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Mental Health Task Force





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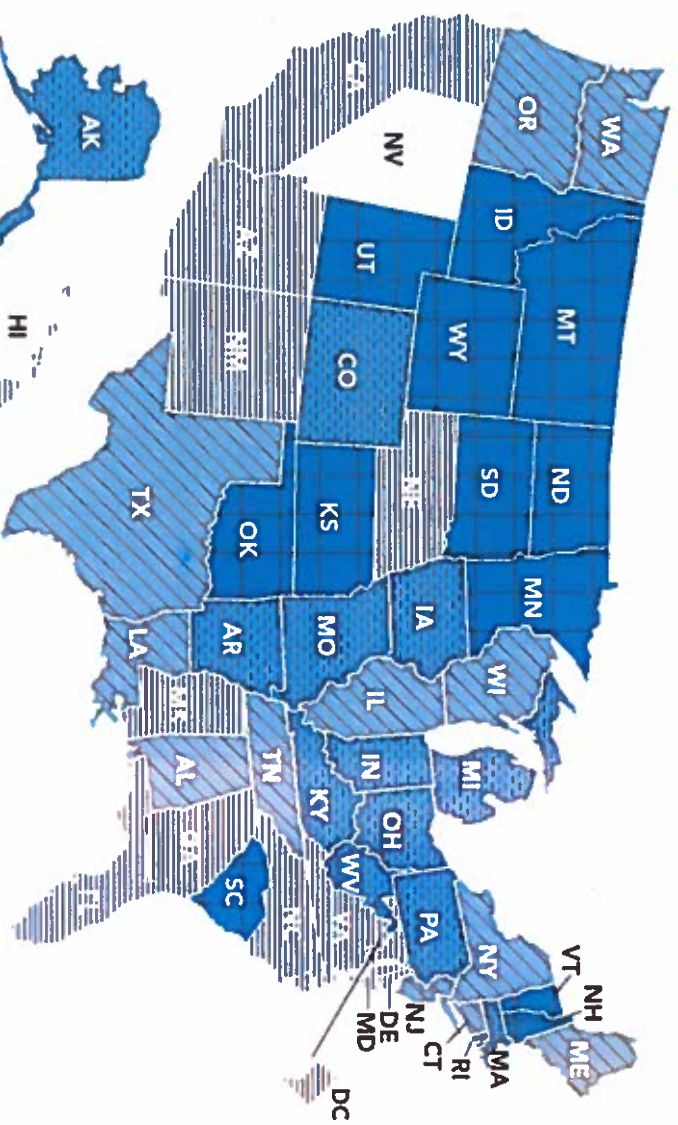
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Improving Our Mental Health System

Suicide rates rose across the US from 1999 to 2016.

	Increase	38 - 58%
	Increase	31 - 37%
	Increase	19 - 30%
	Increase	6 - 18%
	Decrease	1%



SOURCE: CDC's National Vital Statistics System;
CDC Vital Signs, June 2018.

EACH YEAR, **2 MILLION** JAIL BOOKINGS INVOLVE A PERSON WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS.

2M X **2M**

There is a critical need for more law enforcement officers to have mental health training.



Approximately **30 percent** of women and **15 percent** of men in local prisons have a serious mental illness.

More than
80,000

law enforcement officers and first responders are currently trained in Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety.

The International Association of Chiefs of Police recently called for **100 percent** of sworn officers and other staff to take Mental Health First Aid training.

Anyone, anywhere can be the difference for someone experiencing a mental health or substance use challenge. Learn more at www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org

Source: National Alliance on Mental Illness

Prisoners
&
Mental
Wellness

#MiOpioidsAwareness

1,941

There were 2,279 overdose deaths in Michigan in 2017, 1,941 were opioid-related.

TOGETHER WE CAN STOP THIS DEADLY EPIDEMIC.

<https://www.michigan.gov/opioids/0,9238,7-377-481384--,00.html>

Community

Access

Resources

Education

Safety

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C.A.R.E.S. *Mental Health* Task Force

- A bipartisan task force consisting of 14 Michigan Representatives
- Reforming Michigan's broken mental health system by:
 - Improving access to mental health services;
 - Offering further support to veterans facing mental illness;
 - Strengthening substance abuse services;
 - Enhancing training for law enforcement and educators;
- Providing specific policy updates to statute to improve the lives of those who face mental illness while developing a framework for future legislators to review and enhance our mental health system.

C.A.R.E.S. Task Force Members

- Representative Klint Kesto (Co-Chair)
- Representative Hank Vaupel (Co-Chair)
- Representative Edward Canfield
- Representative Fred Durhal II
- Representative Vanessa Guerra
- Representative Abdullah Hammoud
- Representative Robert Kosowski
- Representative David LaGrand
- Representative Dave Pagel
- Representative Daire Rendon
- Representative Sylvia Santana
- Representative Jason Wentworth
- Representative Mary Whiteford
- Representative Robert Wittenberg

C.A.R.E.S. Necessary Improvements

- **Community**
 - Each community deserves proper attention when crafting mental health legislation.
- **Access**
 - From Marquette County to Monroe County, services should be readily available to those who request it.
- **Resources**
 - Resources should be made available for those suffering from substance use disorders, opioid addiction, or developmental disabilities. Meanwhile, wrap-around services are necessary for the continuation of care.
- **Education**
 - Success starts with knowledge. The legislature should equip teachers, parents, and counselors with the necessary tools to identify and assist children through mental health training.
- **Safety**
 - It is the duty of the legislature to ensure proper laws are on the books to keep the public safe. It also is our duty to assist victims of a crime in receiving the support they deserve.

Task Force Recommendations & Actions

Public Acts

Recommendation

1. Increase support for veterans & encourage opportunities to connect veterans to providers
2. Improve services for victims and support canine advocates for victims
3. Expand the use of Crime Victim Advocates
4. Expand the use of Telehealth

Action

- 1) PA 210 of 2018 & FY 2018/2019 Budget - Connects veterans with services by increasing funding to veteran service offices and enhancing the quality of mental health treatment at our veteran homes
- 2) PA 221 & 282 of 2018 - Continued funding for victims and encourage the use of canine advocates in our courts
- 3) FY 2018/2019 Budget
- 4) FY 2018/2019 Budget

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Public Acts

Recommendation

1. Create the House CARES Hotline for the upcoming fiscal year
2. Create a database for available psych beds
3. Provide incentives for mental health professionals to work in MI
4. Continue to fund 911 Registration Programs

Action

1. FY 2018-2019 Budget
2. PA 658 of 2018 - Creates a psychiatric bed registry to help providers connect patients to care and treatment
3. FY 2018/2019 Budget - Increased salaries for state psychiatrists and encouraged reimbursement for counties for court-appointed guardians taking CMH cases
4. FY 2018/2019 Budget

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Public Acts

Recommendation

1. Support and expand Michigan's problem-solving courts
2. Promote early intervention in our mental health system & expand Michigan's problem-solving courts
3. Seek collaborative efforts to increase access to mental health services
4. Encourage providers to have additional beds and expand the Vivitrol Pilot Program

Action

1. FY 2018-2019 Budget - Allocated \$18.9 million to support problem-solving courts, which significantly reduce recidivism
2. PA 590-592 of 2018 - Improves problem-solving courts and creates juvenile mental health courts in Michigan
3. FY 2018/2019 Budget - Continued to support the Caro Regional Mental Health Center and requires the state to explore a location for a new northern Michigan psychiatric hospital
4. FY 2018/2019 Budget - Created a pilot program in Livonia for 10-bed wing for patients with substance use disorder and provided additional support for the Vivitrol Pilot Program

2019-2020 Continuation of Task Force Recommendations

Recommendation

1. Provide mental health training to teachers & counselors
2. Capture more funds for substance use disorder services and programs
3. Encourage EMT training to identify and respond to signs and symptoms of mental illness
4. Simplify dispute resolutions for consumer and families by adding mediation

Action

1. HB 5524 of 2018
2. HB 5085 of 2017
3. HB 5460-5461 of 2018
4. HB 5625 of 2018

2019-2020 Continuation of Task Force Recommendations

Recommendation

1. Implement universal credentialing
2. Statutorily create the House CARES Hotline
3. Allow retired psychiatric health care workers to work without forfeiting retirement benefits

Action

1. HB 5487 of 2018
2. HB 6202 of 2018
3. HB 5743 of 2018

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