

OUR COMMUNITY CHALLENGES

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YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A NEIGHBOR IN NEED

- Drivers under 21 account for 21% of drinking drivers involved in accidents.
- 12% of the DUI arrests in Midland County were drivers 18-20 years old.
- Midland County averages 85 fatal alcohol crashes per year.
- The average age for someone seeking treatment for a heroin addiction is 23.
- The narcotic offense rate in Midland County increased 36% between 2000 and 2004, with it being the number one reason for treatment – higher than alcohol for the first time ever.
- Midland County represents 28% of the heroin users in our region.
- One in four Midland County 12th graders reported using illicit drugs at least three times in the last year.
- 20% of Midland county adults smoke and 90% would like to quit but have been discouraged by failed attempts.
- Smoking rates among area youth dropped from 26% in 2001, to 17% in 2005.
- Only 12% of those earning A/B grades smoked cigarettes, while 42% of those earning D/F grades in Midland County were smokers.
- Homeless rates have increased 53% since 2005.
- Midland has lost 86 low-income housing units in the last two years, while the need continues to rise.
- Nearly one in three public school students in Midland County receives free or reduced hot lunches.
- 1 in 3 single women with children live in poverty. Over 64% have children under the age of 5.
- Requests for propane assistance increased by nearly 50% in January 2009 over the previous January.
- Requests for food and housing assistance remain the top two requests through 2-1-1.
- The percentage of families living in poverty in Midland County increased to 8.5%.
- 1 in 8 Midland County women receive less than adequate pre-natal care.
- 1 in 12 infants in Midland County is born to a teenage mother.
- In Midland County 1 of 10 infants is born to a mother without a high school education.
- There has been a 42% increase in the number of confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Midland County since 2000.
- The number of young children in foster care has increased by 19% since 2003.
- 60% of parents with children under the age of 6 are in the labor force. The majority of these parents are utilizing unlicensed child care for their young children.
- 29% of Midland youth report being victims of violence.
- Only 26% of youth feel that adults value them, and only 31% feel they have an adult role model.
- One in four teenage girls were frequently depressed or have attempted suicide.
- When children have more positive experiences and qualities that influence choices (assets) they are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

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- The top unmet needs include medical bill payment, health insurance and transportation.
- More than 90% of individuals with developmental disabilities are un or under employed, with income of less than 1000 per month.
- 3% of people born in the US have an intellectual disability.
- 1 in 100 children struggle with Autism.
- One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime. Nearly 1/3 of adult women are not being screened according to recommended guidelines.
- Nearly 30% of Midland cancer patients worry about not having enough personal finances to pay all their bills.
- Research shows that at least 1 in 10 individuals will experience depression, anxiety, or some other mental health problem that requires professional intervention.
- Midland County is below the Healthy People 2010 target of children 19-35 months being immunized.
- At least 12% of our friends and neighbors in Midland County are functionally illiterate.
- 1 in 5 children are born with dyslexia.
- More than 65% of prison inmates are functionally illiterate.
- 1 in 5 Midland County residents are considered economically vulnerable with incomes at or below 200% of poverty.
- Over 40% of households in Coleman gross less than \$25,000 annually.
- 1 out of 5 women are victims of domestic or sexual violence.
- In 2009 180 people were sent to neighboring shelters because Shelterhouse was full.
- An estimated 1,790 people in Midland county have Alzheimer's Disease.
- Of the 983 senior's assessment by a Care Coordinator (10/2009-3/2010), 28% needed assistance with bathing, 35% needed assistance with their medications, and 73% needed assistance with preparing meals. 82% needed assistance with light homemaking.
- Midland County has a higher rate of children, ages 0-5, receiving special education services than that of the state level.
- The State of Michigan estimates that 4.9% of Midland children, ages 0-5, have a measurable developmental delay.
- 41 % of the preschool parents at West Midland Family Center were 19 or younger at the birth of their first child.
- 56% of the preschool parents at West Midland Family Center are unemployed.

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