perspective.



Avalon Housing

Millage-funded staff at Avalon Housing provide case management, crisis intervention, peer recovery support, in-home primary care, and community building activities for residents across Avalon's 25 housing properties and through an on-site clinic at Packard Health.



Corner Health Center

Through a millage-funded partnership, the Corner Health Center now offers psychiatric services in-house via two Washtenaw County Community Mental Health-affiliated providers. This partnership provides in-house treatment for youth and young adults.



kNEWjoy

With $250,000 in millage funding, kNEWjoy is partnering with Packard Health, Corner Health Center, and other local organizations to launch a program designed to increase the mental health of, and resources and social supports available to, Black adolescent boys in the community.



Michigan Ability Partners

The millage funded an expansion of Michigan Ability Partners' Permanent Supportive Housing program, which provides permanent housing and social services to low-income and chronically houseless individuals. The millage also funds two MAP housing support coordinator positions.



NAMI Washtenaw

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Washtenaw County has used millage funds to conduct outreach efforts in underserved areas of Washtenaw County, to destigmatize mental health concerns, and to publish and disseminate a local mental health resource guide, "Taking Care."



Office of Community and Economic Development

With millage funds, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health works with Washtenaw County's Office of Community Economic Development to provide emergency assistance for things like housing, utility bills, and healthcare.



Miles Jeffrey Roberts Foundation

The MJRF Mental Health Champions program is a pilot program aimed at supporting Skyline High School student-athletes social and emotional mental health. The program engages youth athletes through trusted adults, specifically coaches, trainers and other professionals within the athletic department.



National Assessment Center

The National Assessment Center Association provides technical assistance to help Washtenaw County develop and implement a youth assessment center to serve as a point of contact to redirect youth to community resources and away from the juvenile justice and child welfare systems.



Ozone House

Ozone House uses millage funds to operate its transitional living program, which provides housing, case management, therapy, and more to 17-24 year olds. Millage-funded youth specialists and case managers work with youth-in-residence and unhoused young adults to secure housing.



Shelter Association

The Shelter Association of Washtenaw County uses millage resources to add beds dedicated to clients who need immediate temporary housing. They also refer clients in need of behavioral health services to Washtenaw County Community Mental Health.



The Center for Health and Research Transformation (CHRT)

CHRT educates the community about millage-funded services, ensures that residents understand what millage dollars are supporting, and provides backbone support for a number of millage-funded initiatives.



Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department uses millage funds to design a campaign to address community concerns around youth mental health and reducing stigma. The #WishYouKnew Washtenaw campaign aims to spark honest and supportive conversations about mental health between youth and adults.



Student Advocacy Center

Check and Connect offers evidence-based mentoring to students involved with the juvenile justice system, students with mental health needs, or students who frequently miss school or struggle with grades. Millage funds support full-time mentors in Ypsilanti and Lincoln.



WISD

Millage matching dollars enabled WISD schools to receive a grant from the state of Michigan to hire mental health professionals. Four behavioral health professionals now support WISD students, working to destigmatize mental health and reach kids early before issues escalate.



Washtenaw Health Project

The Washtenaw Health Project (WHP) works to expand access to health care by helping people sign up for health insurance. WHP navigators understand the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health system and connect clients to behavioral health services.



Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice

Millage funding supports Wayne State University's Center for Behavioral Health and Justice to assist in bringing together multiple current Washtenaw County-wide projects focused on youth justice reform.



Ypsilanti Housing

Millage funding supports the Ypsilanti Housing Commission's Family Empowerment Program and their New Parkridge community in Ypsilanti. In New Parkridge, millage funding helped YHC secure housing vouchers and hire staff for case management and wraparound services.

By the Numbers

See how millage dollars are funding local initiatives and partnerships and learn about those being served.

- Expanded services
- Youth supports
- Supportive housing
- Education and prevention
- Criminal justice diversion

Service Expansion

$3,621,219

Community Wide Service Expansion	$3,621,219
WCCMH 24/7 access and triage support	$709,811
WCCMH 24/7 crisis support services	$104,771
WCCMH 24/7 crisis stabilization	$884,671
WCCMH treatment and stabilization services	$693,093
WCCCMH additional service expansion	$467,555
Partners - consumer transportation	$1,400
Partners - consumer medications	$24,100
Washtenaw Health Project	$165,000
Packard Health/kNEWjoy	$62,500
Community Family Life Center	$190,483
Service expansion - planning/ implementation/ administration	$317,835

Supportive housing

$1,223,618

Supportive housing service expansion	$1,223,618
Shelter Association of Washtenaw County	$16,732
Avalon Housing - permanent supportive housing	$438,265
Ypsilanti Housing	$194,957
Ozone House - supportive services for teens and young adults	$139,839
Emergency hoteling & Housing Assistance	$235,170
Michigan Ability Partners - OCED	$85,810
Housing - planning/ implementation/ administration	$112,845

Youth supports

$1,367,676

Youth support service expansion	$1,367,676
WISD - Youth service expansion	$556,027
Student Advocacy Center - Check and Connect program	$380,672
Miles Jeffery Roberts Foundation	$21,720
WCCMH Youth Service Expansion	$284,711
Youth - planning/ implementation/ administration	$124,546

*Allocated investment, not yet invoiced by client

Criminal justice reform

$849,440

Criminal justice diversion service planning	$849,440
Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion and Deflection	$424,958
Co-Response Unit	$166,078
National Assessment Center	$15,488
Crisis Negotiation Team	$86,700
Wayne State University Center for Behavioral Health and Justice	$82,018
Diversion - planning/ implementation/ administration	$74,198

Educate & prevent

$505,586

Mental health education and prevention programming	$505,586
National Alliance on Mental Illness	$225,900
Education and prevention - planning/ implementation/ administration	$46,820
WCHD - Youth anti-stigma #wishyouknew campaign	$182,866
5 Healthy Towns Foundation - One Big Thing	$50,000

Evaluate & communicate

$311,244

Outreach and evaluation	$311,244
CHRT - Project management	$63,435
CHRT - Communications	$219,630
Evaluation - planning/ implementation/ administration	$28,179

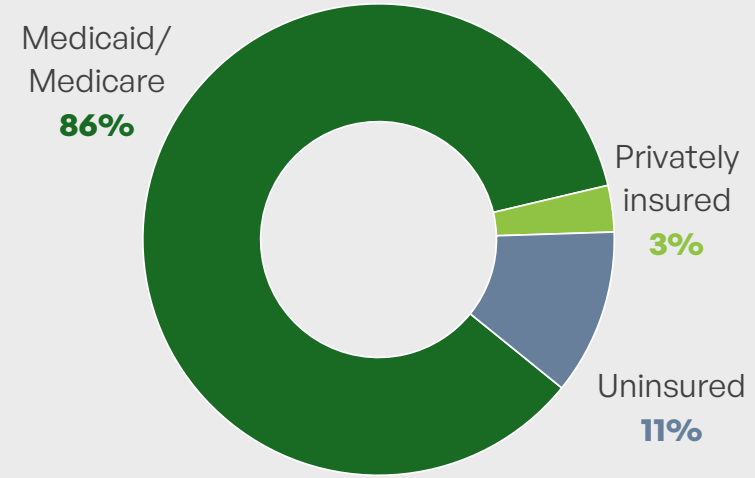


2024 investments and impact*

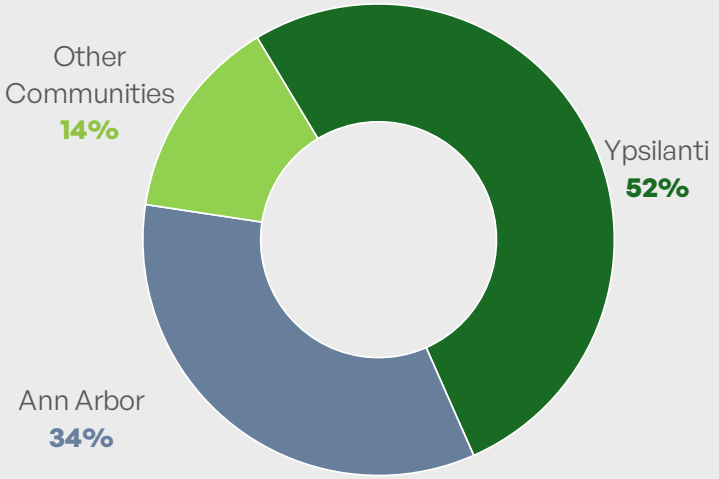
Since it first began funding programs and initiatives in 2019, the millage has helped Washtenaw County Community Mental Health meet the growing behavioral health needs of our community. From expanding staff and services to funding the work of community partners, millage funds make great things possible.

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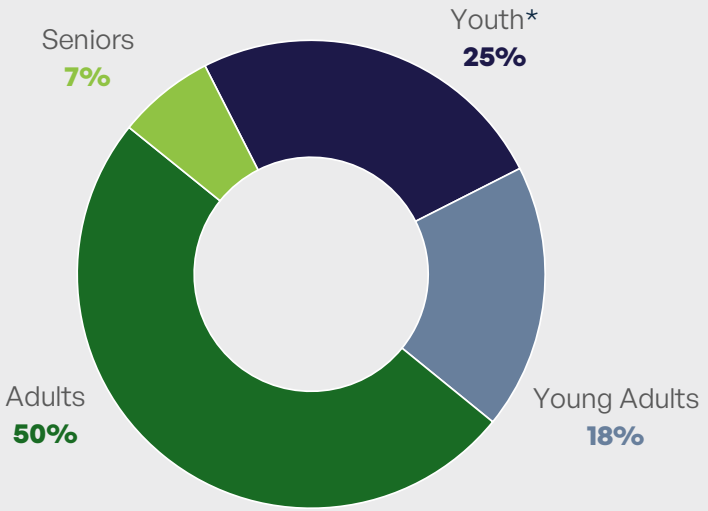
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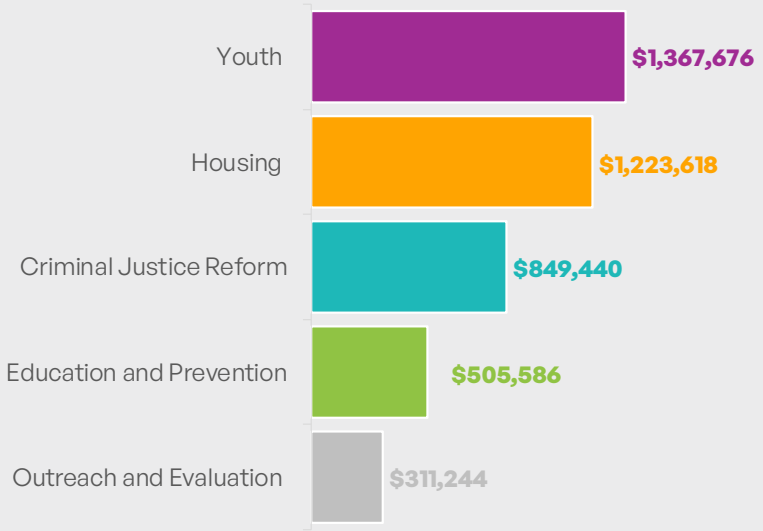


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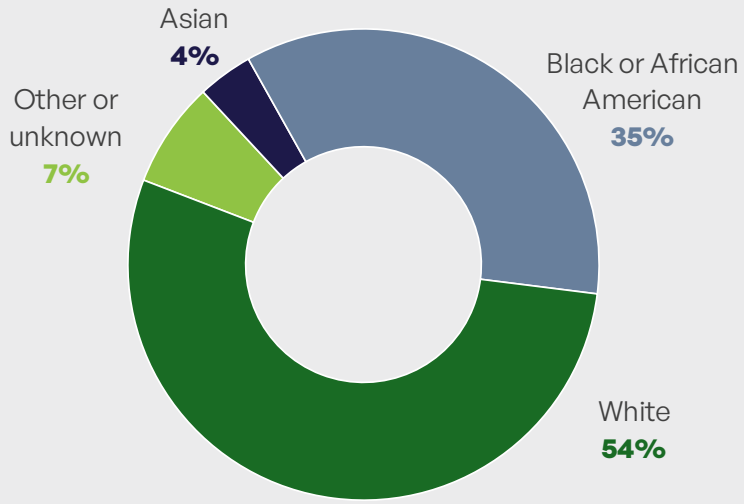


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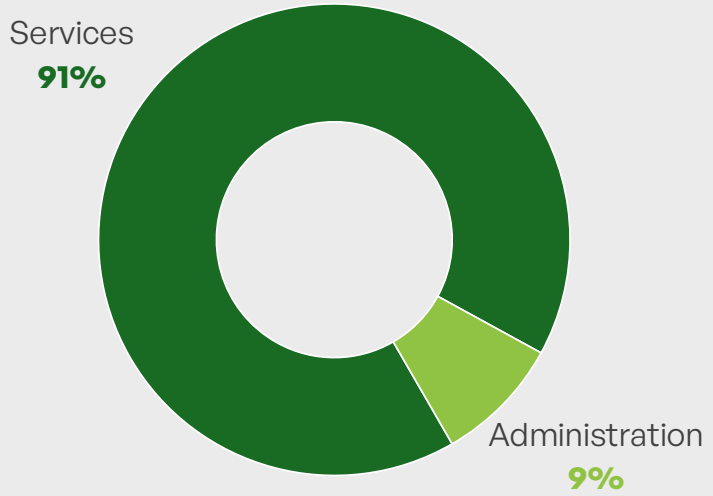
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2024 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES



Snapshot of 2024 WCCMH millage news coverage

2024 WCCMH in the Media

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health takes SUDs seriously— Monique Bedford

#OTGYpsi: Ypsilanti's Hope Clinic integrates mental health services into its complete wellness program — Rylee Barnsdale

Ypsi-area organizations find new ways to eliminate barriers to mental health care — Rylee Barnsdale

Washtenaw County Passes resolution to vote on Mental Health and Public Safety Preservation Millage in November — Sun Times News Staff

Addressing the Gap: The need for increased mental health support for LGBTQ Michiganders — Valerie Lego

Connecting to mental health services is as simple as picking up a phone — Joanne Bailey-Boorsma

Program supporting student athletes' mental health aims to expand beyond Skyline High School — Rylee Barnsdale

Washtenaw County law enforcement introducing new mental health crisis response program — Kevin Meerschaert

Sheriff Clayton says millage renewal could help expand new mental health crisis response teams — Kevin Meerschaert

Free mental health care available to young Black men through new program in Ypsi Township — Rylee Barnsdale

Millage supporting mental health in Washtenaw County passes for 2nd time — Jordyn Pair

#OTGYpsi: Community Family Life Center's 'I-AAM' program empowers young Black males and their families — *Rylee Barnsdale*

2024 WCCMH News

Handle With Care program alerts school staff to student trauma. What happens next?

Supporting parents and guardians: WISD's mental health education webinars

Millage and countywide hoteling the houseless initiatives fill gaps in Washtenaw housing needs

Washtenaw's crisis team is an unarmed, 24/7 resource for residents in need

A Q&A with Lisa Gentz on WCCMH's approach to evaluating millage initiatives

Washtenaw County's Co-Response Unit celebrates 2nd anniversary

Public Safety and Mental Health Millage Renewal: Frequently asked questions

Washtenaw County launched a second Co-Response Unit in July

With millage funds, Avalon Housing is making significant strides

NAMI strengthens community connections through millage-funded programs

It's okay to not be okay. New #WishYouKnew youth mental health campaign resources are now available.

With eight more years of funding on the horizon, millage fuels dozens of community programs



Advisory Committee

The Millage Advisory Committee provides strategic oversight and guidance on Public Safety and Mental Health Millage activities and investments.

In the spring of 2019, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH) established a Millage Advisory Committee, also known as theMAC, to assist with strategic decisions about millage priorities and funding.

The committee, chaired by Annie Somerville, is a subcommittee of the WCCMH Board and reports to the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners. Their meetings are open to the public and include a forum for public comments.



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City of Saline, Chief of Police



George Waddles, Jr.
Community Member and Pastor



Derrick Jackson
Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office*



Ray Rion
Packard Health Representative



Kari Walker
WCCMH Board Representative

**After Jackson's announcement of his Sheriff campaign, he became a non voting member of the MAC.*

Washtenaw County Community Mental Health

To access millage-funded services, call 1-734-544-3050

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