

What is Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA)?

Clarkston Area Youth Assistance is a non-profit community service organization committed to strengthening youth and families by preventing and reducing juvenile delinquency, neglect and abuse through community involvement.



Clarkston Area Youth Assistance (CAYA) was established in 1961 to help volunteers organize their efforts to make a difference in the lives of youth and their families in the Clarkston Community School District. Youth Assistance strives to identify the needs of the community and implement effective prevention programs. Volunteers provide support in various projects and endeavors.

CAYA is administered under the sponsorship of the **Oakland County Circuit Court - Family Division** and is one of 26 such county programs. CAYA is also sponsored by:

- **Clarkston Community Schools**
- **Independence Township**
- **Springfield Township**
- **The City of the Village of Clarkston**

To learn more about CAYA...

Call **Clarkston Area Youth Assistance** today
or go to our website at
www.caya-mi.org



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Programs and Services

CASEWORK:

Short-term individual and family counseling and casework services are provided to families referred by schools, law enforcement, parents, community agencies, and concerned citizens. Services are voluntary and confidential, and include a family assessment, counseling, and referrals for resources.

CAMP:

Camp scholarships are available for income-qualifying families to have their child or teen attend day camp or overnight camp.



SKILL BUILDING:

Skill building scholarships are offered for income-qualifying families to have their child or teen participate in community and school related activities in education, music, sports, art, and more.



FAMILY EDUCATION:

Workshops are offered to parents and/or youth on various topics that promote family growth and youth development. Participants often gain knowledge, skills, tools, and tips to strengthen relationships, enhance parenting skills, and improve overall well-being.



HOMEWORK CLUB:

This after school program offers 3rd-5th grade students a meal and the opportunity to work with a volunteer tutor to understand and complete their homework. Educational resources are provided, as well as consistent interaction with a caring volunteer.

MENTORS PLUS:

A volunteer mentor is paired with a child for a one year commitment. Mentors meet once a week with a child to engage in meaningful activities.



YOUTH RECOGNITION:

This program recognizes and honors youth for working on their own well-being (personal growth) or for demonstrating their concern for the well-being of others in their class, school, or community.

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION:

During the nationwide campaign, "April is Child Abuse Prevention Month," blue pinwheels are planted throughout our community to symbolize that childhood should be filled with hope and kindness. Educational opportunities during the campaign aim to develop community well-being, especially for children and youth.



Get involved with CAYA and:

- **BE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE**
- **CHANGE A CHILD'S LIFE STORY**
- **SUPPORT FAMILIES**
- **DEVELOP COMMUNITY WELL-BEING**



Volunteer Opportunities at CAYA:

- Become a Mentor or Homework Club Tutor**
- Participate on a program committee**
- Lend a hand at a CAYA event**
- Get involved on the Board of Directors**

Volunteers work with professional staff to plan and sponsor enriching programs for youth and families in the Clarkston Area.

Contact CAYA to get involved and make a difference!