

A large, vibrant graphic overlay is centered on the image. It features a blue rectangular background with white text. The text reads "MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE" in a smaller font, followed by "CONVENTION 2026" in a larger, bold font. The graphic is decorated with colorful, abstract shapes: yellow and red wavy lines, a green spiral, a green cross, and a green arrow pointing upwards. The background of the entire image is a photograph of a red brick building with a grid pattern. A marquee sign on the building reads "TRAVEL WITH", and another sign to the right says "FESTIVAL KANE WELLS". People are gathered outside the building, and a white circular logo with a lowercase 'm' is in the bottom left corner.

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Housing: Building Coalitions to Address Homelessness

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Homeless Demographics Summary

PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (CY 2024)

Homeless Client Characteristics (HMIS Data Only)	Literally Homeless	1st Time Homeless	Frequent Users ***	Veterans	Adult Only	Adults with Children	Youth 18-24	Adults 25-54	Seniors 55+
Unique Number of Clients for 2024*	31,211	15,137	4,926	1,599	18,980	10,514	3,326	14,283	5,121
Change from Prior Year	-6%	-4%	1%	-7%	-7%	-6%	-9%	-6%	-7%
Number of Adults	22,654	11,734	4,418	1,599	18,980	3,887	3,326	14,283	5,121
Number of Children	7,374	3,394	507	N/A	N/A	6,628	N/A	N/A	N/A
Number of Households	23,159	11,391	4,340	1,586	18,462	3,062	2,982	13,406	5,025
GENDER									
Woman (Girl, if child)	40%	40%	36%	7%	32%	59%	51%	41%	27%
Man (Boy, if child)	56%	59%	62%	92%	67%	41%	45%	58%	73%
Culturally Specific Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Non-Binary	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Transgender	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	2%	<1%	<1%
Questioning	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Different Identity	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
INDEFINITE AND IMPAIRING DISABILITIES									
AT LEAST ONE DISABILITY	28%	27%	50%	55%	40%	13%	25%	35%	50%
Types of disabilities reported:									
Physical disability	11%	11%	19%	31%	16%	3%	3%	12%	29%
Developmental disability	8%	8%	14%	5%	10%	6%	12%	9%	7%
Chronic health condition	6%	6%	12%	17%	10%	2%	2%	7%	17%
HIV/AIDS	<1%	<1%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	1%
Mental health disorder	17%	16%	32%	32%	24%	6%	16%	23%	26%
Substance use disorder	5%	4%	12%	14%	8%	<1%	2%	7%	11%

Root Causes:

Lack of Affordable Housing and Poverty

- A lack of Affordable Housing and Poverty are the background causes of homelessness – complicated by many other factors
- 41% of Michigan Households struggle with basic needs
- 72% of renters paying more than 50% of their income on rent have household incomes below \$20,000



Other Factors Contributing to Homelessness

- Unemployment or under-employment
- Wages not keeping up with inflation
- Rental rate increases exceeding inflation
- Behavioral Health and Substance Use Issues (lack of services)
- Physical Disability (inability to work)
- Significant Health Incident
- Limited Access to Healthcare
- Discrimination (various forms including Race, Class, Religion, etc)
- Natural Disaster (loss of housing)
- Domestic Violence
- Divorce
- Family Conflict
- Human Trafficking
- Incarceration (re-entry issues, etc)
- Loss or reduction of benefits

SYSTEMIC ISSUES:

Failure of Housing, Economic, and Health Policies



Traverse City Police Department

RESILIENCE

Program



**Resources to Empower, Support & Improve the Lives of
Individuals Engaging in a Network of Collaborative Enrichment**

RESILIENCE Program

MISSION: *To cultivate individual and community resilience by providing resources to empower, support and improve the lives of vulnerable individuals engaging in a network of collaborative enrichment.*

The **Traverse City Police Department** developed the **RESILIENCE Program** to reduce repeat law enforcement contacts, lower overdose deaths, increase participant engagement in meaningful activities, reduce service fragmentation, and eliminate barriers in local service systems, fostering resilience for individuals and the community.

The program aims to:

- Address the high prevalence of co-occurring substance use, mental health crises, and homelessness in Traverse City.
- Offer voluntary wrap-around services for vulnerable people, encourage participant-led goals, and strengthen community collaboration.

How RESILIENCE Works

- **Police Support Services Workers (PSWs) directly engage with referrals to:**
 - meet participant-led goals
 - improve resilience
 - reduce repeat law enforcement calls
- They have a **confidentiality agreement** from officers to protect program participants and do not share information with police unless there is a risk of harm to anyone.
- They maintain information in accordance with the NASW Code of Ethics, HIPAA, & 42 CFR § 2.

RESILIENCE Program Pillars

We believe our participants are inherently resilient, and by reducing barriers and creating meaningful opportunities, we aim to foster and cultivate the strengths they already hold.

Empower

the community by working together to address gaps (“potholes”) in agency services.

Improve

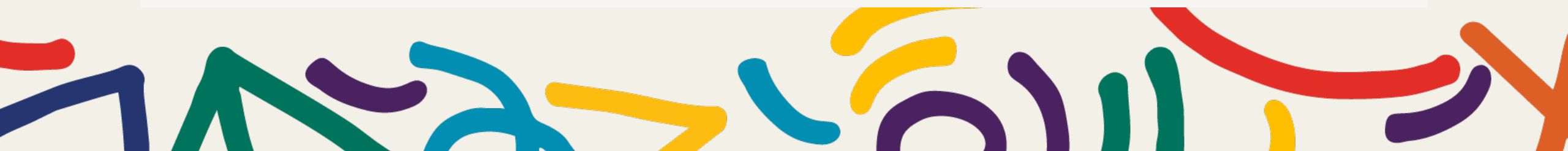
participants’ well-being through self-identified goals related to the eight dimensions of wellness

Support

people experiencing crises related to substance use, mental health and homelessness through an interdisciplinary team of 60+ community partner agencies

RESILIENCE

The ability of individuals and communities to endure and recover from challenges or trauma, especially those connected to substance use, mental health, and homelessness.



SECTION 2: Who Can See Your Information and How They Can Share It

Section 2a: Sharing Information Between Individuals and Organization

Let us know who can see your information about homelessness, substance use, behavioral health, homelessness, and community agency involvement and goals.

By specifying below, I give my permission for the Police Social Workers (PSWs) and agencies listed below to share information with, to, from, and between each other.

☐ I have received & reviewed the RESILIENCE Program primary/secondary partner list, current as of .

RESILIENCE PROGRAM PRIMARY PARTNERS: Have access to and share detailed information for coordination of care.

☐ Addiction Treatment Services

☐ Goodwill Northern Michigan

☐ Grace Episcopal Church – Jubilee House

☐ Grand Traverse Sheriff's Office QMHP/DP

☐ Munson Family Practice

☐ Northern Lakes Community Mental Health

☐ Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency

☐ Northwest Michigan Supportive Housing

☐ Safe Harbor of Grand Traverse

☐ Traverse Health Clinic

RESILIENCE PROGRAM SECONDARY PARTNERS: Are brought in when their services become relevant and for referrals.

☐ ALL (as of partner list date indicated above)

☐ Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE)

☐ Other Agencies: _____

☐ All EXCEPT as indicated on attached partner list

☐ ONLY those identified on attached partner list

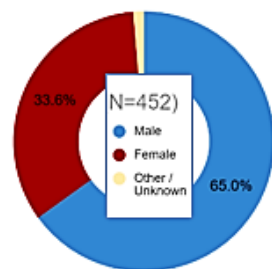
☐ Other individuals: _____

NEW RESILIENCE PROGRAM PARTNERS: Choose one

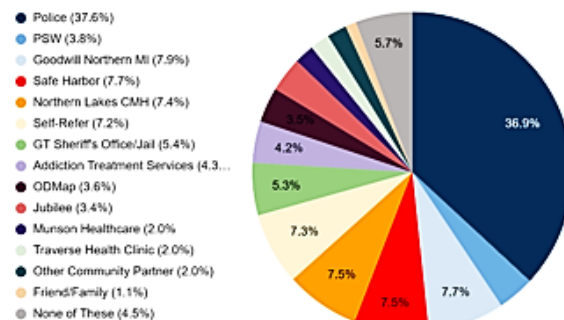
☐ I authorize information to be shared with new partner agencies as they are added to the RESILIENCE Program. I understand I will be verbally informed if I am referred to new agencies and can ask for an updated partner list at any time. I will be asked to re-certify this form every two years but can update my sharing preferences at any time.

☐ I wish to limit any information sharing to only current partners as identified within this agreement.

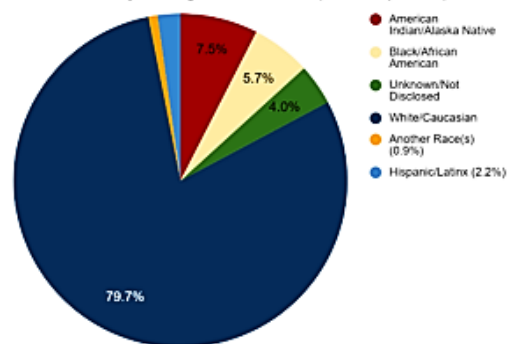
Gender of Eligible Referrals



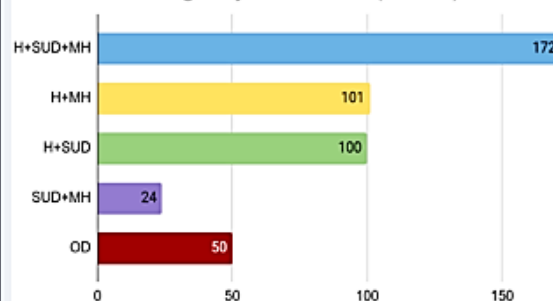
Referral Source for All Eligible (N=452)



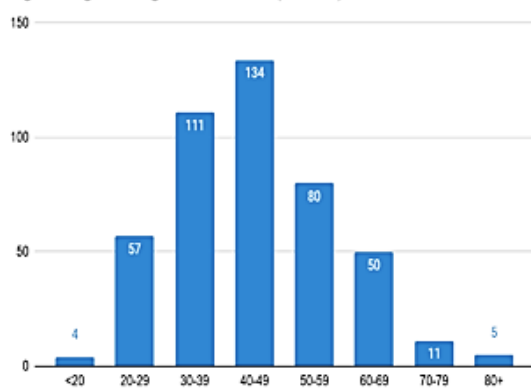
Race/Ethnicity of Eligible Referrals (Self-Reported)



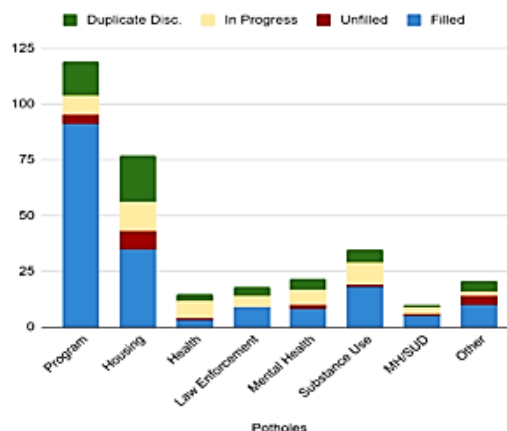
Eligibility Breakdown (N=452)



Age Range of Eligible Referrals (N=452)



Potholes Discussed by Category (N=257)



RESILIENCE Program Stats
July 2026

Total Referrals	557
Unique Referrals	536
Referrals This Month	5
# Screened Out	84
Eligible Referrals	452
PSW Has Met:	404 (90%)
# Elected Out	71 (18%)
# Participants	324 (72%)
# Inactive	41
# Closed	283
Active Caseload	118
Active Participants	111
Needs Met Locally	50
Safely Relocated	35
Total LE Contacts Prior to Referral	18,058
Total Pre-Referral TCPD Contacts	4,700
Total Field Contacts	78
Field Contacts July	3
Field Contacts Now Referrals	7
Potholes Discussed	255
Potholes Filled	152 (60%)
Potholes In Progress	69 (27%)

ORT Overdose Response

GTC ODs 2026	41
2026 ODs in City	12
2026 Eligible ODs *	14
July ODs GTC	8
Eligible ODs - July	0
Total ORT ODs	81
Fatal ORT ODs	13 (16%)
# Engaged	76 (94%)
Total OD Contacts	298
Unable to Locate	3 (4%)
Contacted in 72 Hr	56 (69%)
Contacted in 24 Hr	43 (53%)
# Completed ORT	69 (85%)
# Need Follow Up	12 (15%)
# Now Participants	39 (48%)
# Screened Out	11 (14%)
# Elected Out	17 (21%)
Post-Referral ODs	15 (13 PPs)

* This number may differ from city ODs if participants overdose in the county, or due to non-GTC, TCPD service area.

Attempts to care for people with no place to live are not working. (Challenges)

Personal risk factors associated with trauma

Pre-occupation with meeting basic needs

Poor regulation of impulse control, or the difficulty processing information.

Access to resources rather than having a mental health problem was more of a predictor to ending homelessness and housing stability.

Housing Access

- The success of engagement is made up of the approach of Street Outreach and the constraints of the system in which Street Outreach operates. Five factors were identified related to engagement with Street Outreach: credibility, transparency, offer of choice, bureaucracy, and the cost of the opportunity (Bond et al., 2022).
- “A nonthreatening service delivery environment will facilitate trust, emotional safety, and intimacy” (Levenson, 2017).

Support effective response to unsheltered and chronic homelessness

Street Outreach as a professional service

- Engagement
- Housing Access
- Housing Stability
- Basic Needs Accommodations

TASK FORCE LEADERSHIP TEAM

COUNTY, CITY, NWCEH, PHILANTHROPY, SUBJECT MATTER EXPERT

TASK FORCE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

WORKING GROUP CHAIRS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

WORKING GROUPS

SAFETY NET
SERVICES

EMERGENCY
SHELTER
& SERVICES

HOUSING
SOLUTIONS

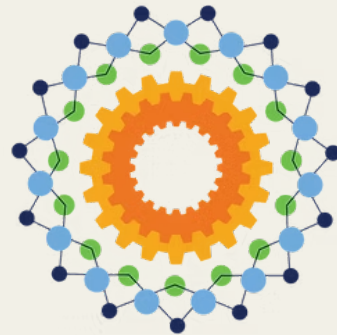
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Community of Care (CoC)

Local to Traverse City:

Northwest Michigan Coalition to End Homelessness

<https://www.housingandhomelessnesstaskforce.org/>

Statewide Directory:

Your local Community of Care (CoC) providers are listed in today's session handout!

MiHousingData.org

- Free and reliable data on housing in your community
- Reports on every city, village, township, and county
- Comparison tool to evaluate other geographies
- New update rolling out in later 2026!

State of Michigan Housing Data Portal

The Michigan Housing Data Portal provides easily accessible housing, demographic and economic data to help community members and housing stakeholders across the state understand key local trends, compare these trends to other geographies, and create detailed reports.

[ACCESS THE HOUSING DATA PORTAL](#)

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Thank You!