

WASHTENAW HEALTH INITIATIVE



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A voluntary, county-wide collaboration focused on improving health, health equity, and health care for low-income, uninsured, and under-insured populations.



Meet the Washtenaw County Healthy Aging Collaborative

By the end of the decade, one in four residents in Washtenaw County will be age 60 or over. The Washtenaw County Healthy Aging Collaborative, sponsored by the Washtenaw Health Initiative (WHI) and Area Agency on Aging 1-B (AAA 1-B), is developing strategies to meet their needs.



[Read more](#)

WHI Opioid Project hosts educational

series, remembrance ceremony

Events were held on **International Overdose Awareness Day**. This August, WHI Opioid Project members promoted new educational and awareness materials focused on overdose, harm reduction, and resources, concluding with a memorial event at Liberty Plaza in downtown Ann Arbor.



[Read more](#)

Voice of the WHI

This August, WHI Communications Committee Co-Chair Liz Conlin met with **Trish Cortes**, the executive director of the Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH) agency, to discuss the significance of mental health funding and new challenges with our behavioral health workforce, plus the impact of local community partnerships and how the WHI has supported the work.



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WHI Member Spotlight

Washtenaw County Dental Clinic

Year founded: 2015

Year joined WHI: 2015

Key focus areas: Dental care

Mission: Enhance community health by offering access to quality dental care for all.

Description of services: The Washtenaw County Dental Clinic (WCDC) provides quality, compassionate care for low-income and uninsured patients as well as adults and children covered by most Medicaid plans,



Dentists: Dr. Sara Bond and Dr. Grace Harriman

Address: 111 N Huron Street, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Phone: 734-480-4250

Website:

Healthy Kids Dental, MICHild, and most private insurances, as well as low-income uninsured patients. MCDC also has reduced fees for uninsured veterans with proof of service.

<https://www.washtenaw.org/1132/Dental-Clinic>

News of Note

Washtenaw County-based symposium to create certification path for human services professionals, Sarah Rigg, Concentrate

Ann Arbor introduces new equitable engagement steering committee, Heather Seyfarth, City of Ann Arbor

Washtenaw County board approves spending \$11M on youth intervention services, Ryan Stanton, MLive

Food Gatherers announces record-breaking year of food distribution in Washtenaw County, Meredith Bruckner, Click on Detroit

Commentary: How Beaumont-Spectrum merger will benefit Michigan, Julie Fream and Robert Roth, Crain's Detroit Business

Call for nominations: Jack Billi Award for Inspiring Quality Improvement, Michigan Medicine Headlines

United Way tests out new hub to bridge data divide between health and human services, Gleaners Press Release

Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County partner to fund projects addressing racism, poverty, and trauma, Jaishree Drepaul-Bruder, Concentrate

Grant Opportunities

Charles Koch Foundation, **Health Care Research**
Deadline: Rolling

Cambia Health Foundation, **Healthy People, Healthy Communities**
Deadline: September 16, 2021

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), **Emergency Award: Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research on COVID-19 Consortium**
Deadline: October 8, 2021

Community Resources

The Washtenaw County Public Safety and Mental Health Millage is offering free

The Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office has created an expungement

Mental Health First Aid trainings. **Request a training.**

NAMI WC has partnered with Michigan Medicine Psychiatry and WCCMH to produce a three-part webinar series: Navigating a Mental Health Crisis: Before / During / After. **Register.**

information sheet for helping people with criminal records. **Learn more.**

Washtenaw Community College (WCC) has partnered with local employers to develop an accelerated two-week, long-term health care training – at low-to-no cost. **Learn more.**

COVID-19 information

Washtenaw County COVID-19 vaccine clinic information. **Read.**

COVID-19 cases in Washtenaw County. **Read.**

Are you or a loved one in need of a ride to a COVID-19 vaccination appointment? **Read.**

United Way of Washtenaw County joins statewide vaccination effort, Meredith Bruckner, Click on Detroit.

[Find COVID vaccine appointments](#)

WHI calendar



Washtenaw County Healthy Aging Collaborative

September 10th @ 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Medicaid and Marketplace Outreach and Enrollment

September 13th @ 10:00 - 11:00 am

WHI Communications Committee

September 14th @ 3:00 - 4:00 pm

WHI Opioid Project

September 21st @ 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

September 21st @ 3:00 - 4:30 pm

[Additional WHI events](#)

SHARE THE WHI

If you know others who might be interested in the work of the **Washtenaw Health Initiative** — share this newsletter and encourage them to **sign up** for regular updates.

SHARE YOUR STORY

We are happy to report on work group activities, the accomplishments of our **member organizations**, and more. **Share your news** via our simple online form.

