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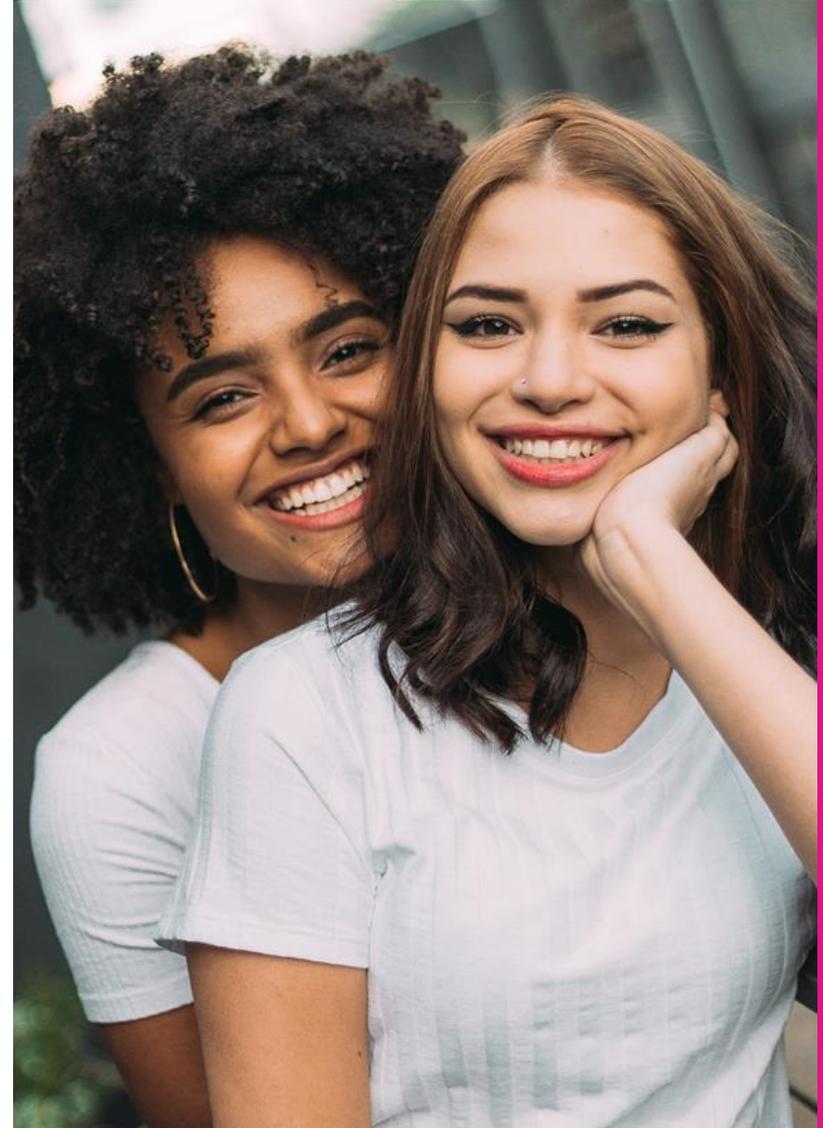
**MDHHS COMMITTEE HEARING
HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

JANUARY 26, 2022



**We are Vista Maria.
Our hearts are strong,
steadfast and bold.**

WINGS PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Youth Survivor Treatment Program ~ Wings

- Wings program launched in October of 2014.
- DeRoy House - open program launched January of 2015.
- Emergency intake processes emerged.
- Stabilization Treatment Center and Emergency Intake Wing opened in Spring of 2020.
- Served over 270 (213 unique) clients since program inception.
 - Average approx. 15 emergency intakes annually.
 - Programming includes 9 mos. Intensive therapy and schooling
 - 9 mos. community reintegration and independent living

2020 Opening of Aaron and Helen L. DeRoy Freedom Center



2015 DEROY HALL OPENED



Freedom Center Stabilization Housing Summary

- 16 Individual Treatment Beds
- Personal Storage
- Living Spaces
- Teaching Kitchen
- Multipurpose Space
- 3 Emergency Intake Bedrooms
- Medical Treatment Room
- Forensic Interview Space
- Psychiatrist Office



Wings Program Continuum

Intensive stabilization 9 month treatment program includes:

- Individualized weekly psychiatric & daily therapy
- Creative therapy groups (art, music, dance, etc.)
- Experiential activities (health/self care, relationship effectiveness, building healthy attachments).
- Family therapy and visitations.
- Building and reclaiming lost childhood with celebrations, rituals and rites of passage.
- Mentoring

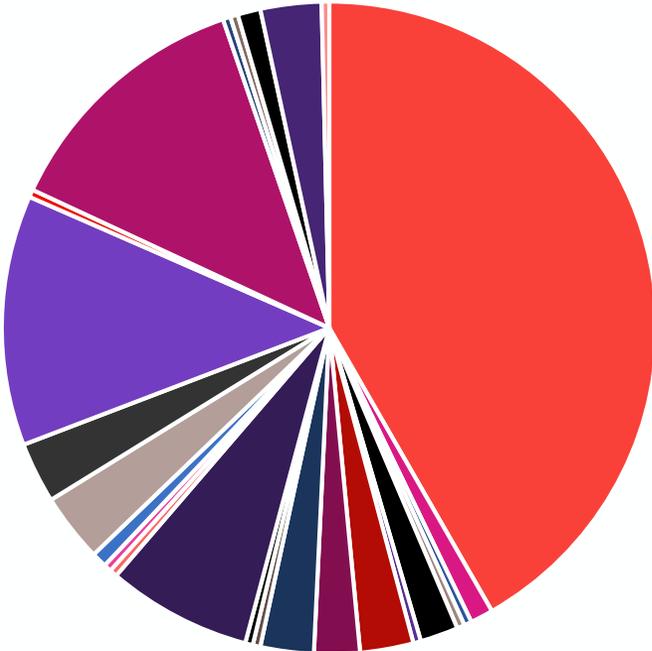
Community re-integration months 9 through 18 includes:

- Continued individual and group therapy
- Life skills development
- Education continuation (on and off campus)
- Community outings
- Community service projects
- Mentoring
- Transitional living skills
- Employment and career development



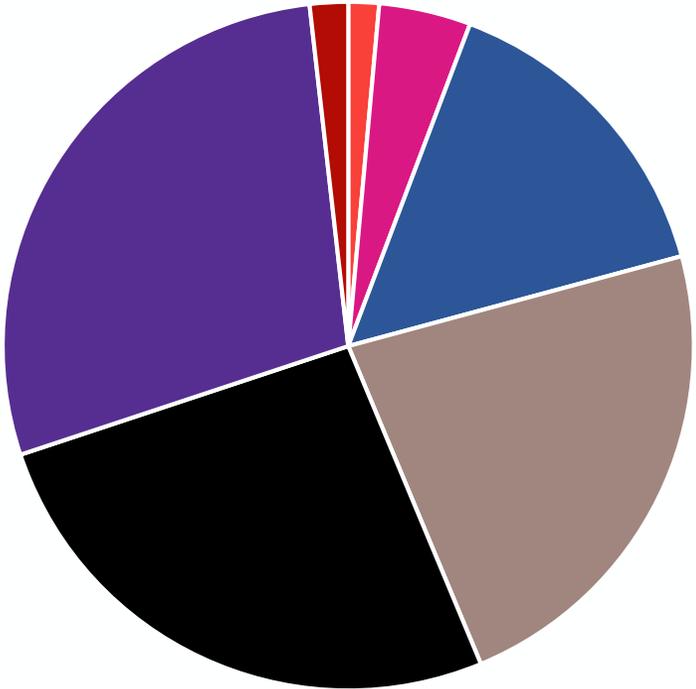
Wings Program Statistics ~ Over 200 youth served since program inception

Youth Served



- Wayne
- Washtenaw
- St. Joseph
- St. Clair
- Saginaw
- Ottawa
- Oakland
- Muskegon
- Montcalm
- Monroe
- Missawkee
- Macomb
- Knox
- Keweenaw
- Kent
- Kalamazoo
- Jackson
- Ingham
- Grand Traverse
- Genessee
- Eaton
- Columbia
- Clinton
- Calhoun
- Bay

Youth Served



By Age

- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17
- 18



**This tree reminds me of growth. Over time the tree will get taller and taller.
As for me, I will get wiser and stronger.**

NEXT STEPS



Next Steps ~ Anti Human Trafficking Efforts

1. Advance legislative framework within Michigan.
2. Youth education means, tactics and signs of trafficking.
3. Improve financial support for youth and adults safe harbor, treatment, education leading to improved staffing, training and retention.
4. Use of sensory rooms, calming spaces and personal calming plans.
5. Competent, safe and supportive housing and treatment for diverse SOGIE youth (birth gender male).
6. Comprehensive family engagement and post stabilization treatment in community with workforce development supports.



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Sensory and Family Engagement Spaces

1. Application of Six Core Strategies
2. Pilot and Full Implementation of Calming Kits and Sensory Rooms
3. Creation of Therapeutic Family Spaces (overnight/day)



RUTH ELLIS CENTER/DIVERSE SOGIE COMPETENCY

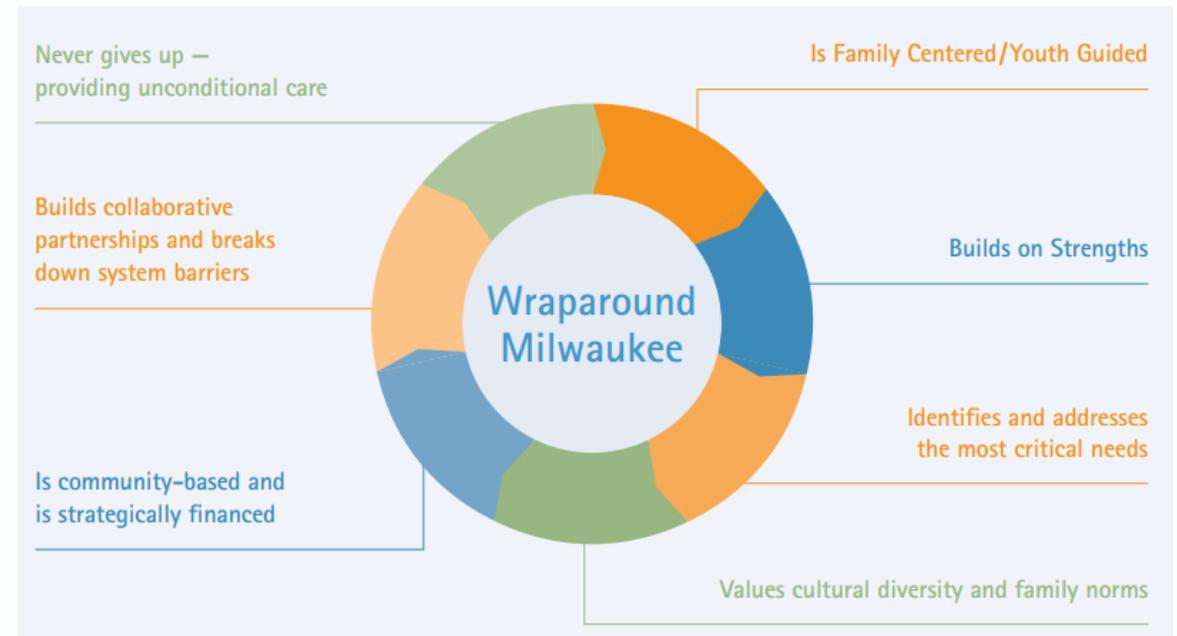


Named in honor of a resilient **Detroit** icon, **Ruth Ellis Center** works to create a supportive environment and community with **LGBTQ+** young people

1. Agency wide assessment completed
2. Established Steering Committee
3. Asking about SOGIE Data Reporting and Training
4. Building Safety with Diverse SOGIE Youth Training
5. Journey Ahead moved to virtual format
6. Leadership and staff coaching
7. Evaluation at six months
8. Refresher training at nine months
9. Program Launching
 - Foster Care Program – January 2021 – December 2022
 - Bridges (Community Reintegration) – February 2021 and ongoing
 - Transitions (Supervised Independent Living) - Ongoing

WRAP AROUND PILOT

1. Engagement of Families – Continued Engagement 10-12 (families)
2. Assessment and Planning – crisis plans, youth wraparound team
3. Implementation – Plan of Care
 - Milwaukee Wrap Around Model
 - Plan Reflects Each Team Member Perspective
 - 90 Day Cycles
 - Transition
4. Success Preserving Family and Restoring Academic Stability
5. Expand to 40 Families in 2022
 - Added Case Manager
 - Reach Other Schools



MICHIGAN ABOLITIONIST PROJECT



1. Final Agreement signed February 5, 2021:
 - Strategic Alliance – Joint Operations
 - Retain MAP name, website, volunteer community groups/resources and goodwill
 - Hire two employees (Executive Director and Coordinator)
2. MAP Board members added as directors (2) and advisors (2)
3. Public Announcement - joint communication plan
4. Development of service line, budget and multi-year plan
 - Create business development plan
 - Build out of website and training for professional CEUs
 - Develop consulting services to aid program development other locations



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