Holly Area Youth Assistance

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Affiliate of Oakland County Youth Assistance
A National Model for the Prevention of Delinquency, Neglect, and Abuse

Mission: ***"To strengthen youth and families and reduce the incidence of juvenile delinquency, child neglect and child abuse through community involvement."***

Holly Area Youth Assistance (HAYA) is our local volunteer driven, community based, prevention 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Since 1963, volunteers work with a professional staff person to plan and sponsor programs for children and their families within the Holly Area School District area. HAYA programs are community based and developed by volunteers who live and/or work in the Holly Area School District area. HAYA seeks people who live and/or work in the community to volunteer to help with programs and projects for youth and families.

The HAYA's Board of Directors has direct responsibilities for our operation, administrating the organization, coordinating and implementing of programs as well as policy making. Thanks to the intergovernmental collaboration between Townships of Groveland, Holly, Rose, and Springfield, the Village of Holly, Holly Area School District, and the Oakland County Circuit Court - Family Division, these government bodies sponsor HAYA and provide funding for the program. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners makes funding available through the Family Division's Youth Assistance unit. Youth Assistance programs exist in twenty-six geographic areas throughout Oakland County. Local sponsors contribute financially to provide for office operational expenses as well as help fund and provide in-kind services for programs.

Our services are available to youth through age 16 and their families who live within the Holly Area School District boundaries. Referrals are accepted from parents, other concerned adults, schools, community agencies, police, and the Family Division. Holly Area Youth Assistance offers a variety of services.

- **Camp and Skill Building** are scholarship programs that grant funds to children, who otherwise would not have a chance to experience camping or enrichment activities due to financial, social, emotional, or other needs.

- **Casework Services** are provided by a caseworker from Oakland County Youth Assistance with low cost, confidential, short term, family-centered counseling and referral services to youth and their families.

- **Fall School Supplies Project** is a collaborative effort with the Holly Area Chamber of Commerce's School Supplies Drive. It provides backpacks and school supplies to disadvantaged children.

- **Family Education** provides programs for families to gain strength and learn effective parenting skills, helping parental awareness regarding contemporary topics and learning new ways to handle situations.

- **Jacobson/Quinn Toy Project** provides happiness and hope to disadvantaged children through the donations received through the annual holiday gifts drive.

- **Mentors Plus** matched youngsters, ages 5 to 16, with adult volunteers from our community. Each adult volunteer serves as a guide, role model, and special friend to the child.

- **Musical Instrument Program** lends musical instruments to students in Holly allowing them to join the school band. HAYA accepts donations of gently used instruments.

- **Youth Involvement and Youth Recreation** are supported by HAYA promoting positive, enjoyable youth activities and youth volunteer service in the community.

- **Bob Warner Scholarships** are awarded to commendable Holly graduating seniors each year to help them further their educations.