



# HSCB Focus

HSCB is the state-designated community collaborative for Macomb County.

## Financial Services Subcommittee formed

### UPDATES

- Ms. Sharmen Cobb-Davenport is the new Director of Turning Point.
- School-year programming at the Boys and Girls Club of SE Michigan Wertz Club ended as of August 24, 2018. The Club will explore opportunities to provide summer programming. For more information, contact Hervey Jenkins, Executive Vice President and COO, at (248) 522-4422.

Financial services are the focus of a new subcommittee established by the Macomb County Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB). The Subcommittee will work on the following activities and goals:

**Identify and assess service gaps and service opportunities** to strengthen the level of financial empowerment services in specific geographic areas of Macomb and among specific client populations.

**Develop a collaborative plan** that assesses and prioritizes ways to promote financial empowerment services.

**Increase the number of staff who provide financial empowerment services in the county** and the number **certified by a nationally-recognized accreditation agency** such as AFCPE® or CESPT™ (for professionals working with individual with disabilities).

**Examine how to make financial empowerment services accessible and effective.**

**Identify barriers to financial security for individuals/families.**

The Department of Health and Community Services has taken the overall lead agency responsibility for this goal area. The Department's Director Rhonda Powell, has designated two county agency staff to co-chair this Subcommittee: Robert Weber from MSU Extension and Mary Frontiero from Macomb Community Action.



A representative from the following core organizations serves on this Subcommittee as each provides financial services to the community:

- Community Housing Network
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Health Department
- Jewish Vocational Services
- Macomb Community Action
- Macomb Community College
- Michigan Rehabilitation Services
- Michigan Works!
- MISD
- MSUE
- Social Security
- Treasurer's Office

At-large members to this Subcommittee include representatives from other agencies, the private sector, community organizations, etc.

The first meeting of this Subcommittee was held on September 21, 2018.

For more information about the Financial Empowerment Services Subcommittee, contact Rob Weber, MSU Extension, (586) 469-7610 or [Weberro2@mcu.edu](mailto:Weberro2@mcu.edu)

# MATRIX launched

MATRIX (Macomb's Access to Resource Information Xpress), a computer-based resource referral system, is now available at kiosks around the County.

The MATRIX program offers individuals and families the opportunity to identify their health and human service needs and connects them with services

MATRIX users first indicate their agreement to an inter-agency release of information, supply personal contact information and indicate their preferred mode of communication from the referral agency: U.S. mail, e-mail or telephone call.

Individuals then complete an online questionnaire to indicate their unique situation (i.e., senior citizen, veteran, etc.) and their need/s (utility assistance, food, etc.). Once completed, the information is e-mailed to the participating HSCB member health and human service agencies.

The MATRIX questionnaire is available in English, Spanish, Arabic, Bengali, and has the capacity for persons with visual impairments to use the Job Access with Speech for the Visually Impaired (JAWS) screen reader. JAWS was developed for computer users whose vision loss prevents them from seeing screen content or navigating with a mouse.

For services not included in MATRIX, the user may request the link to The Right Connection, a free online directory of services:

[www.connection.misd.net](http://www.connection.misd.net)

MATRIX kiosks are available at the following locations:

### **Macomb County Family Resource Center**

196 N. Rose St.  
Mt. Clemens, MI 48043  
*(In the building, the kiosk is located by the Training Room, Room 22.)*

### **Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154**

18025 E. 15 Mile  
Clinton Township, MI 48035  
*(In the building, the kiosk is located in the main office. Ask at the front desk.)*

### **Max Thompson Family Resource Center**

11370 Hupp  
Warren, MI 48089  
*(In the building, kiosks are located near Macomb Community Action, the WIC office and the gym.)*

### **SE Family Resource Center (formerly the SE Health Center building)**

25401 Harper  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
*(In the building, the kiosk is located near the front door.)*

### **VerKuilen Building**

21885 Dunham  
Clinton Township, MI 48036  
*(In the building, the kiosks are located near Veteran Services, MSU Extension, and the WIC office.)*

### **A link to MATRIX is also on the County website:**

<http://HCS.macombgov.org/HCS-portalofservicesurvey>

If your agency would like to add a link to MATRIX on work computers, contact Laura Rios, Department of Veteran Services, (586) 469-6507.

MATRIX was a project of the Macomb HSCB, coordinated by the Portal of Service Committee chaired by Laura Rios, Department of Veteran Services, with representation from HSCB member agencies and a team from Macomb County IT.

For more information about MATRIX, contact Laura Rios, (586) 469-6507 or [laura.rios@macombgov.org](mailto:laura.rios@macombgov.org)

## **NEW HSCB EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DIRECTOR**

The new Director of Child



Welfare Services at the Macomb Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is Kimberly Borja.

Ms. Borja has 16 years of child welfare experience. She began 15 years ago in Oakland County as a foster care worker and later promoted to District Manager.

Ms. Borja replaces Michael Patterson, a member of the HSCB Executive Council since May 2013, who retired on August 24, 2018 having worked at DHHS for 44 years.

## From the Lead Agency Chair

**John Kinch**  
HSCB Lead Agency Chair



For the past twenty eight (28) years, the Macomb Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB) has been a shining example of successful collaboration. It has been both my honor and privilege to serve as its Chair since March 2010.

After more than 30 years working at Macomb County Community Mental Health, the lure of retirement was too great, so effective January 4, 2019, I am retiring as Executive Director of Macomb County Community

Mental Health, and thus, I will be stepping down as Lead Agency Chair of the Macomb HSCB.

I have enjoyed the opportunity and privilege of working with so many fine HSCB Directors and other professionals from HSCB member agencies. I want to express my deep appreciation for all their help with the planning and implementation of our many collaborative projects.

These projects have helped contribute to the betterment of life of Macomb County's citizens, especially those who rely on publicly-funded, community-based services.

Over my years as HSCB Chair, I have seen its growth and successes: new and improved services, more integrated services, financial savings/better use of existing resources, information sharing, and mutual support between organizations, to name a few.

As I leave, I ask that you extend your support to the new HSCB Chair, when elected, and I wish continued success for the HSCB in all its future endeavors.

## Safe & Together Trainings

Since April, 2018 the HSCB Safe and Together Implementation Committee co-sponsored a series of trainings with the Prosecuting Attorney's office. The trainings introduced the Safe and Together model and provide supervisory and policy ideas, tools and strategies for immediate implementation at Macomb organizations.

Eighty (80) HSCB member agency staff attended trainings in April and June. Another training is scheduled on October 4, 2018.

Responses on the evaluation forms to the question "What was the most valuable part of the training?" elicited the following responses:

*"Learning techniques and tools to assess my client's strengths, and to use my client's strengths in hearings, investigations and pleadings."*

*"Learning to recognize and address the barriers survivors face."*

*"I learned the importance of looking at and record the pattern, to document the domestic violence in detail."*

*"Learning to remove the "whys" and how to be more aware that domestic violence comes in many forms."*

*"Engaging the perpetrator as a father."*

For more information about the Safe and Together Implementation Committee or future trainings, contact:

Dawn Walker, DHHS  
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(586) 463-4430  
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# 2018 Information Exchange

The 2018 HSCB Information Exchange will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at the Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield, Clinton Township, MI 48038. Registration begins at 8:30 A.M. with breakout sessions scheduled throughout the day starting at 9:00 A.M. and ending at 4:15 P.M. The theme is **“Super Services!”**

Breakout sessions include:

- Adolescent Outreach Program
- Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
- Anger Management
- Department of Health and Human Services
- Disability Network Oakland Macomb (DNOM)
- Electronic Cigarettes
- Human Trafficking
- Macomb’s Access to Resource Information Xpress (MATRIX)
- Macomb Children’s Healthcare Access Program (MCHAP)
- Money Management
- Mindfulness
- Orchards Children’s Services
- Safe & Together
- Car Seat Safety
- Suicide Prevention
- Threats of School Violence

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Go to: [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net).
2. Click on the “Course Offerings” tab on the top menu.
3. Click on “Complete list of Courses/Events”.
4. Click on “View by Month” and change the month to “October.”
5. Scroll down to the “Information Exchange” and click on it
6. Select one session in one or more of the four tracks (A, B, C, D).
7. For the “District” field, enter your Agency Name (e.g. “Department of Health and Human Services”).
8. For the “School” field, enter your Agency Division (e.g. “Protective Services”).
9. In the “Position field, enter your job title (e.g. “PS Worker”).
10. Click on “Submit Registration.”

## QUESTIONS?

**If your agency would like to set up an agency display**, contact Jessica Toia, (586) 770-9942 or [toiaj@michigan.gov](mailto:toiaj@michigan.gov).

**For problems with online registration**, contact Carmen Julia Garcia, MISD, (586) 228-3526 or [cjulia@misd.net](mailto:cjulia@misd.net).

**For more information about the Information Exchange**, contact the Information Exchange Chair:

**Jacqui Rabine**, (586) 469-7481 or [Rabineja@anr.msu.edu](mailto:Rabineja@anr.msu.edu)

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