



WHAT IS LAKES AREA YOUTH ASSISTANCE (LAYA)?

Lakes Area Youth Assistance (LAYA) is a non-profit organization that serves the Walled Lake Consolidated School District youth and families. The mission is to strengthen youth and families by addressing family conflict problems, school or home truancy/incorrigibility, shoplifting and substance abuse issues.

LAYA is sponsored by Oakland County Circuit Court-Family Division, Commerce Township, City of Walled Lake, City of Wixom, Village of Wolverine Lake, and Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

LAYA services are provided to residents in the District. Referrals for service come from school personnel, police officers, parents and concerned citizens. Dedicated caseworkers provide family-centered counseling services and early intervention.

LAYA's team of dedicated volunteer members hold our annual fundraiser, "Taste of the Lakes", to help provide these essential services in addition to County provided counseling.

LAYA PREVENTION PROGRAMS:

Summer Camp Sponsorships - Reinforcement of positive relationships and experiences

Skill Building Scholarships -Pay-to-Play support, support with music lessons, gymnastics, karate, art classes, etc.

Family Education Programs - Programs that focus on Skill Building, Communication, Problem-Solving, Resiliency, Self-Awareness, Prevention of Bullying. Programs include Sunny Days Science Literacy, Art Adventures, Stress to Success Yoga, Panel Discussions, Parenting Fair and P.I.E. (Prevention, Intervention and Education) and more!

Mentoring Program - Matches at-risk children with volunteer mentors

Shop with a Hero and Holiday Adopt-A-Child

Substance Abuse Prevention, Intervention and Education

WHAT ARE SOME REASONS TO REFER YOUTH TO LAYA?

- Retail Fraud/Shoplifting
- Family Conflict
- School or Home Truancy
- Violations of Local Ordinances
- Aggressive Behavior
- Alcohol and drug involvement
- Prevention if at-risk
- Bullying



LET'S TALK NUMBERS ('17-'18 school year):

Students Sent to Camp: 48

Shop With A Hero Participants: 54

Holiday Adopt-A-Child Recipients: 76

Skill Building Scholarships: 74

Mentors PLUS Matches: 6

Family Education Participants: 197

Referrals for Counseling and Intervention: 101

TOTAL FAMILIES IMPACTED LAST YEAR: 556

