



A Community Action Agency

HELPING PEOPLE. CHANGING LIVES.

Community Action Since 1964 



MISSION

To empower families and communities to gain the knowledge, skills and resources needed to improve their quality of life.

VISION

To break the cycle of poverty, reaching the day when all families and communities thrive.

VALUES

Compassion: Serving our clients with dignity, respect and care.

Progress: Pushing ourselves toward thoughtful, creative, long-term solutions.

Diversity: Embracing a wide array of viewpoints and possibilities.

Integrity: Doing the right thing in all we do.

Collaboration: Partnering with all who can help us help others.

Stewardship: Managing fiscal and programmatic resources responsibly and ethically.

Advocacy: Putting voice with action in pursuit of vision.

ABOUT OLHSA

OLHSA is the largest private nonprofit agency delivering human services to Oakland and Livingston Counties. We welcome those in need with a comprehensive set of services, focusing on meeting the basic needs of senior citizens, persons with disabilities, and people suffering from economic hardship.

The Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) was founded in 1964 as a part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. OLHSA provides dozens of services to assist families and individuals to succeed.

Our broad range of connected services empowered more than 8,622 unique people in 2021 to reach or maintain self-sufficiency. Our services address specific needs in Oakland and Livingston County communities.

OLHSA staff members strive for excellence, respect others and honor diversity. To accomplish its work, OLHSA partners with other local organizations and belongs to a network of more than 1,000 nonprofit Community Action Agencies doing similar work throughout the country.

- DTE Energy Refrigerator Replacement Program
- Early Head Start/ Head Start/Great Start Readiness Program
- Emergency Utility Services
- Financial & Home Buyer Education & Counseling
- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group
- HIV/AIDS Home Support Services (Ryan White/HOPWA)
- Low Income Household Water Assistance Plan (LIHWAP)
- Nutrition Programs
- Resource Advocacy
- Summer Lunch Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)/ Commodity Food Program
- Venture Inc.: Energy-Efficient, Affordable Housing
- Weatherization Assistance
- WIC

SERVICES 2021

Case Management
8,772

Warm Referrals to
Community Partners
4,945

Transportation
Services
3,793

Mediation/Customer
Advocacy
742

Living Wage Jobs
26

Improved Health and
Well Being
1,699

School Readiness
790

People Avoided
Eviction
1,740

Improved Financial
Wellbeing
33

WALK FOR WARMTH

For 32 years, OLHSA has hosted its Walk for Warmth fundraiser. In 2021, OLHSA raised \$89,000 to keep people safe, healthy, and warm in Oakland and Livingston Counties.

In Oakland County 404 people were helped with walk funds, including 139 children and 63 seniors. On average, households were awarded \$572 from walk funds.

In Livingston County 266 people were helped with walk funds, including 103 children 36 seniors. On average, households were awarded \$908 from walk funds.



- Susan Harding: OLHSA Chief Executive Officer
- Heather Zeigler: Director for Health Housing and Nutrition
- Marie Verheyen: Senior Program Support Manager
- Lisa Grodsky: Program Operations Manager
- Jane Morris: Senior Advocacy Coordinator
- Martha Rodgers: GRG Assistant

- Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
- Resource Advocacy
- Emergency Food Assistance
- Michigan Benefits Access

- Big Family of Michigan
- Gifts for All God's Children
- Regional Senior Collaborative
- Livingston County Senior Consortium

The following groups are ad hoc committees of OLHSA's Board of Directors or councils that can nominate persons to serve on the agencies Board of Directors.

- Older Adult Advisory Council
- North Oakland Advisory Council
- Pontiac Advisory Council
- SOAR: South Oakland Agencies Relate

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The Promise of Community Action

*Community Action changes people's lives,
embodies the spirit of hope,
improves communities,
and makes America a better place to live.*

*We care about the entire community,
and we are dedicated to helping people
help themselves and each other.*



OLHSA Older Adult Services -
<https://www.olhsa.org/en-us/older-adult-services> | Phone: 248.209.2622

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