

2010 IOSCO COUNTY COMMUNITY REPORT CARD



BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY



ASSESSING THE NEED

Human Service Professionals in Iosco County are dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the citizens that they serve. But how do we know where to begin? How do we identify the most pressing needs of our community at this time?

One way to determine if we are making a difference is to look at a variety of indicators. An indicator is an expression of information that reflects the status of a larger system.

Indicators are important for a variety of reasons. First, they help to describe the child, family, and community conditions. Second, they help to inform state and local community planners and can influence policy making. Indicators also help to measure progress toward reaching community outcome goals. By describing and measuring progress, service providers can improve programs for all citizens, young and old. And fifth,

indicators help to monitor the impact of investments and policy decisions.

Indicator data tracked over time may be graphed as a trend. Once community members can “see” the data trends, they have an opportunity to mobilize action and advocate change.

Another way to gather community data is through the use of surveys. Surveys can provide information that is just as important as numeric data. It allows decision makers to be informed about public opinions and perceptions.

The document that you hold in your hands is based on community data generated and compiled by the Iosco County Human Services Coordinating Council subcommittee, The Iosco County Assessment Team. It was formed to determine how we are doing as a community. From this perspective, it is both a map to show where we are and a

compass to determine where we want to go.

HOW THE OUTCOME CATEGORIES WERE CHOSEN:

The Iosco County Assessment Team was charged by the Human Services Coordinating Council to form an assessment of current community needs. To do this, they researched other community assessments conducted by various counties around the state and determined which format and indicators were pertinent to the well being of citizens of this county. The three areas that were focused on included: 1) School readiness and success; 2) Safe, stable and healthy families; and 3) Safe, supportive, and engaged communities.

COUNTY DEMOGRAPHICS

Year of Data	Iosco County Demographic	Ages	Iosco Co.	MI	Ranked In State	Source
2005	Total population:		26,992	10,120,860	55	U.s. Census & Kids Count.org
	Child Population	0-17	5,386	2,524,274	59	
	Child Population	0-4	1,188	650,215	60	
2008	Total population:					
	Child Population	0-17	4,914			
	Child Population	0-4	1,159			
2000	Female Population		13,409			US
	Male Population		13,930			
2006	Population age 65+		5,897			
2000	Median Age		44.2			http://iosco.m33access.com/icedf/demographics.htm
2002	Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches		3,192	564,004	56	
2006	Students Receiving Free/Reduced Lunches		3,027	644,532	47	
2000	Median Family Income		\$30,000			MI Office of Labor Market Information
2006	Median Family Income					
2000	Per Capita Income		\$20,207			MI Office of Labor Market Information
Year of Data	Iosco County Demographic	Ages	Iosco Co.	MI	Ranked In State	Source
2000	Median Rent		\$416			http://iosco.m33access.com/icedf/demographics.htm
2006	Single Parent homes			42 out of 50 in USA		
2000	Medicaid Enrollment	0-18 years	1.836	587,590	31	kids Count
2006	Medicaid Enrollment	0-18 years	2.676	881,389	21	kids Count
2000	MIChild Enrollment	0-18 years	72	13,769	47	kids Count
2006	MIChild Enrollment	0-18 years	111	33,820	23	kids Count

Inside Iosco County:

Iosco County (2008)	25,932
Iosco County (2000) *	27,339
Iosco County (1990)	30,209
Iosco County (1980)	28,349
Iosco County (1970)	24,905

* **Note:** Percent of population change 1980-2000 was -3.6%. A major factor in Iosco County's population decrease in this period was the 1993 closure of *Wurtsmith Air Force Base* in Oscoda Township which, at its peak, accounted for about 6,000 residents.

Persons 65 and over make up a greater part of the population than the state average in all of the local government units except Oscoda Township. In terms of median age, the Iosco County average was 32.6 years in 1994 and has increased to 44.2 in 2000. As an additional observation, women make up a smaller proportion of the county population in relation to the state average of 51.2 percent. This relationship is reflected most strongly in the townships. In all cases except Sherman Township, the female proportion is lower than state average. In the cities, however, this trend is reversed. East Tawas, Tawas City and Whittemore all contain female populations that are greater than the state and county averages.

SEASONAL POPULATION

The County's scenic natural features and recreational facilities serve to attract many thousands of visitors each year in addition to the permanent population. Seasonal visitors utilize campground, motel and private cottage or seasonal home facilities located within Iosco County. Although the 2000 County population is approximately 27,300, it is possible for the population to increase dramatically during the parts of the year when seasonal units are occupied. More than half of the dwellings in the townships of Alabaster, Baldwin, Grant, Plainfield, and Wilber are seasonal units. In AuSable, Burleigh and Oscoda Townships, seasonal dwelling unit totals represent a very significant percentage of total dwellings as well. The bulk of seasonal dwellings in Iosco County are located within these communities.

Of course, seasonal dwelling unit figures only count for a portion of those tourists who will take up temporary occupancy in the County during the course of the year. Visitors can choose from a variety of motel and campground accommodations available throughout Iosco County. As well, it is estimated that 40% of vacationers stay with

friends or relatives who live in the area. Thus, a large number of seasonal and year-round homes accommodate a substantial number of visitors.

INDICATOR TABLE

The table below summarizes the results for each community indicator highlighted in the report.

- In describing the local trend (column 1), those indicators having sufficient data are expressed as unchanged or progressing in either a positive or negative direction.
- In the second column, Iosco County indicator results are compared to those of the state, when possible, and rated as better, worse, similar, or uncertain.
- The third column states which page sustainable information can be found.

Outcome Measure	Local Trend	Comparison to State	Page #
A. <u>School Readiness and Success</u>			7
1. Inadequate Prenatal Care	Worsening	2	8
2. Childhood Immunization Rate	Improving	1	9
3. Pre-Kindergarten Participation	Stable	1	10
4. Referred Grade Retention	UTO	0	12
5. School Truancy	improving	0	13
6. 4 th grade MEAP testing	UTO	0	14
7. High School Completion Rate	UTO	0	19
8. Special Education Services	UTO	0	22
B. <u>Safe, Stable & Healthy Families</u>			27
1. Domestic Violence			28
2. Child Abuse & Neglect Referrals	Improving	2	29
3. Children Placed in Foster Care	Stable	1	31
4. Individuals and Children in Poverty	Worsening	2	33
5. Infant Mortality	Improving	1	37
6. Teen Pregnancy	Improving	1	38
7. Income Trends	Worsening	2	40
8. Smoking	Worsening	2	42
9. Obesity	Worsening	2	43
C. <u>Safe, Supportive & Engaged Communities</u>			45
1. Juvenile Crime	Stable	0	46
2. Emergency Needs Utilization	Worsening	0	48
3. Public Transportation	Stable	0	49
4. County Library Use	Improving	1	50
5. Voter Participation	Worsening	2	50
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2= Worse than the State
1= Better than the State

SCHOOL READINESS AND SUCCESS

What kind of lives do we want our children to have?

One important outcome identified within Iosco County is the development of an informed, productive citizenry for the future. The future is dependent upon a community committed to producing successful children with the ability to learn and benefit from education.

Assuring that students are prepared and ready to begin school is the ultimate predictor of their future success.

According to research, children develop the ability to learn in the first three to five years of their lives, long before formal education begins.

In fact, research indicates that children who are not “school ready” when they

begin school, seldom catch up to their peers without the expense of a tremendous infusion of community resources.

Therefore, it is more effective to assure that our children are prepared to enter school systems by providing early learning programs and parental supports.

It is critical that the community has a system of support in place that prepares children to learn and assists them to become lifelong learners.



INSIDE IOSCO COUNTY

The development and support of families and young children has become an area of emphasis for Governor Granholm, the Michigan Legislature, and local school districts and community service agencies statewide.

A nurturing educational environment is supported by area businesses and residents; they know the continued success of their community’s depends on providing their youth with an educational environment that nurtures creativity while instilling responsibility. To that end they generously support the area’s public school districts. In addition to providing a strong K-12 core curriculum, Iosco County offers Headstart, schools of choice schooling, alternative high schools, vocational and technical training programs. Outside the classroom, students can choose to participate in numerous extracurricular activities including academic clubs, music, art, and

interscholastic athletics. Area businesses and industries offer high school student insight into potential careers by sponsoring work-study, job shadowing, and mentoring programs.

The Iosco Regional Educational service Agency provides K-12 schools with special education, technical training and other specialized services. Iosco RESA offers a recently built technical center and educational complex provides educational programs in a state-of-the-art center.

Collaborative efforts throughout Iosco County are needed between schools, agencies, and service organizations to expand the accessibility and availability of resources for families with young children.

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."
~Frederick Douglas~



A. CONTRIBUTORS TO SCHOOL READINESS AND SUCCESS

Important Indicators for this outcome area include:

1. Inadequate Prenatal Care
2. Childhood Immunization Rate
3. Pre-Kindergarten Participation
4. Referred Grade Retention
5. School Truancy
6. 4th grade MEAP testing
7. High School Completion Rate

1. INADEQUATE PRENATAL CARE

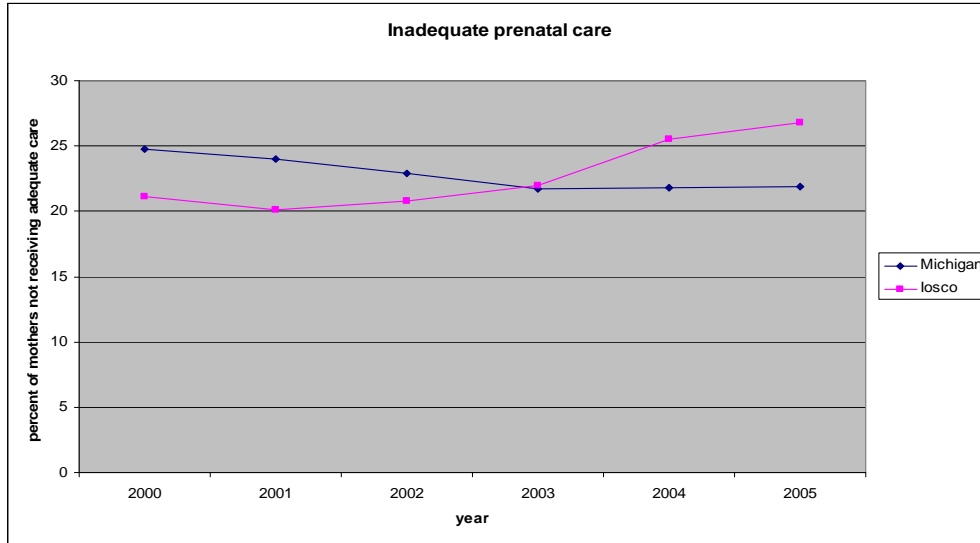
Goal: *All pregnant women and teens in losco County will receive timely and adequate prenatal care.*

Rational for Choosing Indicator:

Quality and timely prenatal care contributes to both maternal and infant health by identifying pregnant women at risk for poor infant outcomes like low birth weight, developmental delays or respiratory illnesses. Adequate prenatal care can also be viewed as an indicator of access to care. Women with complications during pregnancy who are able to access health services will be able to obtain necessary medical treatment in a timely fashion, resulting in fewer birth complications.

How are we doing?

For prenatal care to be considered adequate, it must begin during the first trimester and continue on a regular basis until delivery. The Healthy People 2010 objective is to increase the proportion of pregnant women receiving adequate prenatal care to 90% by 2010. As of 2007, losco County has found itself moving from being better than the state average to in 2003 being equal to the state average to the most current data showing losco County having a worse rate of inadequate prenatal care as compared with the state average. In 2005, only 73.2% of mothers received timely and adequate prenatal care.



Percentage of Mothers Not Receiving Adequate Prenatal Care:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Michigan	24.8	24	22.9	21.7	21.8	21.9	21.9	22.5
Iosco	21.1	20.1	20.8	22	25.5	26.8	26.8	27.4

Examples of Community Resources Include:

- **Department of Human Services** (Medicaid/MI Child)
- **District Health Department #2** (ISS/MSS)
 1. **Family Matters Program** (DHD2)
 2. **Maternal Infant Health Program** (DHD2)
- 3. **WIC** [Women, Infant, Children Food program] (DHD2)
- **AuSable Valley Community Mental Health** (Infant Mental Health program)

2. CHILD IMMUNIZATION RATE

Goal: All children shall have 100% of recommended immunizations by three years of age.

Rationale for Choosing Indicator:

Infectious diseases continue to be a major cause of illness, disability and death in the United States. Providing children with immunizations is an easy, proven way to prevent serious and potentially deadly illnesses such as hepatitis B, influenza, measles and meningitis. Immunizations are one of the most basic and important individual and

community safeguards against illness. *Healthy People 2010* has made immunizations one of the ten leading health indicators.

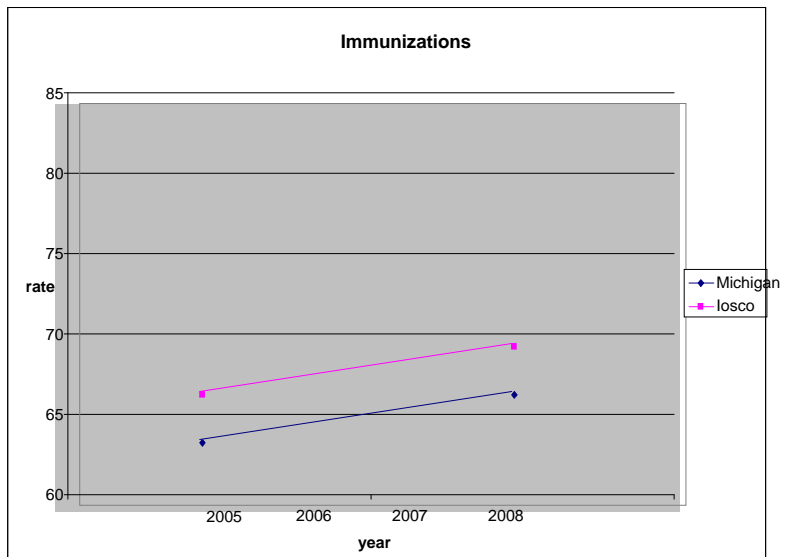
How are we doing? The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the 4.3.1.3.3.1 vaccine dosage schedule by their second birthday. The Michigan Child

Immunization Registry (MCIR) tracks these same dosage recommendations for children between 19 and 35 months. Nearly 0.6% of school-age children nationally are unvaccinated as a result of personal exemption (religious or philosophical). Iosco County has experienced a worse percentage of immunizations than the state average over the past two years. For 2005, Iosco County had a 67.7% rate of immunizations and in 2006 that rose to

72.8%. However, Michigan data reflects a decrease in the number of immunizations over the two year period. State averages are 80.6% for 2005, and 78.4% in 2006. Iosco County is experiencing raising rates of immunization while the state overall is experiencing a lower rate.

Immunization Rates for Iosco County as compared to MI in percentage

	Iosco	MI
2005	67.7%	63.9%
2006	72.8%	68.7%
2007	71.2%	72.4%
2008	68.3%	65.2%



Examples of Community Resources include:

- Local Physicians/Medical Clinics
- Immunization Program (DHD2)
- Family Matters (DHD2)
- **NEMCSA Early Head Start** - - Immunizations for all children

enrolled in Early Head Start program are tracked and followed up on using online MCIR program.

3. PRE-KINDERGARTEN PARTICIPATION

Goal: *Youth will have some formal educational experience prior to starting kindergarten.*

Rational for Choosing Indicator:

Children who have participated in educational and social experiences prior to entering kindergarten are better prepared for learning. Pre-kindergarten educational experiences provide children with opportunities for developing language, social, cognitive, and gross motor skills. Parents can further enhance and support development by reading and talking with their children on a daily basis from birth.

How Are We Doing?

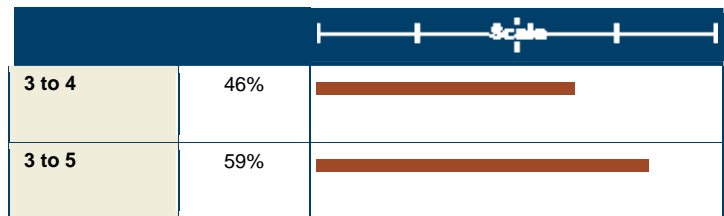
Currently 90% of kindergartners in Iosco County enter school with previous educational experiences. These include private preschools, Michigan School

Readiness Programs, Head Start, *Early On®* services, and special education preschool services. While it is exciting seeing this number of children participating in these services, we would like to see all children be given the readiness skills necessary for success in school.

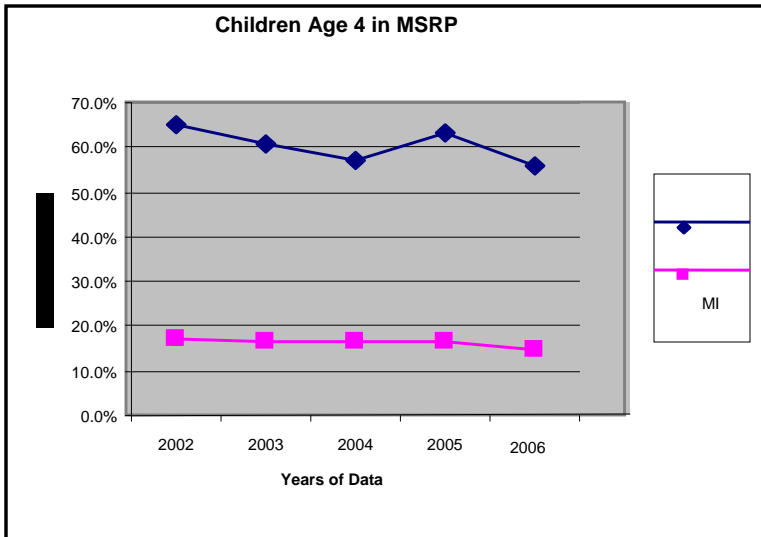
The research of your area has shown that 3 to 4 children that enter school in each school district has had absolutely zero pre-school exposure. All the rest have been in preschool activities either through Head Start or state provided programs held in the schools for the various districts.

Children enrolled in nursery school, preschool or kindergarten, by Age Group:
Percent: 2006 First shown in The USA and then in Michigan.

United States	
3 to 4	46%
3 to 5	58%



	Iosco	MI
2002	65.1%	17.4%
2003	61.0%	16.3%
2004	56.8%	16.7%
2005	63.5%	16.3%
2006	55.8%	14.8%
2007	62.2%	



Early Childhood

	TREND DATA					
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Children age 4 in MSRP - number	164	147	163	153	144	155
	Michigan	23,300	21,659	21,981	21,335	19,629
Percent of children Age 4 in MSRP	65.1%	61.0%	56.8%	63.5%	55.8%	62.2%
	Michigan	17.4%	16.3%	16.7%	16.3%	14.8%

Examples of Community Resources Include:

- **NEMCSA** offers an **Early Head Start** program which targets low-income families that have children under three. Weekly home visits and parent-child playgroups offer support in child development, all areas of health and family partnership and goal setting.
- **NEMCSA** also offers a **Head Start** program for low-income, at-risk families with children 3-5 years of age. This is a comprehensive preschool program offering child and family services including education, health, nutrition, and parent involvement.
- Iosco County Early On
- **B3** and **B4 Preschool** programs are offered through the Glennie Public School. Programs offer preschool activities age based.
- The State (Great Starts R. S.) paid for 4-year old program is held at W/P along with Head Start.

4. REFERRED GRADE RETENTION

Goal: *All children will be prepared for promotion to the next grade.*

Rational for Choosing Indicator:

Recommendations for grade retention reflect a concern for maturity, social skills, and academic progress of students. However, research indicates that retention is not an effective strategy for dealing with lack of progress in school, particularly after the fourth grade.

How Are We Doing? The number of children in grades kindergarten through fourth grade recommended by teacher for retention averages 15% for early grades of kindergarten through second grade, otherwise grade retention is seldom done, any more, particularly with the *No Child Left Behind* legislation..

The skills needed that account for such retentions are only learned in early education thus later retentions are not seen as beneficial for the student. Dwindling resources resulting from budgetary constraints are making retention one of the few options available. The goal of Iosco County educators is to see an increase in the number of children participating in pre-kindergarten educational activities and entering school with necessary skills, thereby reducing the number of students recommended for retention.

Examples of Community Resources Include:

- Local School Districts

5. SCHOOL TRUANCY IN IOSCO COUNTY (K – 10th)

Goal: *All children in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade will attend school on a consistent and regular basis.*

Rational for Choosing Indicator: Any child between the ages of six and sixteen years of age who fails to attend school regularly without a reasonable excuse for

absence is considered to be truant. Truancy impacts achievement, testing scores, high school completion, and social-emotional development.

How Are We Doing?

The truancy rate for children kindergarten through tenth grade or when a child reaches 16 years of age has been between 4.6% to 5.7% the past couple of years in Losco County schools. The trend appears to indicate that we are seeing improvement in this area.

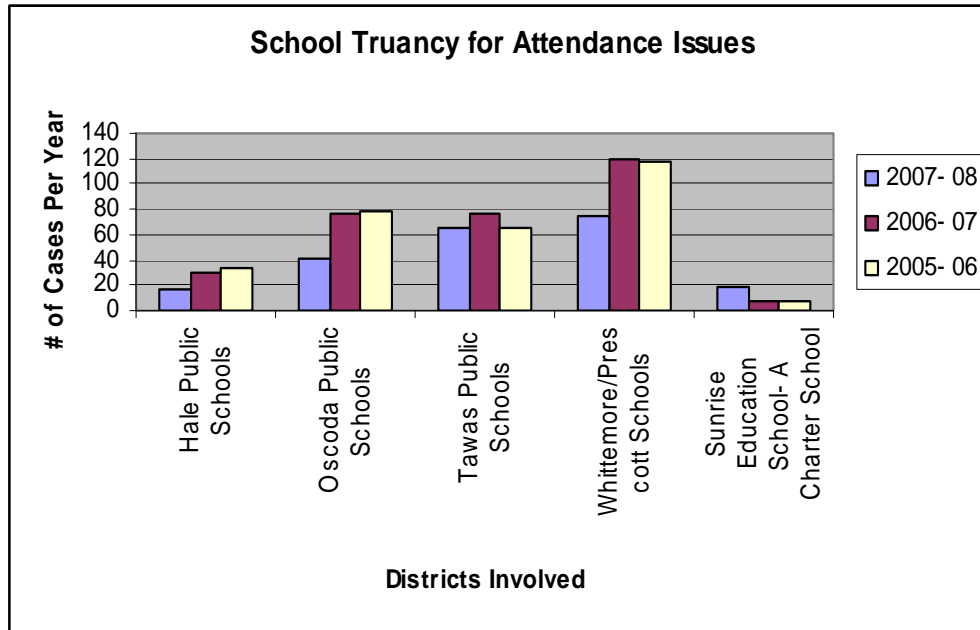
Most cases are addressed by the Truancy Officer with direct contact with the children and/or parents. Sometimes 'the talk' is all that is needed, sometimes more is needed. He acts as the-go-between person between the schools and the families. He provides families with information of where to find necessary clothing to attend school; making connections to where to get assistance for transportation to and from school- due to the high gas costs. Some families have special needs children that feel they are still slipping between the cracks even with their IEPs, communication is often a factor of poor school attendance. Some families think and feel that home schooling would be a means to complete the schooling experience for the children but, this is not always possible for the commitment of parents to that task. Home schooling requests are always prevalent at the

beginning of the year, though not all are followed through with.

These numbers represent the cases that have had over 3 referrals and have then gone through the probate court. Once there, the Truancy Officer no longer tracks the child. The children are given specific outlines of how to address their lack of attendance. Court measures begin with probation, academic monitoring, continue with good attendance and be released from the system. These measures include guidelines of grade completion by the student and required hours that the student remains within house arrest. The reasons for truancy sometimes demands that family counseling is required due to issues that need to be addressed that cause the drop in attendance at school.

Though these numbers appear high there are still countless numbers that are never reported.

Although the rate of truancy is 5% the goal of local schools is to have all children attending school on a regular and consistent basis.



Referrals for Truancy/Attendance Issues				
	2008-09 School Year Populations	2007- 08	2006- 07	2005- 06
Hale Public Schools	638	16	30	33
Oscoda Public Schools	1,405	41	77	79
Tawas Public Schools	1,432	66	77	65
Whittemore/Prescott Schools	1,184	75	119	118
Sunrise Education School-	63	18	8	8

Examples of Community Resources Include:

- o Local School Districts
- o Police Departments
- o Iosco County counseling Center
- o Iosco County Juvenile Court
- o Iosco county School Success programs

6. 4TH GRADE MEAP TEST

Goal: *Students will demonstrate mastery of basic academic standards as measured by the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP).*

Rational for Choosing Indicator:

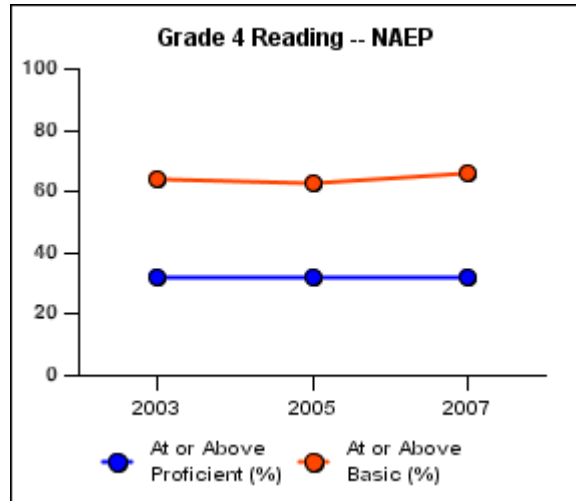
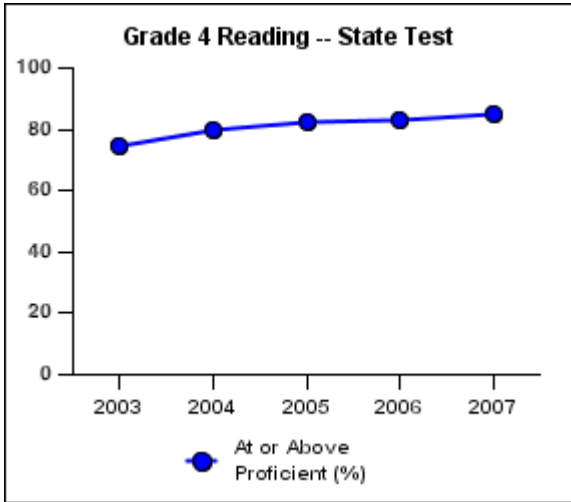
MEAP scores are used as a prime indicator of academic achievement and success in school, consistent with the Michigan Model for education.

How are We Doing?

MEAP scores in the areas of math and reading for fourth graders in Iosco County are _____ with the State average. This trend has been _____ over the past couple of years.

Michigan's Grade 4 Reading Performance on State and National Tests

The graphs below present student performance on the state test in tandem with performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). Viewing performance on these tests may be useful to better understand student performance over time. To see additional assessments, please click on the chart below. However, there are many reasons why these graphs should be interpreted with care. [More...](#)



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	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
<u>Student Proficiency on State Tests - 2007</u>				
<u>Reading Proficiency (%)</u>	64.5	60.9	71.4	63.2
<u>Math Proficiency (%)</u>	60.2	66.3	73.2	60.9
<u>Reading and Math Proficiency (RaMP) (%)</u>	62.4	63.6	72.3	62.0
<u>College Prep - 2005</u>	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
<u>ACT - Average Score</u>	19.3	19.7	22.4	19.6

Estimated Graduation Rate - 2002	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Cumulative Promotion Index (Urban Institute) (%)	n.a.	62.5	88.5	58.3
Classroom Profile - 2006	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Students Per Teacher (2005)	15.8	16.6	18.8	15.4
Students with Special Needs Index	33.6	39.7	25.4	46.3
Students Per Total Staff (2005)	8.2	8.4	9.6	8.1
Enrollment (%) - 2008	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Economically Disadvantaged	62.8	65.1	40.3	79.3
Community Profile - 2006	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Adults with at Least a Bachelor's Degree (%)	8.5	11.1	15.0	6.2
Single-Parent Households with Children (%)	7.6	8.2	7.5	9.8
NCLB Information -- 2007	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
Is this district making Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
District Facts	Hale Area Schools	Oscoda Area Schools	Tawas Area Schools	Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools
City or Town	Hale	Oscoda	Tawas City	Whittemore
County	Iosco	Iosco	Iosco	Iosco
Telephone Number	(989)728-7661	(989)739-2033	(989)984-2250	(989)756-2500
Urban Status	Rural, Outside CBSA	Rural, Outside CBSA	Rural, Outside CBSA	Rural, Outside CBSA

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Examples of Community Resources Include:

- IRESA School Districts

- Hale Area Schools website- <http://www.halemichigan.net/meap05.html>

7. HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION

Goal: *Students will complete high school or an approved course of study.*

Rational for Choosing Indicator:

An informed and active society depends upon educated and involved citizens in order to be successful. Studies indicate that adults are less likely to fulfill the requirements towards high school completion after age 18.

How are We Doing? The federal **No Child Left Behind Act** requires that **Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)** be calculated for all public schools and for each school district. The school district must attain the target achievement goal in reading and mathematics or reduce the percentage of students in the non-proficient category (basic and apprentice) of achievement by 10% ("safe harbor"). A School district must also test at least 95% of its students enrolled for the school as a whole and for each required student group. In addition, the district must meet or exceed the other academic indicators set by the state: graduation rate for the high school level and attendance rate for elementary and middle school levels. These achievement goals must be reached for each subgroup that has at least 30 students in the group. The group size is the same for the school

and for the school district. It is possible for a district to not make AYP at a grade range, even though all of its schools make AYP, because there may be student groups measured at the district level that are not measured at the building level.

In calculating adequate yearly progress (AYP) for a district, the district is considered to be one big "school". The requirements for an individual school to make AYP are then applied to the district. Total district enrolment is thus used (for example all 4th graders in the district combined together) to determine if the district makes AYP in terms of participation in state assessment. The same calculation is carried out for proficiency and for the additional academic indicator. Not that a school district is considered to have "made AYP" if the district make AYP (in both English language arts and in mathematics) at two of the three grade ranges- elementary, middle school and high school.

The following chart shows what the Drop Out Rate is like in surrounding states from 2000- 2007:



	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Illinois	9%	10%	8%	8%	6%	7%	6%	6%
Indiana	13%	14%	13%	11%	13%	9%	8%	7%
Michigan	10%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%
Minnesota	7%	5%	5%	7%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Ohio	10%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%

School District:	Grad % Rate	Dropout % Rate
Hale Area Schools	78.95%	8.77%
Oscoda Area Schools	79.53%	14.17%
Tawas Area Schools	93.00%	5.94%
Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools	69.48%	23.38%
Alternative Center	46.43%	25.00%
Regular Area H.S.	87.76%	10.20%

County data is presently showing that the following school districts have achieved these grades from the state:

Tawas- Grade 11 -Tested	Status Scores 2006 - 2007	Adjusted Score 2006- 02007	Ed Yes! Grade 2006 - 2007
Student Achievement			
English Language Arts	80.1	75	C
Mathematics	79.4	69.7	C
Science	81.3	75.6	C
Social Studies	89.1	89.1	B
Achievement Subtotal	82.5	77.4	C
Indicators of School Performance		90	A
Preliminary Grade		82	B
AYP Status		Met AYP	
Composite Grade		B	

Oscoda- Grade 11 - Tested	Status Scores 2006 - 2007	Adjusted Score 2006-02007	Ed Yes! Grade 2006 - 2007
Student Achievement			
English Language Arts	66	58	F
Mathematics	62.7	57.3	F
Science	72.6	66.3	D
Social Studies	65.6	65.6	D
Achievement Subtotal	66.7	61.8	D
Indicators of School Performance		86	B
Preliminary Grade		70	C
AYP Status		Met AYP	
Composite Grade		C	

Whittemore/Prescott High School	Status Scores 2006 - 2007	Adjusted Score 2007-02008	Ed Yes! Grade 2006 - 2007	Alternative Ed Completion Rate
Student Achievement				75%
English Language Arts				
Mathematics				
Science				
Social Studies				
Achievement Subtotal				
Indicators of School Performance				
Preliminary Grade				
AYP Status				
Composite Grade				

The data presents both positive and negative results here. Some districts are doing well, while others are struggling. Budget and state cuts in funding added with depressed economies also are factors for this diversity within our county.

Examples of Community Resources Include:

- Local School Districts (Whittemore, Hale, Tawas, Oscoda)
- Iosco County Task Force on Employment (**Michigan Works**)

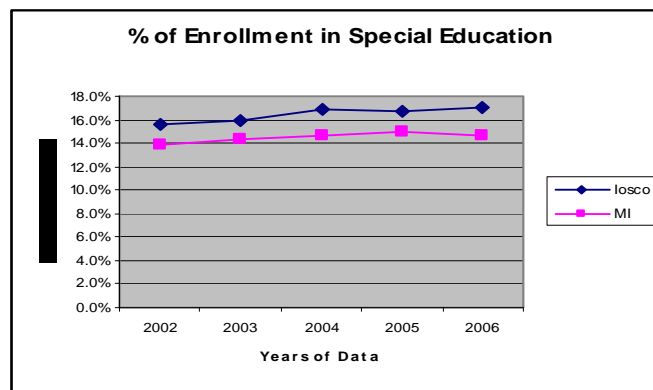
9. SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE NEEDS

Goal: *Students will have equal opportunity to meet their full potential regardless of their special schooling needs.*

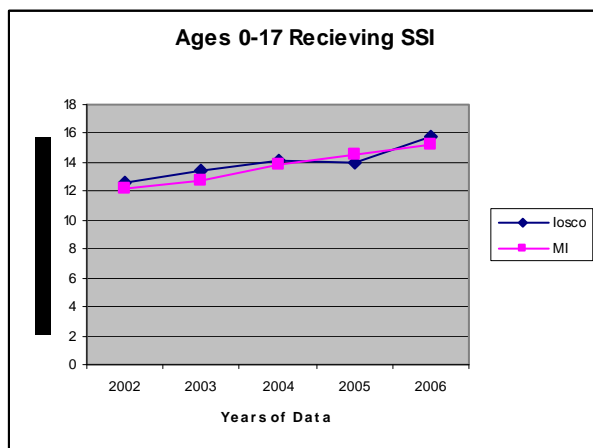
Rational for Choosing Indicator:

All children, regardless of their abilities, deserve to live life to their fullest and have their educational needs met.

How are We Doing? The numbers of special educations children is growing and by the numbers of births shown in the tables below, one being for the District Health Area #2 and for the state of Michigan provides that this population is growing in our area of the state. Reasons for this growth are not known, however, services for this population will need to grow to meet their needs.



	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Percent of Enrollment in Special Education	losco 15.6%	15.9%	16.9%	16.8%	17.1%
	MI 13.9%	14.4%	14.7%	14.9%	14.7%



	losco	MI
2002	12.6	12.2
2003	13.4	12.7
2004	14.1	13.8
2005	14	14.5
2006	15.8	15.2

Special Needs (Most recent 5 years are shown; [show all years.](#))

	Trend Data				
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006

Children Ages 0-17 Receiving SSI (number)	Iosco	77	79	78	76	85
	MI	31,791	32,618	35,152	36,686	38,420
Rate Per 1,000 Children Ages 0-17 Receiving SSI	Iosco	12.6	13.4	14.1	14.0	15.8
	MI	12.2	12.7	13.8	14.5	15.2
Students in Special Education (number)	Iosco	918	899	900	880	889
	MI	238,284	245,018	248,830	249,664	248,661

Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes

Students in Special Education (number)

Definitions: The count of special education students ages 0-26.

Data Source: Michigan Department of Education, Office of Special Education & Early Intervention Services, Special Education Count By County and By Type Of Disability.

http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=105#8

Examples of Community Resources Include:

- o Great Starts Great Families
- o Early On

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## **B. SAFE, STABLE, AND HEALTHY FAMILIES**

*What kind of life do we want our families to have?*

Healthy families are safe violence-free and resilient across the various dimensions of family life. For this reason, another important outcome area within Iosco County is the empowerment of healthy families.

Families that have access to community resources and supports have the advantage of many people working to achieve the same goal. Even though families may look different, they are not isolated units but, part of a social institution nested in the wider community.

Iosco County is a good place to raise a family, go to school, and enjoy life. Although family has primary responsibility for raising children, some families are more vulnerable and less empowered due to poverty, exposure to violence and increased health risk factors.

As a community, Iosco County must provide an environment that supports the efforts of all caregivers and acts as a safety net for families.

## **Inside Iosco County:**

The safety and well-being of families in Iosco County is a value shared by all members of the community. The family is the foundation for all aspects of community life: spiritual,

educational, recreational, artistic, social and commercial. Assisting families out of poverty and preventing violence in the home are important tasks for our formal service agencies and many natural support systems (e.g., clergy, family, employers, neighbors, etc.).

The Indicators listed below were chosen as the key indicators of the safety, stability, and health of families in losco County.

This report card focuses on many of the psychosocial indicators of health. However, contributors to the physical health of family member should not be ignored.

Recent surveys of behavioral risk factors indicate that losco County is reflective of statewide trends in regard to lack of physical activity, obesity, and precursors to diabetes. These are issues that should receive greater attention in the future report cards.



## **Contributors to Safe, Stable, and Healthy Families:**

- |                                        |                     |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Domestic Violence                   | 5. Infant Mortality |
| 2. Child Abuse & Neglect               | 6. Teen Pregnancy   |
| 3. Children Placed in Foster Care      | 7. Income Trends    |
| 4. Individuals and Children in Poverty | 8. Smoking          |
|                                        | 9. Obesity          |

*"Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciative, mistakes are tolerated, communication is open, and rules are flexible – the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family."*

*~ Virginia Satir ~*

### **1. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**Goal:** Families will experience a violence-free living environment and increased awareness of community resources.

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Domestic violence and sexual assault is an unacceptable reality in our community. Families have the right to live free of the threat or presence of domestic and sexual violence. Safe shelter, emergency needs, counseling and advocacy support are available to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Education and prevention programs are provided to the community with the belief that early identification and connection to existing resources will prevent the escalation and prevalence of violence. Through these steps, the cycle of abuse can be interrupted. The Uniform Crime reports and arrest statistics under-represent the actual number of family violence and sexual assault cases. Statistics provided by the service providers are available and may provide a clearer picture of the problem.

### How are we doing?

| Iosco County Usage:            | Total Served: |          | # of Units: |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------|-------------|
|                                | Adults        | Children |             |
| Emergency Shelter              | 22            | 23       | 837         |
| Transitional Housing           | 10            | 26       | 2,314       |
| Individual Counseling/Advocacy | 61            |          | 1,814       |
| Group Counseling/Advocacy      | 45            |          | 3,527       |
| Legal Accompany/Advocacy       | 10            |          | 183         |
| Child Counseling/Advocacy      | 29            |          | 401         |
| Childcare                      | 8             |          | 23          |
| Hotline Calls                  | 76            |          |             |

Number of cases reported within 24 hours both at the National and State Level:

| National % | Domestic Violence    | Values   |          |
|------------|----------------------|----------|----------|
|            |                      | National | Michigan |
| 3.23%      | Total                | 29,825   | 962      |
| 3.91%      | Adults Served        | 18,039   | 705      |
| 3.48%      | Total                | 47,864   | 1,667    |
| 4.40%      | Children Served      | 5,157    | 227      |
| 2.45%      | Total                | 15,431   | 378      |
| 2.57%      | People Served        | 40,120   | 1,031    |
|            | Unmet Requests       | Total*   | MI       |
| 3.24%      | for Service          | 7,103    | 230      |
| 3.69%      | Hotline              | 7,241    | 267      |
| 3.46%      | Calls                | 14,344   | 497      |
| 5.84%      | Answered             | 3,081    | 180      |
| 6.78%      | Community            | 4,852    | 329      |
| 6.42%      | Members Trained      | 7,933    | 509      |
| 2.81%      | Shelter              | 19,641   | 552      |
| 1.83%      | Transitional Housing | 5,946    | 109      |

|       |                        |        |     |
|-------|------------------------|--------|-----|
| 2.58% | <b>Non-Residential</b> | 25,587 | 661 |
|-------|------------------------|--------|-----|

[http://www.nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2006/DVCounts06\\_Report.pdf](http://www.nnedv.org/docs/Census/DVCounts2006/DVCounts06_Report.pdf)

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**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- **Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan**  
Visit us at our website: <http://www.cfsnemi.org>
- **Family Matters Program** (DHD2) refers clientele to River House Shelter and DHS
- **Shelter, Inc** in Alpena and Oscoda. Visit their website at:  
<http://www.shelterincalpena.org>  
**24-Hour Toll-free Crisis Line – (800) 396-9129**

## **2. CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REFERRALS**

**Goal:** *Youth will live in environments free from child abuse and neglect and families will be aware of community resources.*

**Rationale For Choosing Indicator:**

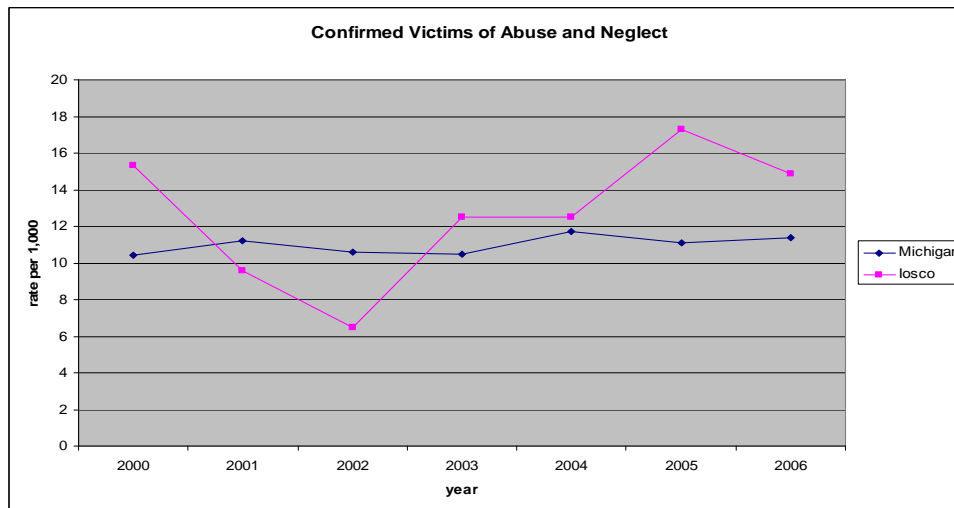
Research indicates that effective intervention and supports reduce repeated child abuse and neglect. However, many families do not become aware of these supportive services until they come in contact with Child Protective Services (CPS) staff. For this reason initial CPS contacts are both prevention and intervention actions. It is important that the community make increased referrals to CPS to ensure child safety and to start the process of engaging families in needed services. Repeat incidence of child abuse and neglect often indicates a community system failure in keeping children safe and reflects the complexity of working with multi-problem families. It may also be a

reflection of the lack of engagement in community support services.

**How are we doing?** The incidence of families investigated for child abuse and neglect has been erratic since 2000 with a current rate of 73.7 down from the high in 2003, when there was a rate of 92.9. Iosco County continues to be well above the state rate of 62.6 per 1,000 families investigated for abuse and neglect. The rate of confirmed cases of Child Abuse and Neglect has been above the state average in the past four years. However, in 2001 and 2002, Iosco County was below the state average in substantiated cases of child abuse. During these two years, they had a far greater rate than the state average for reports of abuse yet a far lower rate of substantiation.



|                 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Michigan</b> | 65.9 | 67.8 | 65.1 | 67   | 62.1 | 64   | 62.6 |
| <b>losco</b>    | 76.1 | 75.8 | 80   | 92.9 | 80.8 | 86.2 | 73.7 |



|                 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|-----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Michigan</b> | 10.4 | 11.2 | 10.6 | 10.5 | 11.7 | 11.1 | 11.4 |
| <b>losco</b>    | 15.3 | 9.6  | 6.5  | 12.5 | 12.5 | 17.3 | 14.9 |

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- losco County Child Abuse and Prevention Council
- Children's Trust Fund
- Department of Human Services
- Community Mental Health (IMH)
- losco County Wraparound Program
- losco County Juvenile Court
- **Family Matters Program (DHD2)** refers to DHS.
- **Early Head Start** team members are mandated reporters if abuse or neglect is suspected. **NEMCSA.**

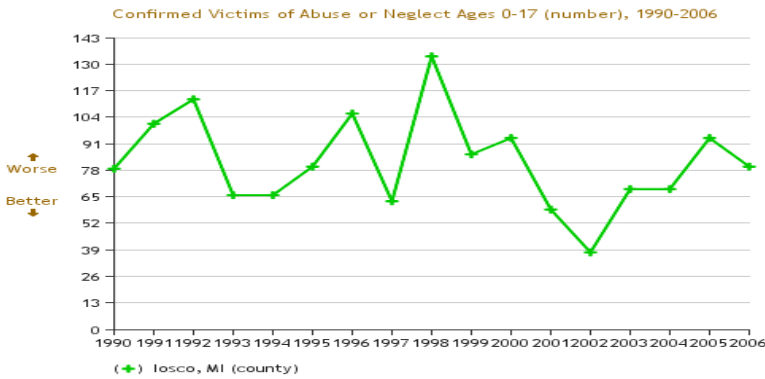
### 3. CHILDREN PLACED IN FOSTER CARE

**Goal:** Families will be supported to reduce the incidence of youth placed in foster care due to child abuse and neglect.

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** The prevalence of youth placed into foster care due to neglect and abuse is an indicator of unhealthy and unsafe families. Successful child abuse and neglect interventions are key to reducing both initial and repeat out-of-home placements of children.

**How are we doing?** Iosco County has 20% of the population under the age of 18 years. However, we have 6% of the state's population in foster care. This

indicates that Iosco County is doing a better job than the state, in general, in keeping children in their own homes. Iosco had 3 children in Foster Care between the ages of 0-5 in 2006 ranking them in the 13 out of 83 counties with and in rank 33 out of 83 with 5 in foster care in 2006 in Michigan according to CLIK for Child Abuse and Neglect cases. Our numbers are so low that we do not fit the state's model for number per 1,000 children for percentage purposes.



| Yr   | Rank | County | # Kids |
|------|------|--------|--------|
| 1997 | 34   | Iosco  | 63     |
| 1998 | 53   | Iosco  | 134    |
| 2000 | 41   | Iosco  | 94     |
| 2003 | 27   | Iosco  | 69     |
| 2006 | 31   | Iosco  | 80     |

|                    | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Iosco, MI (county) | 63   | 134  | 86   | 94   | 59   | 38   | 69   | 69   | 94   | 80   |

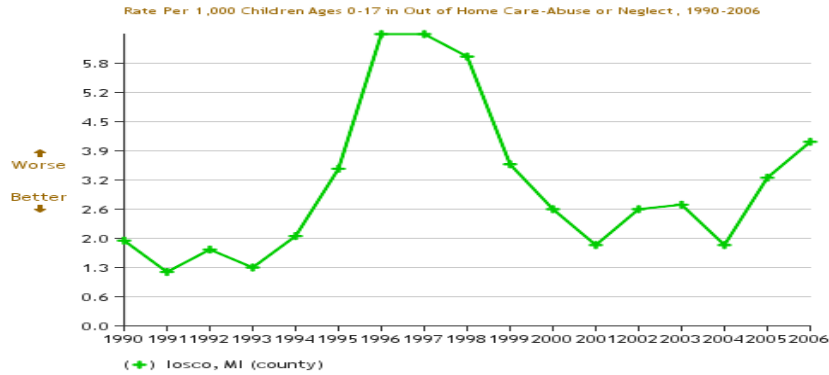
#### Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes

##### Confirmed Victims of Abuse or Neglect Ages 0-17 (number)

**Definitions:** These numbers reflect an unduplicated count of children in a given fiscal year where alleged abuse or neglect is confirmed after an investigation. (These numbers reflect all categories where alleged abuse or neglect has been confirmed.) The operational definitions for child abuse and neglect are found in the Services Manual of the Family Independence Agency.

**Data Source:** Michigan Family Independence Agency, Health and Welfare Data Center, Children's Protective Service Management Information, Report PS-31D, Victims by Category of Abuse/Neglect (Fiscal Years 1992-2003)

**Note:** The numbers for Wexford/Missaukee are combined beginning in 1998. Grand Traverse/Leelanau are combined beginning in 2003. Mecosta and Osceola are combined beginning in 2006. In 1999 numbers for Alger/Marquette and Houghton/Keweenaw were combined.



|                    | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Iosco, MI (county) | 6.5  | 6.5  | 6.0  | 3.6  | 2.6  | 1.8  | 2.6  | 2.7  | 1.8  | 3.3  | 4.1  |

**Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes**

**Rate Per 1,000 Children Ages 0-17 in Out of Home Care-Abuse or Neglect**

**Definitions:** The number of children ages 0-17 in out of home care due to abuse/neglect, per 1,000 children ages 0-17.

**Data Source:** Michigan Department of Human Services, Children's Services management Information System, Report CY-091, Part G, Legal Status by Living Arrangement and Sex, and Wayne County Department of Community Justice, Juvenile Justice Services Division Information System. Population estimates taken from U.S. Census FactFinder website.

[http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=graph\\_results&subset=MI&areaid=105&indicatorid=49](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=graph_results&subset=MI&areaid=105&indicatorid=49)

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- o Iosco County Child Abuse and Prevention Council
- o Children's Trust Fund
- o Iosco County Juvenile Court
- o Iosco County Wraparound Program
- o Community Mental Health IMH services
- o Department of Human Services Parent Aides (SFSC contract)s
- o Offered through **Family Planning (DHD2)**
- o **Foster Care** (Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan)
- o **4C Community Coordinated Child Care**(Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan)
- o **Adoption Services**(Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan)
- o **Foster Care** (Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan)
- o **Specialized Treatment Foster Care** (Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan)

## **4. INDIVIDUALS AND CHILDREN IN POVERTY**

**Goal:** *Individuals and families will have economic independence.*

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Poverty has a direct impact on safe, stable, and healthy families. According to the 2005 Kids Count profile for Michigan, nearly one-third

of the state's children are growing up in a low-income family that struggles to provide the basic necessities of adequate food, stable housing, and timely health care.

### How Are We Doing?

Iosco County Ranked 78 of 83 counties at 40.3% of population at or below the poverty level in 2006 according to CLIKS. As one can see from the graphs below, Iosco County is struggling in this area. Drastic loss of major jobs in the area has only increased the numbers of children on assistance. Even when compared with the state the numbers on assistance continue to grow. Also the number of grandparents raising their grandchildren is rapidly growing. The reasons for this trend is unclear, though the amount of the rise should be appalling.

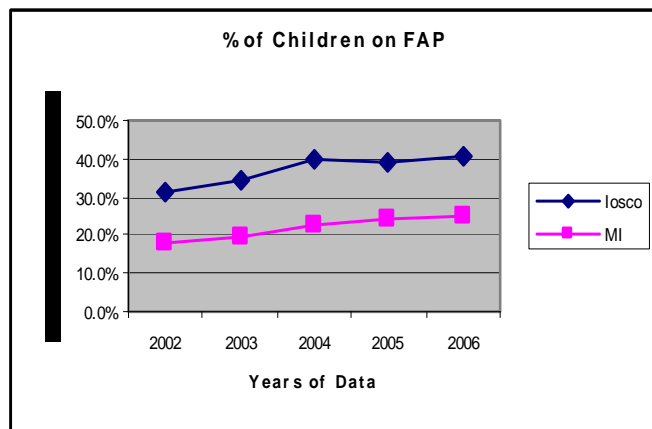
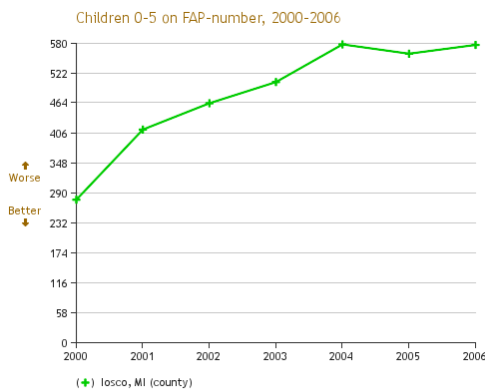
Iosco County ranks 67 out of 83 counties with 58.4% of births paid for by Medicaid. We also have the ranking of 63 out of 83 counties for 12.1% of children with no paternity declared at their birth. Single households tend to acquire less money and

tend to be economically at a disadvantage. The following graphs support this theory.

The number of grandparents raising their grand children is on the rise. This population has risks that are higher than first time parents due to age and the interference of their adult children while raising the following generation.

The number of children on state assistance and Medicaid in Iosco County is rising. This is 15.5% higher than the state and this trend appears to be getting worse.

[http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=rank\\_results&subset=MI&areatype=county&indicatorid=97&expand=0&previewid=&year=2006&areaid=105&Update+Ranking=Update](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=rank_results&subset=MI&areatype=county&indicatorid=97&expand=0&previewid=&year=2006&areaid=105&Update+Ranking=Update)



| Children 0-5 on FAP-number |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                            | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Iosco, MI (county)         | 277  | 413  | 464  | 505  | 578  | 560  | 577  |

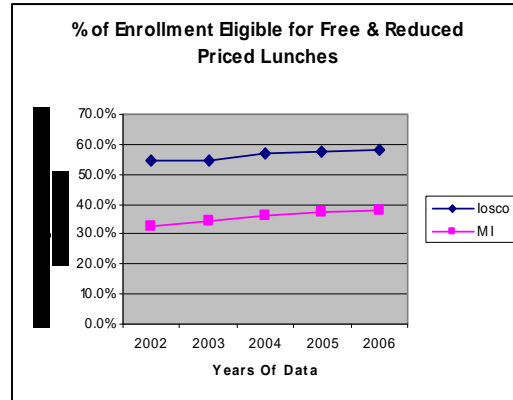
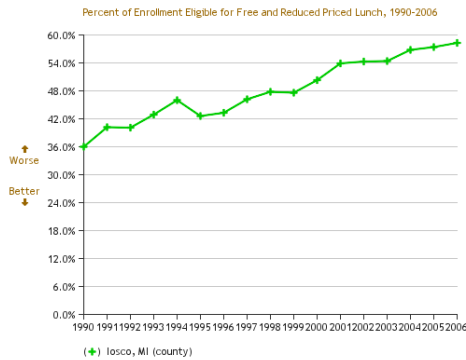
| Percent of Children 0-5 on FAP |       | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006  |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                | Iosco | 30.9% | 34.5% | 39.6% | 39.1% | 40.3% |
| MI                             | 17.6% | 19.6% | 22.9% | 24.0% | 24.8% |       |

**Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes**

**Children 0-5 on FAP-number**

**Definitions:** The number of children ages 0-5 in families active for the Food Assistance Program in December.

**Data Source:** Michigan Department of Human Services.



| Free and Reduced Priced Lunch (number) |              | 2001    | 2002    | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    |
|----------------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                                        | <b>losco</b> | 3,192   | 3,079   | 3,031   | 3,008   | 3,027   |
|                                        | <b>MI</b>    | 564,004 | 587,895 | 609,393 | 622,817 | 644,532 |

| Percent of Enrollment Eligible for Free and Reduced Priced Lunch |              | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
|                                                                  | <b>losco</b> | 54.3% | 54.4% | 56.8% | 57.4% | 58.3% |
|                                                                  | <b>MI</b>    | 32.9% | 34.5% | 36.0% | 37.1% | 38.1% |

[http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile\\_results&subset=MI&areaid=105](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=105)

losco County ranked **80** out of 83 counties with 58.3% of children eligible for reduced or free lunch in 2006 according to CLIKS.

**Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes**

**Percent of Enrollment Eligible for Free and Reduced Priced Lunch**

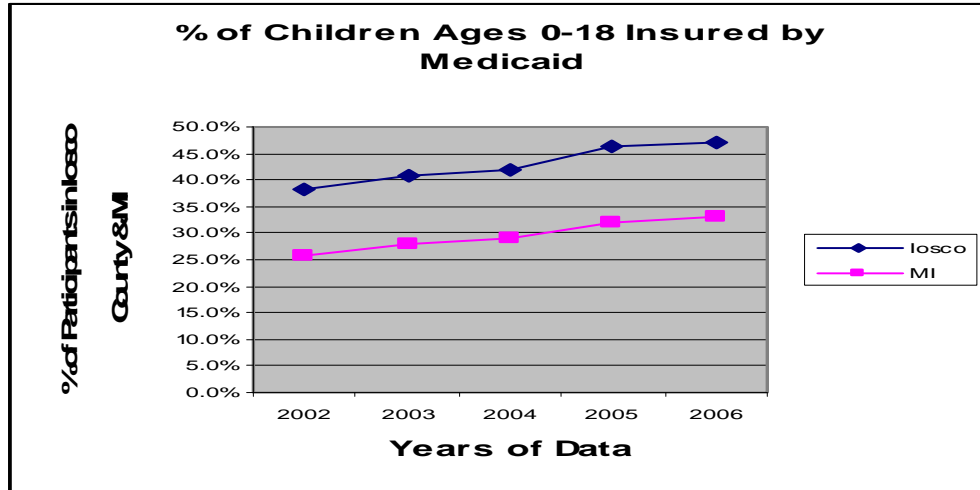
**Definitions:** The Free Reduced Lunch percentage is based on total enrollment of K-12 public school students for each school year.

**Data Source:** Michigan Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Services, Office of Nutrition, for 1990-95. Center for Educational Performance Information (CEPI) web site for 1996-2004 ([www.michigan.gov/cepi](http://www.michigan.gov/cepi)).

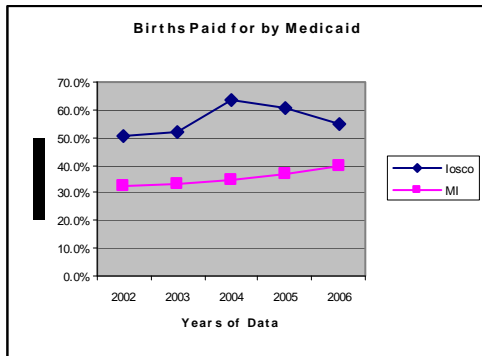
| Grandchildren in the care of grandparents (Showing most recent 5 years; <a href="#">Show All Years</a> ) |      |      |      |      |         |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|
| 2002                                                                                                     | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | US 2006 |
| 4%                                                                                                       | 4%   | 4%   | 4%   | 4%   | 5%      |

The first five columns show data for the State of Michigan, the last column is the USA overall data.

[http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=rank\\_results&subset=MI&areatype=county&indicatorid=37](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=rank_results&subset=MI&areatype=county&indicatorid=37)



| Percent of Children Ages 0-18 Insured by Medicaid | Iosco | MI    |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|
|                                                   | 38.1% | 25.6% |
|                                                   | 40.9% | 27.8% |
|                                                   | 42.2% | 28.9% |
|                                                   | 46.5% | 32.1% |
|                                                   | 47.0% | 33.0% |



|      | Iosco | MI    |
|------|-------|-------|
| 2002 | 50.4% | 32.4% |
| 2003 | 52.2% | 33.3% |
| 2004 | 63.3% | 34.3% |
| 2005 | 60.5% | 36.7% |
| 2006 | 54.8% | 39.4% |

| Medicaid Paid Births-Number                  | Iosco | MI     |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|--------|
|                                              | 121   | 41,940 |
|                                              | 117   | 43,529 |
|                                              | 145   | 44,549 |
|                                              | 130   | 46,854 |
|                                              | 120   | 50,186 |
| Percent of Total Births Paid For By Medicaid | Iosco | MI     |
|                                              | 50.4% | 32.4%  |
|                                              | 52.2% | 33.3%  |
|                                              | 63.3% | 34.3%  |
|                                              | 60.5% | 36.7%  |
|                                              | 54.8% | 39.4%  |

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- WIC (DHD2)
- Maternal Infant Health Program (DHD2)
- North East Health Plan (DHD2)
- Department of Human Services for Iosco County
- Early Head Start programs are offered first to families that have income levels at or below federal poverty guidelines. **NEMCSA**

# 5. INFANT MORTALITY

**Goal:** All infants in Iosco County will mature into healthy toddlers.

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Research substantiates that adequate pre-natal care, regular infant check-ups, and nourishment is paramount to promoting healthy infant development. Infant mortality is often used as an index of the general community health. Many of the risk factors for infant mortality reflect healthcare access, education, poverty, and lifestyle choices. Infant mortality is defined as a measure of the number of child deaths under the age of one year.

**How Are We Doing?** It appears the trend is going down. We rank 7 out of 83 counties for the number of infant deaths according to CLIKs. There is no rate figured for 2004 through current. Iosco county numbers are so low we do not qualify for their charting purposes.



|                                        |       | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  | 2006 |
|----------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Infant Deaths (number)                 | Iosco | 3     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 1    |
|                                        | MI    | 1,077 | 1,077 | 1,050 | 1,036 | 979  |
| Rate Per 1,000 Births of Infant Deaths | Iosco | 10.5  | 9.8   | -     | -     | -    |
|                                        | MI    | 8.1   | 8.2   | 8.1   | 8.0   | 7.6  |

### Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes

#### Infant Deaths (number)

**Definitions:** Infant Deaths include deaths of infants up to one year of age.

**Data Source:** Source: Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Data Development Section.

**Note:** These data are based on three-year averages, with the latest year listed. Births by county are based on the mother's county of residence.

#### Examples of Community Resources Include:

- St. Joseph Hospital of Tawas
- Iosco County DHS office
- Maternal Infant Health program (DHD2)

- Child Death Review Committee

Site location for Data: [http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile\\_results&subset=MI&areaid=105](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=105)

## 6. TEEN PREGNANCY

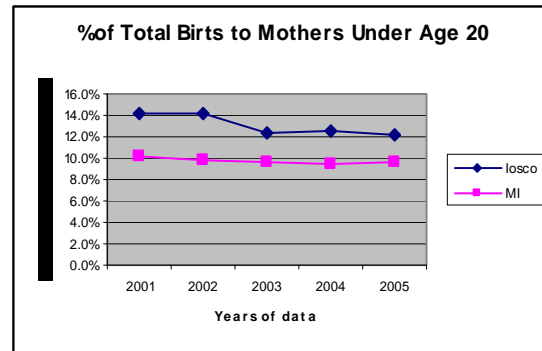
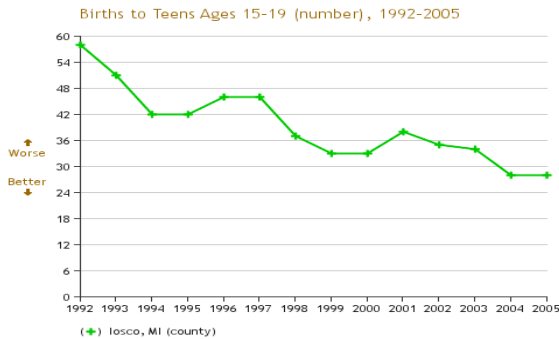
**Goal:** Youth will understand the long term consequences of teen pregnancy resulting in informed decision-making and a lowered teen pregnancy rate.

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Teenage mothers, many of whom are single, face difficulties in providing a stable, supportive environment for their children. They are less likely to complete high school, have adequate parenting skills, possess job skills, be employed, or have a financial partner. Infants born to teen moms are more likely to faced difficulties, including the risk of low birth weight, pre-term delivery, and certain medical conditions. **(In 1999, 84% of the State’s teen births were to unmarried mothers)**

### How Are We Doing?

Although our numbers of Teen births are going down, we are still 2.5% higher than the state averages for teen births. We are above the state as the state continues to cut down on teen births. While we have abstinence programs available for our youth

and young girls to participate in, the number of teen rebirths is rising. Currently we are 1/1% higher than the state in 2006 for rebirths in this age group. The reasons for this trend is unclear.



|                                     | 2001   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Births to Teens Ages 15-19 (number) |        |        |        |        |        |
| Iosco                               | 38     | 35     | 34     | 28     | 28     |
| MI                                  | 14,025 | 13,256 | 12,625 | 12,224 | 12,077 |

|                                                 | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Percent of Total Births to Mothers Under Age 20 |       |       |       |       |       |
| Iosco                                           | 14.1% | 14.2% | 12.3% | 12.6% | 12.1% |
| MI                                              | 10.1% | 9.8%  | 9.6%  | 9.5%  | 9.6%  |

### Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes

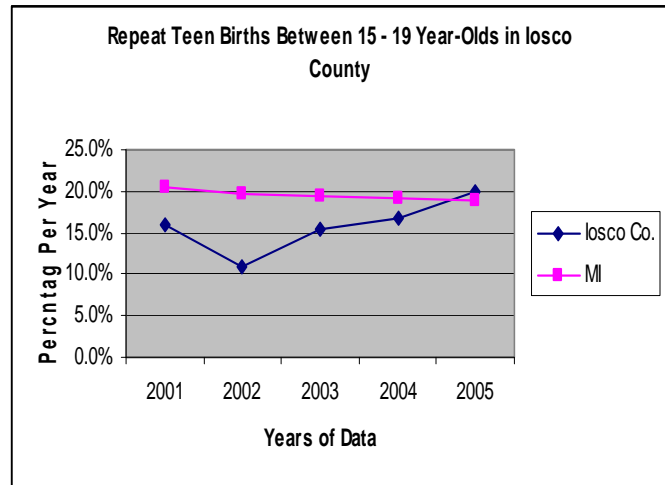
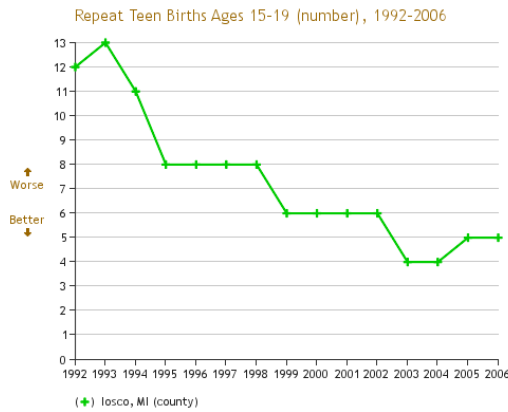
#### Births to Teens Ages 15-19 (number)

**Definitions:** The total number of births to teens, ages 15-19.

**Data Source:** Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Data Development Section.

**Note:** These data are based on three-year averages, with the latest year listed. Births by county are based on the mother's county of residence.

Site: [http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile\\_results&subset=MI&areaid=105](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=105)



| Repeat Teen Births Ages 15-19 (number) |  | 2001  | 2002  | 2003  | 2004  | 2005  |
|----------------------------------------|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| losco                                  |  | 6     | 4     | 4     | 5     | 5     |
| MI                                     |  | 2,729 | 2,500 | 2,375 | 2,314 | 2,295 |

|      | losco Co. | MI    |
|------|-----------|-------|
| 2001 | 16.0%     | 20.6% |
| 2002 | 10.8%     | 19.8% |
| 2003 | 15.3%     | 19.4% |
| 2004 | 16.7%     | 19.2% |
| 2005 | 20.0%     | 18.9% |

**Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes**

**Repeat Teen Births Ages 15-19 (number)**

**Definitions:** The total number of second or third births to teens ages 15-19.

**Data Source:** Michigan Department of Community Health, Vital Records and Health Data Development Section.

**Note:** These data are based on three-year averages, with the latest year listed. Births by county and city are based on the mother's residence.

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

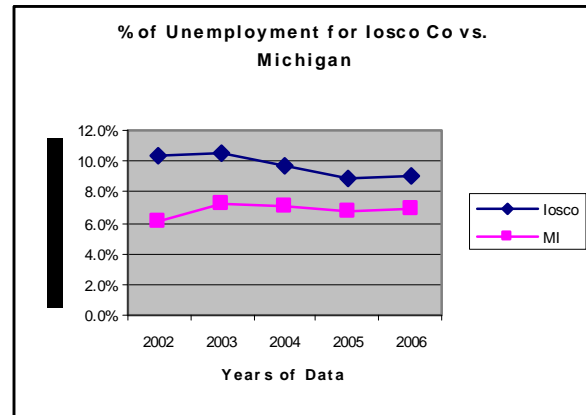
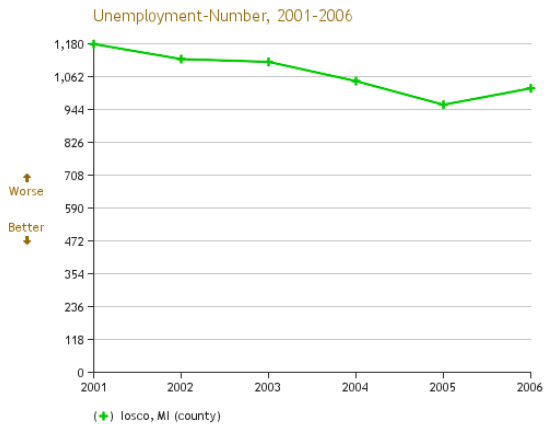
- Health education through the schools
- MSUE programs
- “Taking Charge” an Abstinence program
- Family Planning Program (DHD2)

Site of information: [http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile\\_results&subset=MI&areaid=105](http://www.kidscount.org/cgi-bin/cliiks.cgi?action=profile_results&subset=MI&areaid=105)

## 7. INCOME TRENDS

**Goal:** Families will have adequate employment opportunities to provide stable environments for community safety.

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Employed populations empower a safe and growing economy. This provides for a healthy community.



2002 2003 2004 2005 2006

|                     |              |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Unemployment-Number | <b>losco</b> | 1,125   | 1,115   | 1,046   | 961     | 1,020   |
|                     | <b>MI</b>    | 314,970 | 368,121 | 359,636 | 343,635 | 351,048 |
| Percent Unemployed  | <b>losco</b> | 10.4%   | 10.6%   | 9.7%    | 8.9%    | 9.0%    |
|                     | <b>MI</b>    | 6.1%    | 7.3%    | 7.1%    | 6.7%    | 6.9%    |

#### Definitions, Data Sources, and Notes

#### Examples of Community Resources Include:

- MI Works

## 8. SMOKING

**Goal:** County residents will enjoy maximum health by maintaining healthy lifestyles absent of tobacco.

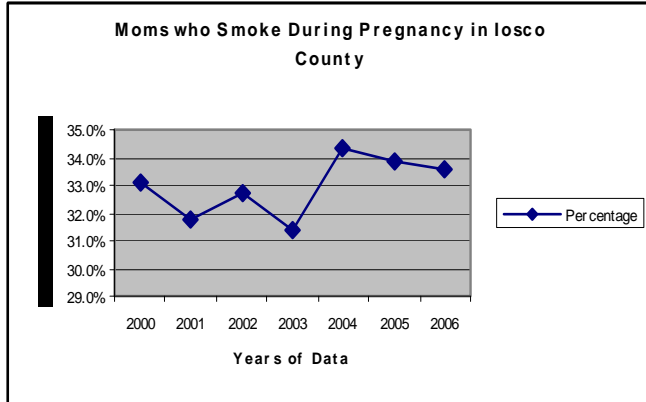
**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Residents who do not smoke enjoy more physical health and the ability to contribute positively to the county and workforce. Those who experience smoking related illnesses find it more difficult to be active productive citizens. The impact on community health issues and medical costs is also of concern.

#### How Are We Doing?

The Behavioral Risk Factors Survey indicates that the region that DHD#2 covers has the following smoking rates: 27.8 currently smoke, 33.1 are former smokers, and 39.1 never smoked. When compared to the region of surrounding counties of 23.6 currently smoke, 30 are former smokers, and 46.3% never smoked, losco county is higher in current smokers and former smokers. The states' averages for youth smoking are

running consistently higher than the entire country by 2 to 6%. This is proportionally higher and is not a good trend for the future of our state's population.

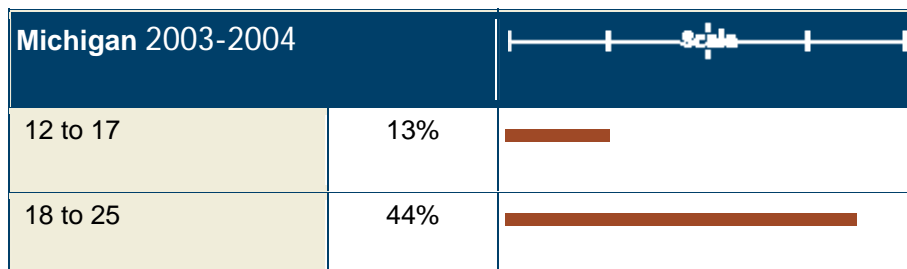
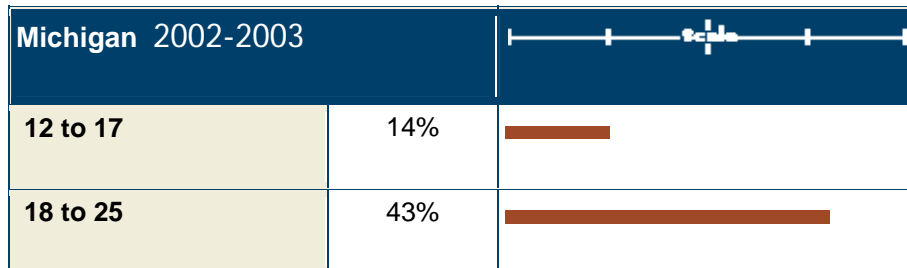
Births to mothers who smoked during pregnancy from data in 2005, the state of Michigan ranked 35 out of 50 states with 17,600 births to smoking mothers. State records show that Iosco County ranks between 77 to 80 of 83 counties (with 83 being the worse) for their mothers who smoke during pregnancy for the last seven years.



|             | %     | Rank in State of MI |
|-------------|-------|---------------------|
| <b>2000</b> | 33.1% | 79                  |
| <b>2001</b> | 31.8% | 77                  |
| <b>2002</b> | 32.7% | 78                  |
| <b>2003</b> | 31.4% | 77                  |
| <b>2004</b> | 34.3% | 80                  |
| <b>2005</b> | 33.9% | 78                  |
| <b>2006</b> | 33.6% | 80                  |

Cigarette use in the past month, by Age Group and years:

| <b>United States</b> | <b>2002-2003</b> | <b>2003-2004</b> | <b>2004-2005</b> |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>12 to 17</b>      | 13%              | 12%              | 11%              |
| <b>18 to 25</b>      | 41%              | 40%              | 39%              |



| Michigan 2005-2006 |     | Scale |
|--------------------|-----|-------|
| 12 to 17           | 11% |       |
| 18 to 25           | 45% |       |

See additional smoking stats, like when they start, under *Juvenile Crimes*, in the next section.

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- o **Taking Charge Program** (DHD2)  
Quit Line 1-800-phone number

## **9. OBESITY**

**Goal:** *Families will support healthy eating plans, promote exercise to reduce overall obesity in the community.*

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:**

Obesity is linked to many diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. Good physical health is necessary to contribute to society as a productive citizen. Citizens have safer and healthier lives when they are in good physical condition.

**How Are We Doing?**

Adult Obesity: It was necessary to combine a few years of data in order to be able to estimate an adult obesity prevalence for Iosco County, but for 2005-2007 **the adult obesity prevalence for Iosco County was 35.4%** (95% CI: 24.7-47.7). These estimates were based on a sample size of 103 adult respondents from Iosco County between the years of 2005 and 2007. These data are taken from the Michigan Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System - the website is [www.michigan.gov/brfs](http://www.michigan.gov/brfs) . The 2008 data show that 35% of Iosco county residents fall into the obese range, 33.4% fall into the overweight category, and 31.6% are neither obese or overweight.

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- o **Wise Women Program** (DHD2)
- o **WIC programs** (DHD2)
- o One of the mandated focuses for **EHS** programs are prevention of childhood obesity. Many activities and curriculum choices used on home visits include a focus on strong nutrition habits. **NEMCSA**



## **C. SAFE, SUPPORTIVE, & ENGAGED COMMUNITIES**

*What kind of community will best encourage optimal living for its children and families?*

A community where people are welcome, respected and able to participate fully in matters of everyday life provides optimal conditions for children and families.

This outcome area speaks to the importance of healthy, inclusive communities that offer safety and support. They are communities that are characterized by greater civic participation, volunteerism, trust, respect, and concern for the well-being of others, and communities.

Research indicates that people are healthiest when they feel safe, supported, and connected to others in their families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities.

Iosco County faces the 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges of rural northeast Michigan and the breakdown of extended families. It is more important than ever to continue building upon community resources, supports, and successes that promote a safe and engaged citizenry.

### **Inside Iosco County:**

This county features 83 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 415 miles of rivers and streams, and 11,317 acres of lakes and ponds, the area is a water paradise, which has 3 Great Lake recreational harbors, numerous marinas and a U.S. Coast Guard Station. Iosco is home to the AuSable River, a designated Scenic River that is nationally known.

Outdoor enthusiasts from hikers and bikers to hunters and cross-country skiers appreciate the areas 365,500 acres of forests, which includes 53,372 acres of state forest and 112,191 acres of national forest, which is dedicated to public recreation. We provide a vibrant cultural scene of music, art, dance, and theater. Iosco County is rich with family-oriented festivals and activities that contribute to a feeling of community.

Collaborative efforts between schools, agencies, and natural support systems become even more important as resources for program funding have declined in recent years.

The outcome indicators below represent Iosco County's strengths and obstacles toward providing a safe, supportive, and engaged community.

# Contributors to Safe, Supportive, and Engaged Communities:

1. Juvenile Crime
2. Emergency Needs
3. Public Transportation
4. County Library Use
5. Voter Participation

*"Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." ~John F. Kennedy~*

## 1. JUVENILE CRIME

**Goal:** Youth will utilize formal and informal support systems to avoid delinquent behavior.

### **Rational for Choosing Indicator:**

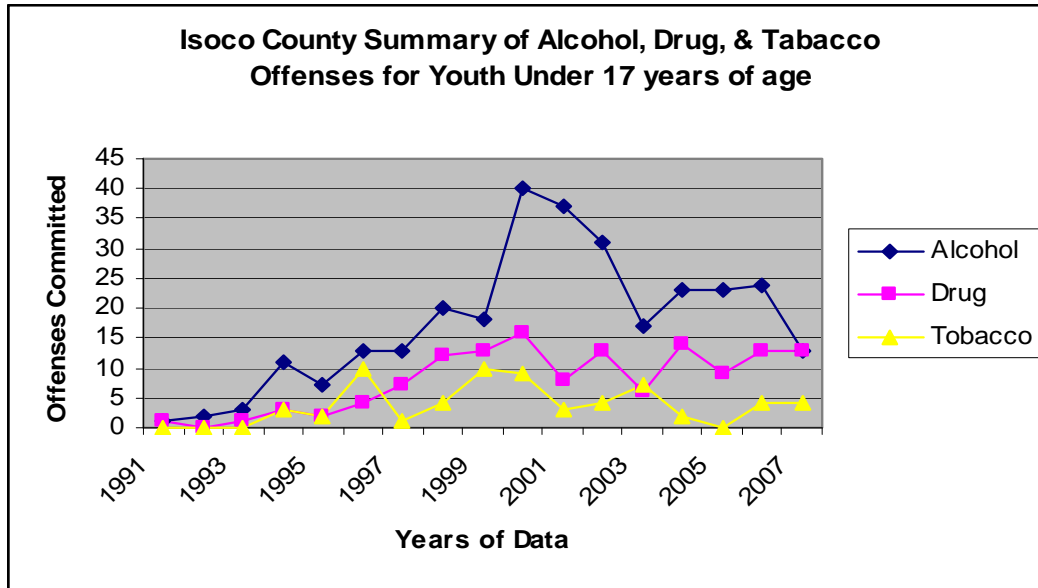
Violence and property crimes affect the quality of life in a community. Conversely a community's capacity to develop and maintain strong systems of social relationships may positively impact the rates of crime and delinquency. Reports indicate that social systems may be breaking down in the County. It is crucial that community members continue working together to achieve shared values and solve similar problems. Arrest rates are likely to continue to increase without supports.

delinquency and creating positive experiences between children, teens, families, schools, and communities. The losco county Juvenile Court and its community partners provide services that target a spectrum of community needs. This includes prevention and intervention efforts such as probation services such as group counseling, and victim reparation services like community service and work placement. In addition, electronic monitoring, detention, residential placement and treatment are used when necessary for community safety.

### **How Are We Doing?**

losco County professionals are committed to identifying risk factors for

## Summary of Drug and Alcohol Offenses losco County Family Division 1991-2007



| <u>Year</u> | <u>Alcohol</u> | <u>Drug</u> | <u>Percent of Total Petitions</u> | <u>Tobacco</u> | <u>Percent of Total Petitions</u> |
|-------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1991        | 1              | 1           | 0.80%                             | 0              | 0%                                |
| 1992        | 2              | 0           | 0.90%                             | 0              | 0%                                |
| 1993        | 3              | 1           | 1.80%                             | 0              | 0%                                |
| 1994        | 11             | 3           | 4.90%                             | 3              | 1%                                |
| 1995        | 7              | 2           | 3.19%                             | 2              | 0.70%                             |
| 1996        | 13             | 4           | 4.90%                             | 10             | 2.90%                             |
| 1997        | 13             | 7           | 5.90%                             | 1              | 0.20%                             |
| 1998        | 20             | 12          | 7.60%                             | 4              | 0.95%                             |
| 1999        | 18             | 13          | 9.50%                             | 10             | 3.06%                             |
| 2000        | 40             | 16          | 13.80%                            | 9              | 2.20%                             |
| 2001        | 37             | 8           | 13%                               | 3              | 0.86%                             |
| 2002        | 31             | 13          | 14.90%                            | 4              | 1.35%                             |
| 2003        | 17             | 6           | 10%                               | 7              | 3%                                |
| 2004        | 23             | 14          | 14.90%                            | 2              | 0.80%                             |
| 2005        | 23             | 9           | 18.10%                            | 0              | 0%                                |
| 2006        | 24             | 13          | 17.10%                            | 4              | 1.85%                             |
| 2007        | 13             | 13          | 14.10%                            | 4              | 2.17%                             |

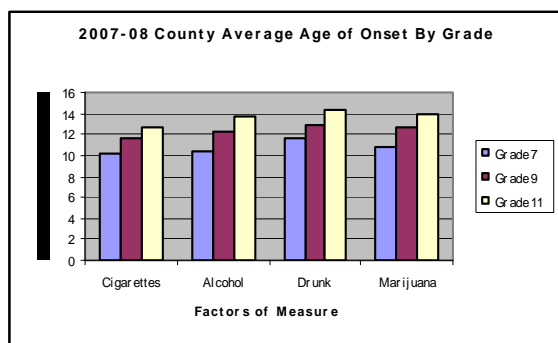
While the raw number of filings has declined some in alcohol and drug offenses, the percentage of the total number of petitions has remained in excess of 14% for the past several years. **CONCERN:** We know that the number of youth living in Isoco County has continued to decline in recent years but the percentage of petitions filed with alcohol and drug offenses really has not.

\*\*We continue to see an increase in drug charges that reflect delivery of controlled substances as well as offenses involving drugs other than marijuana.

\*\*These numbers do not reflect the large number of probationers and parents who repeatedly test dirty for substance use.

\*\* These numbers do not reflect the youth who are over 17 years old. Youth and persons over 17 are have their offenses handled in the District Court.

\*\* We continue to see very few tobacco violations and when we do, they are usually on youth who are or have been involved with the Police and Court prior to the tobacco violation.



| losco    | County     | Stats   | From  | 2007-08   |
|----------|------------|---------|-------|-----------|
| Grade    | Cigarettes | Alcohol | Drunk | Marijuana |
| Grade 7  | 10.19      | 10.38   | 11.67 | 10.75     |
| Grade 9  | 11.64      | 12.3    | 12.89 | 12.75     |
| Grade 11 | 12.68      | 13.66   | 14.27 | 13.92     |

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2007-08\\_County\\_AvgAgeOnset\\_by\\_Grade\\_250918\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/2007-08_County_AvgAgeOnset_by_Grade_250918_7.pdf)

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- o losco County Juvenile Court system
- o Truancy officer
- o losco County Department of Human Services
- o AuSable Valley Community Mental Health
- o **Hope Home of Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan**  
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## **2. EMERGENCY NEEDS UTILIZATION**

**Goal:** *Individuals and families will have the economic support to prevent homelessness and improve their quality of life.*

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Basic food, shelter, and living needs impact the lives of children, older adults and families. Communities that provide basic needs increase the health, safety and engagement of families.

**How Are We Doing?**

Emergency housing and utility requests outnumber the completed applications. The high cost of rent and significantly high utilities has been difficult for losco County

citizens on a fixed income and the working poor. The number of completed application reflects funding availability, rather than demand.

Local food Pantries have seen increased needs higher than the ability to cover the needs in recent months.

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- St. Vincent dePaul's
- DHS
- **FISH**- Hale, Oscoda, & Tawas
- Area Agency on Aging
- Chamber of Commerce Offices located in: Hale, Oscoda, East Tawas, Tawas

### **3. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**

**Goal:** *losco County residents will be able to access affordable public transportation.*

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:** Communities that provide for public transportation increase safety, while providing support for those citizens who cannot or do not have access to automobiles. Mobility allows citizen to access services, businesses and community events.

**How Are We Doing?**

losco Transit Corporation (**ITC**) provides low cost transportation to the citizens of losco County anywhere within **losco County**. ITC provides transportation for the Sunrise Charter School and for the Hale Headstart Program. In June 2008, ITC transported 2,499 passengers. The passengers included 348 Senior Citizens, 114 students, 575 passengers with disabilities, 72 Seniors with disabilities.

As you can see this is a much needed service. ITC has 6 buses, all equipped with lifts. Challenges include the rising fuel costs and millage renewal. The goal of ITC

is to continue to provide low cost transportation to the citizens of losco County.

While the service of ITC shows good coverage to some of the population of losco County it is not able to provide for all the transportation needs of residents in the county. There is no direct bus line with adequate routes, other than school buses, and there are no active taxi services available for residents to use for their convenience.

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- losco Transit Corporation (ITC)

## 4. COUNTY LIBRARY USE

**Goal:** *Iosco County residents will be able to access public library systems.*

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:**

Public Libraries offer and promote a low-cost or free availability of reading, audio, and video materials to the community. They promote literacy leisure reading and research materials for youth, adults, and families.

**How Are We Doing?** Public Libraries are open to the public during the day and evening to make services more accessible to all citizens. The libraries offer special activities during school vacations which encourage youth to view libraries as fun places. Local libraries also promote special holidays or months and highlight related literature. Early childhood efforts, like lap-sit storytelling and activities encourage literacy in children as young as two years old. NEMSCA also

implements the “Raising a Reader” program.

The Iosco-Arenac District Library comprises branch libraries offering a full spectrum of services, which includes internet access. The Robert J. Parks branch in Oscoda is an official Michigan Government Document Depository Library.

Internet services are also available at community libraries to enhance research and communication. This provides supportive alternative for senior adults and low-income families that may not have internet access in their homes. Local libraries also provide access to expanded resources through the MEL ‘sharing’ system.

Circulation rates for our five area libraries for 2007 consisted of 85,065 items used and 6,595 cards were issued to Iosco County residents.

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- East Tawas Library
  - Hale Library
  - Plainfield Library
  - Robert J. Parks Library- is an official Michigan Government Document Depository Library.
  - Tawas Library
  - Whittemore Library
  - **NEMCSA’s Great Parents, Great Start** features a program entitled, “*Raising a Reader.*” See description at the end of this document for more information.
- The above numbers gained from bi-monthly newsletter, for Arenac& Iosco Libraries.

## 5. VOTER PARTICIPATION

**Goal:** *Iosco County Residents will participate in their government and in the political decision making process.*

**Rational for Choosing Indicator:**

Broad-based and energetic participation in the political process and civic events

is a sign of an engaged populace. High voter turn out is an indicator that people are interested in their community and

believe that their choice can make a difference.

election year, is low. Iosco experiences a lower level turnout than any of the surrounding counties. This is an area that should be addressed.

**How Are We Doing?**

While the number of voters is high, overall voting, unless it's a presidential

| <b>County</b> | <b>2004 election turnout</b> | <b>2006 election turnout</b> | <b>2008 election turnout</b> |
|---------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Iosco         | 63%                          | 50%                          | 63%                          |
| Ogemaw        | 66%                          | 53%                          | 64%                          |
| Alcona        | 69%                          | 57%                          | 66%                          |
| Arenac        | 68%                          | 56%                          | 65%                          |

**Examples of Community Resources Include:**

- o Iosco County Clerk's Office
- o Local Cities, Township Voting Precincts, & Polling Stations
- o Local, State, and Federal Legislators and Officials
- o HSCC has offered forums
- o Republican, Democratic, Independent, Political party participation events

**D. COMMUNITY AGENCY DESCRIPTIONS:**

- 1) **Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan, Inc.**, is a private, non-profit, agency providing a broad range of services to children and families.

The roots of our agency go back over 100 years, to organization pioneering adoption and foster care service for homeless children in the state of Michigan. Child and family services of Northeast Michigan first opened its doors in 1958, as a field office of Michigan Children's Aid Society, in response to needs expressed by our local communities. Today, our agency provides services which address such major community concerns as: Child Abuse & Neglect, juvenile delinquency, the plight of homeless children and those with special needs.

**Our mission** is to promote the social and emotional well-being of families and individuals in Northeast Michigan by fostering healthy personality and social skill development, strengthening and supporting family functioning, and providing community-based substitute care for children. We invite you to join us to keep finding solutions for our community, its families, and its family-related problems.

**Our Programs Include:**

- o **4C Community Coordinated Child Care:** A child care recourse and referral service for all of Northeast Michigan and a retraining service for child care providers to maintain their licensing. If you need child care or training call (866) 424-4532.

- **Adoption Services:** Emphasizing the adoption of children whose parents' rights have been terminated, though all types of adoption have been performed by the Agency including infant and international. Inquiries can be made 9 – 5 Monday through Friday by calling (800) 779-0396.
- **Foster Care:** For a wide range of ages and needs mostly from Northeastern Michigan, but also, from around the state. Inquiries can be made 9 – 5 Monday through Friday by calling (800) 779-0396.
- **Specialized Treatment Foster Care:** Is a collaboration with AuSable Valley Community Mental Health to return youth safely back into the community from residential placements with the end goal of returning them home to a less restrictive relative or foster care placement. Inquiries can be made 9 – 5 Monday through Friday by calling (989) 356-4567.
- **Hope House:** is a community-based, 13-bed group treatment home for adolescent girls with emotional and behavioral problems. Referrals are generally made through the courts. Inquiries can be made 9 – 5 Monday through Friday by calling (989) 356-3224.

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- 2) **NEMCSA...** Offers comprehensive support services for expectant families. Each family receives a weekly home visit during which time our prenatal curriculum is implemented. Monthly health appointments are tracked, as well as dental care. Families receive assistance in obtaining adequate medical care as needed.
- A.) **Early Head Start** is a program which targets low-income families that have children under three. Weekly home visits and parent-child playgroups offer support in child development, all areas of health and family partnership and goal setting.
  - B.) One of the mandated focuses for EHS programs are prevention of childhood obesity. Many activities and curriculum choices used on home visits include a focus on strong nutrition habits.
  - C.) NEMCSA now offers a program funded through **Great Parents, Great Start**. This program is entitled, "**Raising a Reader**." Fifteen families with children under the age of five are participating in a book bag rotation system during a weekly 30- minute home visit. During the home visit, books and activities shared are left with the family. The following week, the family shares their successes and receives another book bag and set of activities. A new read aloud strategy for book sharing is also discussed each week. Part of the program is to introduce families to their public libraries, as partnerships are formed. A family library event will be offered in September.

- 3) **Shelter, Inc** has a brand new website @ <http://www.shelterincalpena.org> .  
The main office phone number is: 989-739-0144; Office Manager is Beverly Guregian.

**4) Schools in our County:**

- **Emmanuel Lutheran School-** 216 W. North Street, Tawas City, Mi 48763.  
Phone: 989-362-5614
- **Holy Family School** – 411 North Wilkinson, East Tawas, Mi 48730.  
Phone: 989-362-5651
- **Living Truth Learning Center** - 1933 Sage Lake Road, Hale, Mi 48739.  
Phone: 989-728-7777
- **Pinecrest School-** None last yr. –2603 Woodland Drive, Hale, MI 48739  
Phone: 989-728-6490
- **Registered Home Schoolers**
- **Sunside Educational School- A Charter School**
- **Hale Area Schools-** <http://www.halemichigan.net/school.html> Administration  
Office # 989-728-7661
- **Oscoda Public Schools-** <http://www.oscodaschools.org/index.html> High  
School Office # 989-739-6926; Cedar Lake Elementary # 989-739-5491; Glennie  
Elementary School # 989-735-2261; Junior High# 989-739-9106
- **Tawas Area Schools-** <http://www.tawas.net/index.html>
- **Whittemore-Prescott Schools-** <http://www.wpas.net/> Superintendent's #  
989-756-2500

## **E. OTHER COMMUNITY AGENCIES** **FOR YOUTH**

- ❖ **4-H:** Offers programs for children ages 5 through the year of their 19 birthday.  
In the past service year of 2007, we in Iosco County have served 493 youth.  
In 2005 we served 609 youth in our diversified program areas. Contact: Linda  
at 989-984-1057 at the Iosco County MSUE for additional information for  
activities for kids.
- ❖ **Boy Scouts of America** in Iosco County there are approximately 50 adults  
registered over all, and 221 youth combined Cub Scouting/Boy Scouting/  
Venturing program of this program. Contact **Mike** at **989-662-4464**, main  
Auburn office or his field office at: **1-989-471-2502**.

The purpose of the program of the Lake Huron Area Council, Boy Scouts of America is to provide youth with the values based program of Scouting. This program teaches leadership, and self reliance. The primary objectives are to build character, develop citizenship, and promote physical and mental fitness.

These three aims are accomplished through a program that utilizes eight methods:

1. **Ideals & Character Counts Ethics**- are shared through boys learning and living by their **Cub Scout Promise & Oath, and Scout Oath & Law, and Venture Oath & Law**, depending on their age level within the program. Each Oath and Law offers specifics for personal discipline and a code to live by.
2. **Small group interaction** – Dens and Patrols (patrol method is where older boys lead other boys to follow program directions with minimal direct adult interaction) promote growth in a smaller environment; than meeting with all members in the unit.
3. **Outdoor program** – allows boys to put what they've learned in the classroom or books, offers an opportunity to put that knowledge into action and to have fun!
4. **Advancement program** – youth set and achieve personal objectives
5. **Adult Mentors**- to interact with adults other than family and to allow Scouts to grow comfortable in the community.
6. **Personal Growth**- Age specific programs encourage growth of boys' personal skills with programs designed to enhance learning through family involvement, schools, and community.
7. **Leadership Development** – Scouts learn to be effective leaders and good followers.
8. **Uniform**- to allow all members to be equal within the group. By wearing the same uniform personal wealth or lack of is diminished.

**BSA serves youth graduated from kindergarten through 21 years of age. Special populations can be a Scout all of their lives. And adults of both sexes are encouraged to promote and be part of the program after they are over the age of 18 years of age.**

## **E. CONCLUSION**

### **Overall Iosco County's strengths are...**

- **Preschool Attendance**
- **Infant Mortality**
- **Library Use**
- **Children Placed In Foster Care**
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### Areas Iosco County needs to work on....

- **Income Trends**
- **Truancy**
- **Grandparents responsible for raising their grandchild(ren)**
- **Special Populations**
- **Smoking During Pregnancy**
- **Obesity**
- **Teen Rebirths Pregnancy**
- **Individuals and Children In Poverty**
- **Child Abuse and Neglect Referrals**
- **Special Education Service Needs**
- **School Truancy In Iosco County (K – 12<sup>th</sup>)**
- **Voter Participation**
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