Name of organization: OLHSA, a Community Action Agency
(Legal name: Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency)

Type of organization: Private, 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, community based organization

Year founded: 1964

Foundation funding: Community Services Block Grant

Counties served: Oakland and Livingston primarily, grant specific extended service through southeast Michigan

Number of employees: 301

Mission, vision and values

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 our vision
Leadership

Chief Executive Officer:
Susan Harding

Board Executive Committee:
Officers –
Khalfani Stephens, CHAIRPERSON
Brent Earl, VICE CHAIRPERSON
Janet Jackson, SECRETARY
Douglas Williams, TREASURER

Public Sector –
Angela Powell, OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Debbie Miller, ROSE TOWNSHIP CLERK
Douglas Helzerman, LIVINGSTON COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Janet Jackson, OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Joe Del Monroe, OAKLAND COUNTY
Phyllis McMillen, OAKLAND COUNTY JUDICIAL
Khalfani Stephens, GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Private Sector –
Brent Earl, LIVINGSTON COUNTY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
Coleman Yoakum, OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
Douglas Williams, OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
Ellen Terpening, OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
Faris Alami, OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY
Lisa Straske, OAKLAND COUNTY BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

Community Representative Sector –
Crystal Szelap, LIVINGSTON ADVISORY COUNCIL
Holbert Maxey, HOUSING
Janise Jordan, MULTI-CULTURAL
Kathy Davis, HEALTH, NUTRITION, & DISABLED
Maureen Parrish, HEAD START POLICY COUNCIL
Patty Soma, SENIOR CITIZENS
Susan White, YOUTH CONCERNS
Taressa Snyder-Ariss, LIVINGSTON HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE COMMITTEE
Tony Soma, SENIOR CITIZENS
Willia Wright, MULTI-CULTURAL
Yohannes Bolds, YOUTH CONCERNS

Emeritus Members -
Deborah Majeski
John Almstadt
Nancy Dingeldey
Ninfa Mendoza
Richard J. Holmes
Programs and services

Services and programs currently available –

Economic Security
  • Employment Supports
  • Financial Wellness & Asset Building
  • MI Bridges Benefits
  • Older Adult Programs

Education
  • Early Education
  • Financial Literacy
  • Community Resources
  • WIC

Emergency Assistance & Emergency Housing
  • COVID Resources
  • Homelessness
  • Water Assistance

Housing/ Homelessness & Veterans Supports
  • Homebuyer Ed., Rental Ed., & Home Purchase
  • Homelessness
  • Home Preservation, Foreclosure, & Property Tax
  • Veterans Support
  • Weatherization & Home Repair

Health and Nutrition
  • Food
  • Health
  • HIV Services
  • Nutrition Support
  • WIC

Total number of clients served in 2021: 8,622
2021 operating budget: $26 million
Locations
Main office –
196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
Pontiac, MI 48343

South office –
711 W. 13 Mile Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071

Livingston County office –
2300 East Grand River
Suite 107
Howell, MI 48843

Holly office –
201 Elm Street
Holly, MI 48442

About Community Action
• Community Action was established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 to fight America’s War on Poverty
• Community Action helps people and changes lives through services tailored to the needs of local communities
• There are approximately 1,100 Community Action Agencies in the United States
• OLHSA is one of 30 Community Action Agencies in Michigan