

2017 REPORT CARD

BAY HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE COUNCIL

A vision for a strong vibrant Bay County begins with the people who live and work here. The Bay Human Services Collaborative Council (HSCC) is a group of non-profit, government, school, healthcare and law enforcement organizations coming together to work on that vision. Members of the council form task force groups to tackle issues in our community. It is by working together, progress is made and the positive impact of our efforts can be seen.

The Bay HSCC works to enhance the welfare of Bay County citizens by coordinating the understanding, planning, and implementation of prevention, intervention, and rehabilitation services. As members of the Bay HSCC and leaders in human services, the Bay County Health Department, Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Bay County, United Way of Bay County and McLaren Bay Region encourages you to get involved in making a better life for your community. This Report Card is being presented as a summary of current research and trends, and will help you better understand the needs of our community, as well as highlight collaboration efforts.

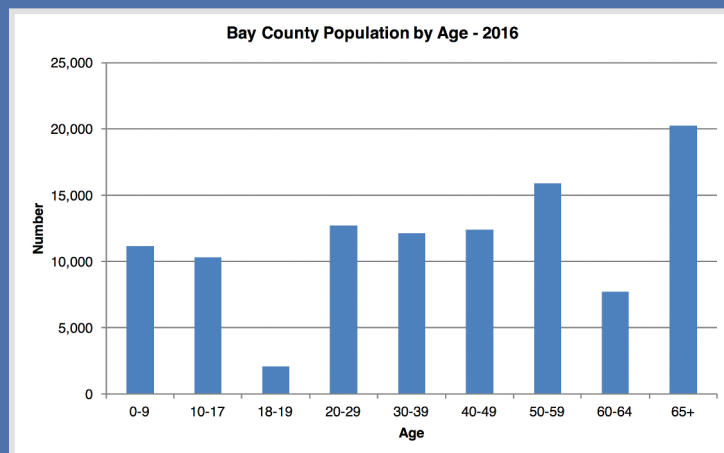
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A LOOK AT BAY COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHICS

Bay County is an area in transition. The once proud shipping and manufacturing locale is now a major tourist and shopping spot, a center of entrepreneurial action and innovation. But it is also an area that has seen major increases in the number of residents living in poverty. It has the largest proportion of seniors than any county in Michigan, and nearly one of every four residents is over the age of sixty. Furthermore, the demographics of the County have changed as well. We are becoming a more diverse population, like the rest of the nation.



Source: Michigan Department of Health & Human Services, Population Trends 2016



Bay County Department on Aging
Senior Olympics 2017

TALENT TOP JOBS BY OCCUPATION

LABOR FORCE:
UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE IS 4.9%



OFFICE &
ADMINISTRATIVE
SUPPORT

14.33%
6,217



SALES

11%
4,775



PRODUCTION
WORKERS

9.62%
4,175



EXECUTIVE,
MANAGERS &
ADMINISTRATORS

9.34%
4,052



FOOD PREPARATION
& SERVING

6.88%
2,986

HEALTH

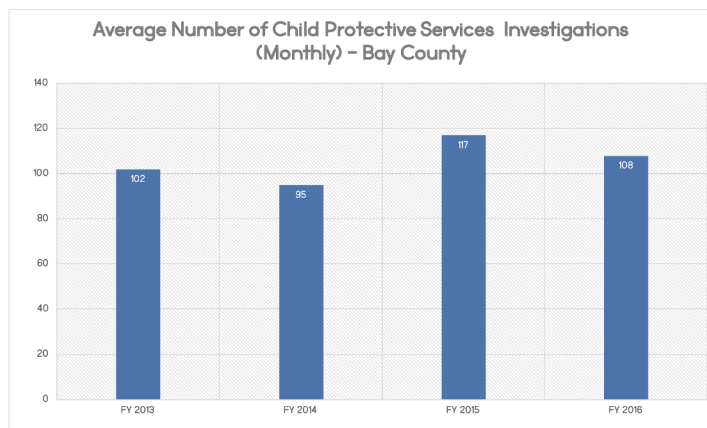
HEALTH CARE

Health care is an important component for the well-being and success of any community. With all of the changes in federal and state health care legislation in the past five years, as well as the accompanying increasing or decreasing resources, county residents face daily challenges in obtaining medical care when it is needed. Over one quarter of the population of Bay County are eligible for Medicaid coverage, which is a challenge to many practitioners because of its low reimbursement rate that often fails to meet the actual costs of care. Additionally, another quarter of the population is or will be eligible for Medicare in the next five years. Yet despite these challenges, Bay County is proud to state that the percentage of uninsured individuals in 2016 was only 5% lower than both the state and national averages. This is a testament to the hard work and cooperative nature that our providers in the county demonstrate on a daily basis.

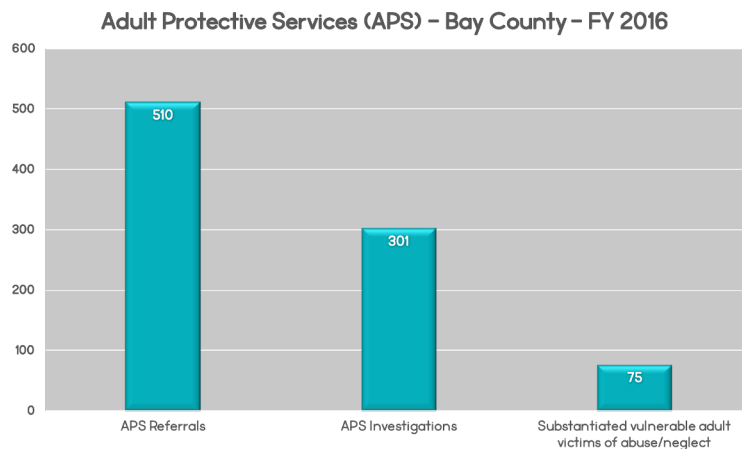
- In Bay County, over 19,000 individuals are eligible for Medicaid
- Over 7,000 additional people receive medical assistance via the Healthy Michigan Program, also known as Michigan's Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act
- Over 9,000 children under the age of 18 receive Medicaid benefits

ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Abuse and neglect for children and other vulnerable populations continues to be a concern in Bay County.



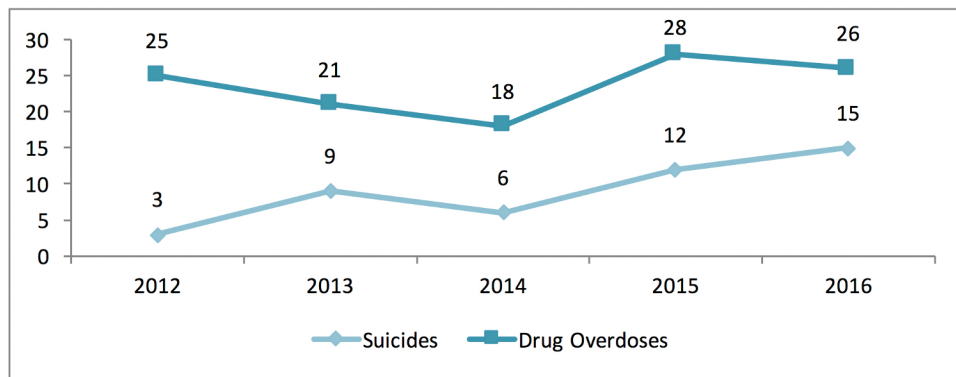
*FY 2014 data incomplete due to system software rollout.



Source (both graphs above): Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Bay County 2016 Program Summary

PREVENTABLE DEATHS

The strains of living on limited means can too often translate itself into a loss of hope amongst individual residents. That loss of hope can manifest itself into depression, neglect of one's self, and destructive behaviors like substance abuse. It is well known the devastating effect that the heroin epidemic has brought upon itself in our community, but what is not well known is the increased number of suicides and suicide attempts.



Source: Bay County Medical Examiner's Report

EDUCATION

Bay County has 4 public schools districts, 3 public school academies and many parochial schools serving 14,556 students. The student to teacher ratio is approximately 18:1. Bay County public schools have a minority enrollment of 14% (majority Hispanic) with the remainder of the population being primarily white. In 2016-17 (MISchool Data) 2,750 students were eligible for free lunch programs and 1,019 students were eligible for reduced lunch prices. Across the years more students in Bay County graduated on time with a graduation rate of 89%. The drop out data has also shown a decrease across time to a dropout rate of 8.6%. According to Kids Count in Michigan Data Book (2015-16) 44.3% of third graders were proficient on the Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (MSTEP) for English-language arts and 28.8% of 8th graders were proficient on the - Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress (MSTEP) for math.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

The majority of the population in Bay County has a high school degree, and 30.70% have a college degree.



< GRADE 9
2.67%



GRADE 9-12
11%



HIGH SCHOOL
35.17%



SOME COLLEGE
24%



ASSOCIATES
DEGREE
11.69%



BACHELORS
DEGREE
13.13%



GRADUATE
DEGREE
5.97%

Source: Bay Future, Inc. - www.bayfuture.com, 2017

EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early childhood programs and services provide access to high-quality early learning programs to prepare for school success. There are many programs in Bay County to address the needs for families.

Early On provides early intervention and special education services to over 100 children and families from birth-3.

Over 400 children in Bay County have utilized the Great Start Readiness Program for preschool which provides a full day preschool experience for 4 year old children. Additionally, the Early Childhood Special Education program provided half-day preschool education to almost 100 students.

The Great Start Collaborative (GSC) has provided access to more families by expanding the home visiting program and collaborating with other programs in the county via the Pregnancy to Preschool Hub as well as expanding parenting groups and services.

The Imagination Library continues to send books monthly to over 4000 children in Bay and Arenac Counties. Additionally, the Math in the Mail program was developed in our region for 3 year old children and kits were sent to over 150 children in Bay County.

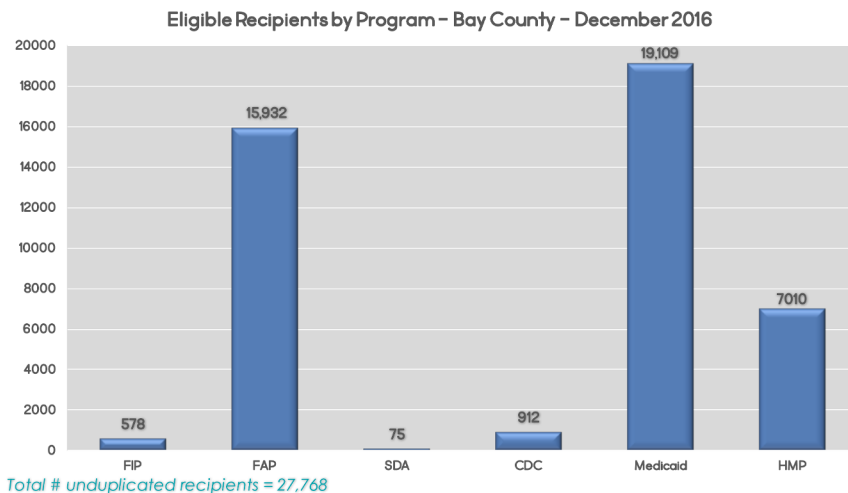


McLaren Bay Medical Foundation's Annual
5k Walk/Run - Kids Race

BASIC NEEDS

One in every four residents is eligible for some type of public assistance in Bay County. Over two million dollars of these funds are distributed within the local economy each month. While it is easy to characterize public assistance as a handout, we should note that this is an important safety net provision for families in need. Public assistance is also an important element of our local economic engine. In the Women's Infants and Children's (WIC) Program, there are approximately 2,600 families in Bay County that participate in the WIC Program each month. Eligible families spend over \$137,800 in healthy foods every month at local grocery stores and markets in Bay County, or a total of \$1,653,600 per year. Regardless of the amount of federal and state programs that assist families in need, there are still shortfalls and unfortunately, not all families can make ends meet.

- More than 27,500 people in Bay County are eligible recipients of public assistance programs, or about 26% of the population
- Latest statistics from Kids Count show 22.8% of Bay County's children are living in poverty
- Bay County ranks 38th of 83 counties for child well-being



Source: Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - Bay County 2016 Program Summary

Program Key:

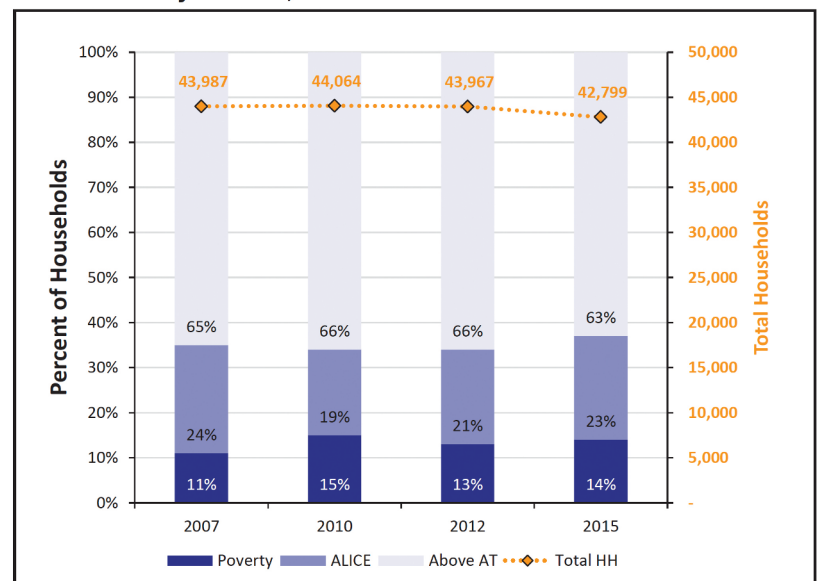
FIP = Family Independence Program
 FAP = Food Assistance Program;
 SDA = State Disability Assistance
 CDC = Child Development & Care
 HMP = Healthy Michigan Plan

A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed – households that earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but less than the basic cost of living for the county. These are the people that live paycheck to paycheck. Combined, the number of poverty and A.L.I.C.E. households equals the total population struggling to afford basic needs. The number of households below the A.L.I.C.E. Threshold changes over time. Households move in and out of poverty and ALICE as circumstances improve or worsen.



Bay County Community Annual Breastfeeding Walk 2017

Households by Income, 2007 to 2015



Source: United Way ALICE Report - 2017, update for Michigan

DID YOU KNOW?

- In 2016, 513 Bay County children were victims of abuse and/or neglect, compared to 481 children in 2015.
- The number of children in foster care increased by 6.7% from 2013 to 2016.
- Approximately 700 individuals over age 18 receive home help assistance due to low income and disability.
- The Abuse in Later Life Program is dedicated to helping older people who become victims of abuse.

The Bay HSCC, through its partner organizations, provide many locally based and funded services to help families meet the needs they face on a daily basis. For example:

UNITED WAY OF BAY COUNTY

- Community Service Programs
- The Helen Wirt-Lee Back to School Clothing Program
- Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)
- Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

MID-MICHIGAN COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Water & Sewer Assistance
- Heat & Energy Assistance
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Homeless Support
- Homeless & Runaway Youth Support
- Employment Support
- Weatherization Program



Helen Wirt-Lee Back to School Clothing Program



McLaren Bay Region's Boot Camp for New Dads Program



Photo courtesy of Michigan Department of Health & Human Services – Bay County

HSCC MEMBERS

Bay Area Community Foundation
Bay Area Women's Center
Bay City Public Schools
Bay County Division on Aging
Bay County Health Department
Bay County Probate Court
Bay Health Plan
Bay-Arenac Behavioral Health
Bay-Arenac ISD

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Do-All, Inc.
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Great Lakes Bay Health
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Mid-Michigan Community Action Agency
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United Way of Bay County
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