January Newsletter
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Branch County Community Network
OUR MISSION & VISION

To bring hope, education, recreation, and inspiration to youth and families of Branch County by creating a Christ-centered environment.

We value unconditional acceptance, Christ-centered living, and community.

OUR STAFF

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Address: 89 W. Chicago Street
Tibbits Practice Site
Girls Volleyball
Friday Night Alive
Battle of the Bands
The Coach ~ After School Program
Coats for Kids & Families
Community Christmas Dinner
A Warming Center
A Cooling Center
Girls Scout Cookie Carmel Apple Sundae
Connection Café
Project Popsicle
Family Movie Night
Rental Location
Pastors’ Breakfast Host
Run by Volunteers
Non-Profit Luncheon
Chili Tasting Site
Mom To Mom Location
Free Ornament Decorating
Toys for Tots Distribution Site
Walk-A-Mile Start/Finish
Pansophia Prom
Strawberry Pancakes
Community Thanksgiving Dinner
Celebrate Recovery
Snowman Builders
Kid’s Ninja Warrior Course
Stick-It Chili Supper
4 H Pie Auction Site
Supper with Santa
Donut Hole Give-Away for Halloween Parade
Chamber Breakfast Host
Network of Hope Training Site
You are invited......

All - American Denim and Flannel Dinner

A Fund-Raising Event for

The Coach Eby Youth & Family Center
89 W. Chicago St. - Coldwater, MI

Thursday - March 19, 2020
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. - Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Hat & Boots optional
just join us for
The Party!

A NIGHT OF FUN, MUSIC & GREAT FOOD!!!
Dear Team Mate,

As Coach Eby was a team player and worked collaboratively with many, we still like to think of ourselves as his team carrying out his mission. You are an important part of that community team that meets the needs of youth and family in Branch County.

In saying such, we would like to open the court for you to join us for our annual banquet, Flannel & Denim ~ All American Dinner! On **Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm** we will be serving fried chicken with all the fixin’s along with apple pie, shelled peanuts, root beer and even a good old fashioned jam tasting contest.

You can wear your Sunday best or your favorite flannel and denim to this down home event right here on the **Eby Center Basketball Court**. Cowboy boots are optional!

You also might want to consider supporting our event in one or two of these 4 ways:

1. **Be a Banquet Sponsor**
2. **Sponsor a Table**
3. **Be a Table Captain and fill “the bench”**
4. **Join us for the evening**

*For more details on what these mean, see attached flier!*

Attendance is free and seating will be limited, so please respond as soon as possible to hold your seat. **To help us prepare, please return your attached response card by Monday, March 9th.** This is an awareness and fundraising event and we will be sharing about the programs available at Coach Eby Center, as well as, giving you an opportunity to make a financial contribution to continue the work going on here.

The Coach Eby Team would like to say thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you on the 19th of March!

Sincerely,

Kristen Niedzwiecki  
Event Coordinator  
Coach Eby Youth and Family Center  
www.ebycenter.org  
coachebycenter@gmail.com
Coach Eby Center Banquet Reply Form

Annual Banquet: Flannel & Denim ~ An All American Dinner
Thursday, March 19th at 6:00 pm

There are many ways to participate.

How will you get involved? Check all that apply!

**Banquet Sponsor** ~ Support the event & help cover costs and fundraising through a one time donation by March 1st.
* MVP (Financial Gift of $1000 or more)
* Life Changing Coach (Financial Gift of $750- $999)
* Community Champion (Financial Gift of $500- $749)
* Team Player (Financial Gift of $250- $499)

☐ I would like to commit to a one time financial gift of $_
  * Check below if you plan to be a Table Captain and/or attend the event as One of the Crowd as well

**Table Sponsor** ~ Cover the cost of Fried Chicken & all the fixin’s for an entire banquet table.
* $100 per table

☐ I would like to sponsor ______ (1, 2, etc.) tables for a total of $_ ($100, $200, etc.)
  * Check below if you plan to be a Table Captain and/or attend the event as One of the Crowd as well

**Table Captain** ~ Invite your adult friends and/or family to join you to fill a table up.
* No Donation required

☐ I would like to be a Table Captain for: (how many tables of each)
  ___ Table of 6 total including me
  ___ Table of 8 total including me
  ___ Table of 10 total including me

**One of the Crowd** ~ Attend the banquet alone or with a friend or two to enjoy an All American Night Out!
* No Donation required

I am not able to be a table captain, but would like to attend the banquet.
☐ I will be attending
☐ I will be attending with (names of guests)

☐ I have been invited by ____________________________, who is a table captain.

________________________________________  Organization (if applicable)

________________________________________

Address

________________________________________  Email

________________________________________

Phone

Please return to Coach Eby Youth & Family Center by Monday, March 9th to allow us time to prepare for you.
Welcome to The Coach

An After School Experience

Sponsored by:
Coach Eby Youth & Family Center
89 W. Chicago St.
Coldwater, MI 49036
517 278-5031

A Safe Place to Be . . .

Who we are . . .

Our Mission:
Provide a safe, secure environment for High School students to engage with their schoolwork, interact with other students, and learn new skills in order to become better versions of themselves.

Our Vision:
- Offer a safe, secure environment for youth four days a week
- Give additional educational support to students through tutoring sessions
- Allow students to engage with each other in healthy ways through group activities and "Life Skills Coaching" sessions to build moral character and a community pride in the lives of Branch County’s youth
- To help students learn new life skills in order to become better versions of themselves; increasing self-confidence, equipping them with resources and job skills for future success.

Demonstrated Need:
Coldwater currently has no tutoring or after school centers for high school aged students outside of sports programs. There is a lack of a safe, secure place for students to gather after school to positively engage with one another. The Coach will provide the space and the mentors for students who present academic or personal needs.

Who Can Participate?
- Coldwater High School faculty will refer students for the program
- Students may also apply directly for the program
- Students will apply for the program and commit to rules/expectations of The Coach
- Parent & student will sign a contract committing to follow through with the program.

To volunteer or financially support The Coach:
Call the Center office @ 517 278-5031
Or visit our website ~ ebycenter.org

Launch Date: Sept. 30, 2019
Monday thru Thursday
3 to 5:30 p.m.
COMPONENTS OF THE COACH

The Coach will provide a structured space for Coldwater High School students to engage with their current academic work, outside learning experiences and their fellow peers. Students will have the freedom to choose their engagement with activities in the center.

ACADEMIC TIME
Tutoring will be offered three times a week for one hour. The sessions will give students the opportunity to work on their homework at their own pace and ask questions on different school subjects. Qualified adult volunteers will work with students at their request and procure more academic help if needed.

LIFE SKILLS COACHING
Skills sessions in a range of different fields will be provided by local community members and organizations on a weekly, monthly or even one-time basis.

FAITH 15
The Faith 15 is a spiritual option for students to hear from volunteers or invited community leaders that will offer a short presentation to students related to life, rooted in Biblical principles.

GROUP ACTIVITIES/SOCIAL CONNECTION
The Coach will provide activities for the students which will emphasize interaction and community relations. We want to promote relational entertainment and activities. Whether playing board games or team building activities, the students will have opportunity for healthy engagement outside the school setting.

SNACKS
In an effort to provide a healthy environment for the students, of the community, we will provide daily healthy snacks. We will also have food “grab bags” for anyone who would like to have one—no questions asked.

THE COACH STORE
Students will have the opportunity to earn “Coach Bucks” through attendance, participating in group activities, academic improvement, completion of assigned daily jobs, and volunteering. Student will be able to redeem “Coach Bucks” in the The Coach Store for rewards, such as gift cards, gift cards for food or activities, clothing, or other age appropriate items.
After School Tutoring & Mentoring Program

As a student participant, I __________________________ agree to and willingly commit to participate in The Coach after school program at Coach Eby Youth & Family Center Monday-Thursday during the 2019-2020 school calendar.

I will do my best to:

- Be on time
- Follow all rules established by The Coach Program
- Be respectful towards myself, my peers and staff
- Participate with a positive attitude
- Work hard during academic time
- Be helpful in assigned responsibilities/daily jobs and do my part to take care of the Eby Center

Student Signature: ____________________________ Date: ________________________

As a parent/guardian of a student participant, I __________________________________ agree to allow my child to participate in The Coach afterschool program.

I will do my best to:

- Make sure my child attends each day
- Support the program rules and expectations set forth by and carried out by The Coach Staff

I agree to:

- See to it that my child is picked up at 5:30 pm Monday-Thursday from the Eby Center (unless there is a special event)
- Allow The Coach Program to see my child’s school grade and information on my child’s Skyward account
- Allow staff to reach out to my child’s teachers to help better serve and meet their specific needs

I will not hold The Coach Eby Center liable for unforeseen injuries and trust the judgement of the staff to see to the best interest of my child in case of an emergency.

Parent Signature: __________________________________ Date: __________________________

The COACH’S commitment to you:
- We will provide vetted and screened volunteers as well as materials necessary to complete our mission.
The Coach ~ Application

After School Tutoring & Mentoring Program

First Name: _______________________ Middle Initial: _______ Last Name: ___________________________________

Home Address: __________________________________________ City: __________________________ State: _______

Is this where you currently live:   Yes    No

Cell Phone: ________________________________________  Do you text?    Yes    No

Parent(s) Name: ______________________ ____________________________________

Parent Cell Phone: __________________________________  Do you text?    Yes    No

Are you interested in being part of this program?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No, but I don’t have a choice

What are your expectations of The Coach Program?

☐ To improve my grades  ☐ To make friends
☐ To learn to read better  ☐ To find a safe place to study
☐ To help me graduate high school  ☐ To find social connections
☐ Other: __________________________________________________________________________

What are your plans after high school?

☐ To go to
   ☐ Community college/university to become ________________________________
   ☐ Trade School for ______________________________________
   ☐ To join the military: (circle one)   Army   Navy   Air Force   Marines
☐ To get a job
☐ I have not thought about that yet
☐ Other: __________________________________________________________________________

It is our intent for you to participate in the program every day Monday-Thursday, Is there a day you would not be able to
attend and participate in the program?

☐ I can attend/participate Monday- Thursday

I cannot attend/participate ☐ Monday  ☐ Tuesday  ☐ Wednesday  ☐ Thursday

Is there anything that might keep you from committing to The Coach Program or that you would like the staff to know?

________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________

Disclosure: Please be advised that while there is a partnership between Coldwater Community Schools (CCS) and The
Coach support program, in regards to transportation to the program, The Coach program is not a school associated or
school supervised program of CCS.
A Safe Place to be.....

Medical & Liability Release

Participant Name: ______________________________________________________

In the event of sickness or medical emergency where I am not present and cannot be reached, I request that my child receive any medical attention or treatment deemed necessary by the staff and/or leadership of The Coach Eby Youth and Family Center. Therefore, I give permission to any hospital, doctor and/or health care provider to treat, transport/admit my child. I grant permission for the release of medical records in the event of an accident while participating in an activity The Center. I understand that I am responsible for all expenses and charges for the treatment and care of my child if need be.

While participating in activities at The Center, the above named child, has my permission to travel in a vehicle with approved staff (if applicable).

I give permission for pictures and video of my child to be used on The Center’s website and in program or Eby Center publicity. (If opposed to this please submit a denial in writing to The Center office.)

Parent Name: _______________________________________________________

Best Parent Contact Phone Number: ________________________________

Parent Signature: _______________________________________________ Date: __________________________________________

Transportation Plan To and From The COACH Program:

TO:

The Participant, __________________________________________________________ will get to the Eby Center for the COACH program:

☐ On the designated bus from the high school
☐ Parent / Guardian will transport to and from
☐ Participant will walk from school
☐ Other (explain) __________________________________________________________________________________

FROM:

☐ Who will be picking-up the student at 5:30 pm (Mon.—Thurs.)? ________________________________

Cell phone number of the person picking-up: ________________________________

☐ My child will walk home from the Eby Center
WINTER FEST 2020
DOWNTOWN COLDWATER, MI | JANUARY 25, 2020

Join the Fun Downtown!
2PM-5PM
See our Facebook event page for more information

Live Sled Dogs
- short presentation at 2pm, 3pm, and 4pm and pictures with
  the dogs available after each presentation (held on Monroe Street)

Professional Juggling
- performing with fire and other fun juggling acts at 2:30pm, 3:30pm, and 4:30pm

Live Wood Carvings
- come watch live wood carvings at the 4 corners!

Snowman Masterpieces
- displayed downtown will be handmade snowmen created
  by local clubs/organizations. The judging for the best
  snowman will be at 2 pm

Soup/Chili Cookoff
- $5/person. Taste soup and chili at different locations downtown.
  By entering, you get the chance to win a wood carving

Activities @ Coach Eby
- Elsa & Anna and Balloon Animals

Questions? p: 517.278.8566 | e: recreation@coldwater.org
COLDWATER RECREATION

SNOWMAN BUILDING Contest

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 | 2pm

We are looking clubs/organizations to create a snowman masterpiece that we can display downtown at Winterfest. Snowman must be handmade and constructed out of anything you want!

PRIZES
1st place: $200
2nd place: $150

JUDGING
Creativity
Follows Height Restrictions
Appearance

GUIDELINES

- Build off site and bring to your assigned spot downtown by 1pm before judging at 2pm
- Construct using any type of material you want
- Height: 4ft minimum/6ft maximum
- Must be appropriate for all ages
* No electricity available*
* No materials provided*

For more information contact the Recreation Department
P: 517.218.8566 | E: mwelke@coldwater.org

REGISTRATION DUE BY JANUARY 20

Name of club/group:

Contact Name: ____________________________ Phone: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Return completed registration to the Dr. Browne Recreation Center or via email to mwelke@coldwater.org
SELF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS at EXPANDED LOCATIONS

(517) 278-SAFE

For the Months of: Jan, Feb, March.

BCCADSV

New Classes!
Open to the Public!

BRANCH COUNTY EVENTS FOR THESE MONTHS INCLUDE:

- Winterfest / Chili Cook-Off - Saturday, January 25th 2 - 5PM
- Poverty Simulation Training - Wednesday, January 29th 2 - 4PM
- Project Connect - Wednesday, January 29th 4 - 6:30PM @Coach Eby Center
- Poverty Simulation Training - Thursday, March 19th 4 - 6PM @Coldwater High School

Save The Date - Walk A Mile April 25th

Keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page as new events happen!

278safe.com/events
facebook.com/278SAFE

LOCATIONS / TIMES

Class Descriptions: Budgeting: To educate participants to learn how to create an individualized budget to foster independence and self-sufficiency. Stretching your Positivity: To educate participants how to stretch their positivity in mind, body, and soul.

Quincy: 17 W. Chicago St.
- January 16th: Stretching your Positivity: 12:00-1:30PM
- January 16th: Darkness to Light: 4:00-6:30PM
- January 30th: Budgeting: 5:00-6:30PM
- February 6th: Darkness to Light: 2:4-3:30PM
- February 6th: Stretching your Positivity: 5:00-6:30PM
- February 20th: Budgeting: 12:00-1:30PM
- March 12th: Stretching your Positivity: 12:00-1:30PM
- March 26th: Budgeting: 5:00-6:30PM

- January 6th: Budgeting: 12:00-1:30PM
- January 20th: Stretching your Positivity: 5:00-6:30PM
- February 10th: Stretching your Positivity: 12:00-1:30PM
- February 24th: Budgeting: 5:00-6:30PM
- March 2nd: Stretching your Positivity: 5:00-6:30PM
- March 16th: Budgeting: 12-1:30PM

Coldwater: Downtown location: 117 W. Chicago St.
- January 8th: Budgeting: 12:00-1:30PM
- January 17th: Darkness to Light: 2:4-3:30PM
- January 22nd: Stretching your Positivity: 5:00-6:30PM
- February 5th: Budgeting: 5:00-6:30PM
- February 17th: Volunteer Training: 5:00-8:00PM
- February 19th: Stretching your Positivity: 12:00-1:30PM
- March 4th: Budgeting: 12:00-1:30PM
- March 18th: Stretching your Positivity: 5:00-6:30PM

Union City: Located in All Things Serenity 106 E. High St.
- January 14th: Budgeting: 5:00-6:30PM
- January 28th: Stretching your Positivity: 12:00-1:30PM
- February 4th: Budgeting: 12:00-1:30PM
- February 25th: Stretching your Positivity: 5:00-6:30PM
- March 10th: Budgeting: 5:00-6:30PM
- March 24th: Stretching your Positivity: 12:00-1:30PM

RSVP using the link below or by calling (517) 278-SAFE (7233)

www.278SAFE.com/rsvp
Valentine's Day Raffle!

Purpose... to increase endowment for the Naomi Davis Shelterhouse

$1425 Value!

2nd Prize is $200.00!!

3rd Prize is a Basket and Art from G & W Display Fixtures

First Prize: A Beautiful Amethyst Ring!
This beautiful Amethyst ring represents the evolution of the survivor!

Drawing to be held February 13th at The Chameleon at 5:00pm
*Need not be present to win...

The Chameleon is located at 117 W. Chicago Street Coldwater, MI 49036

ONLY $10 PER TICKET!!

Tickets are available at the following locations:

Monday, Sew What in Bronson 402 W. Chicago St.
Tuesday, All Things Serenity in Union City, 106 E. High St.
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday in Coldwater, 117 W. Chicago
Thursday in Quincy, 17 W. Chicago St.
Or anytime at 220 N. Michigan Avenue Coldwater or by calling 517.278.SAFE (7233)

Thank You and Good Luck!

Purpose... to increase endowment for the Naomi Davis Shelterhouse

Michigan Raffle License #R56362
STRENGTHENING FAMILIES
PARENTING PROGRAM
BRANCH COUNTY COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE
&
PINES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

ABOUT STRENGTHENING FAMILIES PROGRAM
The Strengthening Families Program (SFP) is a nationally recognized parenting/family strengthening program. SFP is an evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, delinquency and alcohol and drug abuse in children and to improve social competencies and school performance.

SESSIONS INCLUDE
• Improve family relations
• Increase parenting skills
• Improve child/teen life skill behavior
• Increase child/teen social competencies
• Reduce/prevent alcohol or drug abuse

FEB 5-MARCH 18, 2020
EVERY WEDNESDAY AT
5:30-7:30PM
BCCADSV & Pines have partnered to bring
the community this FREE 7 week program
for families with children ages 6-16
Space is LIMITED! Pre-registration is
MANDATORY!

PROGRAM INCENTIVES
• Weekly dinner provided
• Weekly incentives
• Larger, final Incentive upon completion
• Childcare provided

CALL 517.278.SAFE (7233) TO REGISTER BY FEB 3RD!
Poverty Simulation

Could you live a month in poverty?

Where: Coach Eby Center-89 W Chicago Coldwater, MI

When: January 29th 2:00-4:00pm

Experience the challenges individuals and the families face living in poverty. This simulation will portray the poverty experience and allow attendees to give feedback on how they feel poverty affects our community.

Register with eventbrite


Or call 517-278-7233. If space is available walk ins will be accepted.

The noblest pleasure is the joy of understanding. - Leonardo da Vinci

Following the simulation will be Project Connect: A community gathering to offer available resources in one space. Time: 4-6:30 pm
PROJECT CONNECT

A community event that brings multiple services to one place. People can be directed to the agencies in our community who can assist them in meeting their needs. Project Connect will provide free resources and on-site services to low-income individuals and families.

Where: Coach Eby Center-89 W Chicago Coldwater, MI
When: January 29th, 4:00-6:30pm
A meal will be served from 4:00pm-6:00pm
DIRECT SERVICES FOR
VICTIMS OF ELDER AND DEPENDENT ADULT ABUSE
Area Agency on Aging IIIC - Serving Branch and St. Joseph Counties

The Area Agency on Aging IIIC victim assistance program is dedicated to serve the needs of victims of elder and dependent adult abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation. The Services to Victims of Elder Abuse (SVEA) program has been established through grant funding provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA).

Eligible participants include:
1. Any victim of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation who is age 60 or older.
2. Any victim of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation who is age 18 or older and is dependent on others due to disability.

Available services include:
1. Information about victim rights and the criminal justice process
2. Referral to other community services, supports and resources
3. Personal and criminal advocacy
4. Transportation and accompaniment to appointments and resources
5. Emergency financial assistance
6. Crisis response and intervention
7. Relocation assistance
8. Victim Impact Statement assistance
9. Assistance in filing for Crime Victims Compensation Program
10. Emotional support as well as individual counseling and support groups
11. Person-centered case management to coordinate care for victims

To make a referral:
Contact the Area Agency on Aging IIIC office at (517) 278-2538, via email at aaa3c@bhsj.org or Toll Free at (888) 615-8009. Elder Abuse Victim Specialists will be available Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm with additional times by appointment.

Anyone can be the victim of abuse and everyone deserves to be safe.

LAURA SUTTER - PROGRAM DIRECTOR

This project is supported by Grant No. 2017-VA-GX-0063 awarded to the Area Agency on Aging IIIC by the Michigan Crime Victim Services Commission. The agreement award of $205,743 (80% of the project), comes from the Federal Crime Victims Fund, established by the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 administered by the Office for Victims of Crime, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. The Area Agency on Aging IIIC provides the required match valued at $51,436 by the use of non-federal cash match.
No Excuse For Elder Abuse

If you or someone you know has been victimized, please contact Area Agency on Aging IIIIC.

Dedicated staff at the Area Agency on Aging IIIIC serve victims of elder and dependent adult abuse, neglect and/or exploitation through a person-centered and trauma-informed approach.

The Services to Victims of Elder Abuse Program offers support and services such as personal and criminal advocacy, referrals to community organizations, emergency financial assistance, and more!
Our agency’s mission is to provide advocacy, action and answers on aging. Contact our office to talk directly to an Elder Abuse Victim Specialist.

Who We Serve
- Any victim of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation who is age 60 or older
- Any victim of abuse, neglect and/or exploitation who is 18 or older and is dependent on others due to disability

Potential Red Flags of Abuse:

**NEGLECT**
- Lack of basic hygiene
- Lack of adequate food
- Lack of medical aids
- Person with dementia left unsupervised
- Home clutter, filth, in disrepair, or having fire or safety hazards
- Home without adequate facilities
- Untreated pressure “bed” sores

**FINANCIAL**
- Lack of items the victim can afford
- Unusual spending and/or gift giving in large sums
- Caregiver has control of elder’s money failing to provide for elder’s needs
- Elder or adult doesn’t understand financial transactions

**PHYSICAL / SEXUAL**
- Unexplained fractures, bruises, welts, cuts, sores, or burns
- Unexplained sexually transmitted diseases

**EMOTIONAL / MENTAL**
- Unexplained changes in behavior, such as withdrawal from normal activities
- Caregiver isolates elder (doesn’t let anyone into home or speak to elder)
- Caregiver is verbally aggressive or demeaning, controlling or uncaring

Anyone can be the victim of abuse and everyone deserves to be safe.
SSVF Veteran Eligibility Summary Sheet

Community Action Agency (CAA) has grant funding through Supportive Services for Veterans and their families (SSVF) that will assist very low-income Veteran families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. Case managers will provide a range of supportive services to eligible Veteran families that are designed to promote housing stability. SSVF uses a Housing First model.

1) Housing Crisis
   - SSVF can offer housing assistance to literally homeless (Rapid Re-housing) or those at risk for homeless Veterans (Prevention). Veterans that are "doubled-up" (without an eviction notice) are not eligible.
   - If the Veteran is housed and facing eviction, he or she must still meet a local threshold score (16) in order to be eligible.
   - SSVF does not help with subsidized rents.
   - Case Managers can help place Veteran on the Section 8 housing Choice or HUD-VASH voucher lists.
   - The Veteran must not own a home or have a mortgage.
   - SSVF can assist with lot rent if being evicted (i.e. trailer park) even if they own the home.
   - All community partners should have and document a Rapid Resolution (diversion) conversation with the Veteran to see if he or she can stay with a friend or family member.

2) Low-Income Veteran- SSVF staff can assist and verify income calculation
   - Household must be below 50% of the area medium income (AMI) for the county. (huduser.org).
   - All income sources including non-cash benefits such as food stamps are included in the income calculation.
   - SSVF will ask for bank statements if available and discuss assets.

3) Veteran Status- SSVF staff can assist with determining Veteran status
   a. Must be a US Veteran.
   b. Service Era- It does not matter if Veteran served during a war-time era or during peace-time era.
   c. National Guard or Reserves do not qualify unless called to active duty.
   d. The Veteran must have served time outside of boot-camp/training unless he or she was injured during training and now receives a service-connected disability.
   e. Honorable, Other than Honorable, General, etc., discharges are eligible. Dishonorable/Court Martials are not.

4) Miscellaneous
   a. If Veteran has received SSVF assistance previously, SSVF case managers will need to verify when and where as the Veteran may or may not be eligible at the time.
   b. Each Veteran will be required to sign a Case Management agreement, work towards his or her goals, and develop a housing stabilization plan with the Case Manager to which the aim is to help ensure the Veteran becomes self-sufficient.

5) Required Documentation -for each household member, SSVF can help with obtaining required documentation
   - State ID (non-expired).
   - Social Security Cards.
   - Birth Certificates (required for Section 8 placement).
   - DD-214 or VA photo ID (verifies Veteran status).
   - Print outs of all income sources and non-cash benefits such as food assistance.
   - Third-party homelessness verification letter or eviction letter.

6) Services provided by SSVF Support Services
   - Outreach.
   - Case management.
   - Serve as a connection to VA benefits and programs.
   - Serve as a connection to public benefits and mainstream community resources.
   - Provide Temporary Financial Assistance (TFA) - this is typically limited rental assistance and or a security deposit.

*If you are unsure if a Veteran is eligible, please reach out to the local SSVF Housing Advocate and he or she will be able to help determine eligibility.
Kathi Carr
Veterans Housing Advocate
1000 East Broadway
Three Rivers, MI 49093
Web: www.caascm.org
Tel: (269) 441-1398
Fax: (269) 273-3864
Email: kathleenr@caascm.org
Dedicated to helping people achieve and maintain independence
Pediatric Deaths 2019-2020

United States 11

Michigan 11

Don't Spread the Flu to Your Loved Ones!

Get your flu vaccine this year and every year.

Don't let the flu keep you from important moments. Vaccine remains your best protection from the flu.

Ask your health care provider today!

MDHHS
www.michigan.gov/flu