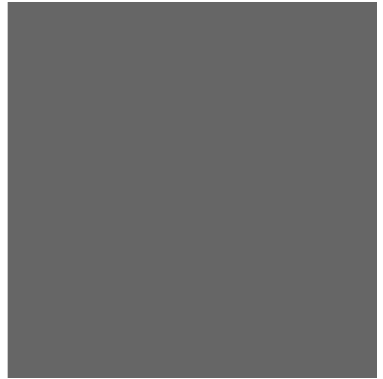
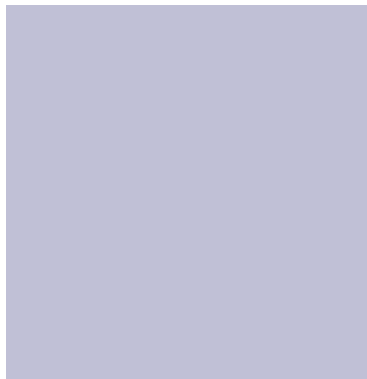
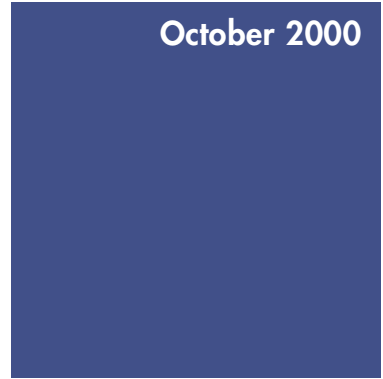


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Abstract

The SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Advisory Council selected the recipients of the third annual Joint Public Services Awards. These awards were created to recognize local governments, school districts and private, or nonprofit organizations who are working together in delivering community services or programs more economically. This publication summarizes the applications of the entrants which received first place, merit, or honorable mention awards.

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Preface

This was the SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards Program's third year. The purpose of the awards is to honor local units of government, school districts, and private or nonprofit organizations working together to provide outstanding joint public services within Southeast Michigan. The SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards Advisory Council reviewed the nominations to ensure they met at least two of the three criteria listed below:

- **Costs** — The public service demonstrates costs savings or avoidance of future costs to participants.
- **Continuing Impact** — Increased citizen awareness and appreciation of public services and/or benefits of intergovernmental cooperation. Communication and general collaboration among participating communities/school districts also improved.
- **Transferability** — The cooperative effort can be replicated by other communities/school districts.

Applicants were asked to include a nomination form, summary, narrative, list of participants and letters of support with their nomination. Applications were reviewed by staff, and final determination of the awards was made by the SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards Advisory Council.

This year's nominations indicate a number of unique joint public services are occurring in area municipalities and school districts. The results of the awards program are two-fold; it recognizes those who are currently maximizing their resources by providing joint public services and it fosters additional joint public services by sharing knowledge of successful efforts. By creating a forum profiling successful work in joint public services, the SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards Program contributes to a widespread knowledge of cooperative methods for delivering public services, improving quality of life, and conserving limited public funds.

Executive Summary

This publication summarizes the award-winning entries for the 2000 SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards. From the entries, seven received first place awards, five received merit awards, and seven received honorable mentions. Awards were given in the following three categories:

- **Outstanding Leadership in Joint Public Services** — Recognizing individuals who demonstrate leadership in partnering with local governments and/or school districts. This category received four entries.
- **Outstanding Joint Public Services Project** — Recognizing projects or programs demonstrating partnerships between local governments and/or school districts. This category received 9 entries.
- **Outstanding Public/Private Partnership** — Recognizing local governments and/or school districts and their private or nonprofit partners in providing public services. This category received 15 entries.

The summaries are based on information submitted in the applications and are arranged within three headings: Description, Results, and Contact. SEMCOG/MAC do not guarantee the information to be correct. Each entrant's full application is available in SEMCOG's library.

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Outstanding Leadership in Joint Public Services — First Place**Jennifer H. Goulet, Director, City of Ypsilanti CED
Robert L. Tetens, Executive Director, AAYUATS****Description**

In 1996, the Eastern Washtenaw County Economic Development Task Force, comprised of leaders representing government, business, education, and neighborhood organizations, produced an Economic Development Strategic Plan. The plan represented an effort to revitalize the economy in eastern Washtenaw County and build a vibrant presence in support of future growth. Jennifer H. Goulet and Robert L. Tetens joined together to initiate an implementation strategy based on the goals established in the Strategic Plan.

The Eastern Washtenaw County Economic Development Task Force (EWCEDTF), with the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti Urban Area Transportation Study (AAYUATS), initiated the Huron-Whittaker Corridor Study in the fall of 1998. A cooperative effort between the City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), EWCEDTF, and AAYUATS, the study has mapped out a strategic implementation plan for a 12-mile stretch of roadway with three different road jurisdictions and five minor civil divisions of government.

The road corridor serves as the central spine through the City of Ypsilanti and the Charter Township of Ypsilanti linking to Pittsfield, Ann Arbor and Superior Townships on the west and north. The two-year study was initiated to provide a plan to unify the corridor, provide a more pedestrian friendly environment, and encourage economic development. The ultimate goal of the study was to create a fully integrated, multi-modal transportation system linking the communities both internally and externally.

Results

Ms. Goulet and Mr. Tetens successfully brought together and led a group of professionals from 40 participating agencies through the complex development of the Huron-Whittaker Corridor Study project. Under the leadership of Goulet and Tetens, the Huron-Whittaker Corridor Study was completed ahead of schedule and as a result was awarded six grants. What cost the area \$50,000 in consultant fees, plus time, net over \$1 million in grants. The perfectionist attitude and prudent planning resulted in a comprehensive product for the local area and in a documented process that could be shared with others.

The results of the study included both a vision for the “Ypsilanti Area Communities” and a set of recommendations and improvements that address land use, roadway capacity and design, architecture, landscaping, signage access, and nonmotorized facilities.

Contact

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The complete applications are available in SEMCOG's library.

Brent O. Bair, Managing Director, Road Commission for Oakland County

Description

Brent O. Bair, Managing Director, Road Commission for Oakland County, was the visionary who came up with the idea for the Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management (SEMSIM) project. SEMSIM is a first-of-its-kind program in the nation in which multiple governmental agencies have joined forces to collectively implement technologies to improve winter road maintenance.

SEMSIM pairs the four largest road agencies in Southeast Michigan (the Road Commission for Oakland County, the Wayne County Department of Public Services, the City of Detroit Department of Public Works, and the Road Commission of Macomb County) and the regional transit provider (SMART, Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation).

Bair pulled together the SEMSIM team from the partner agencies. He provided both unwavering vision and pragmatic leadership every step of the way, moving the project from dream to reality. SEMSIM is the first project in the nation in which multiple road agencies have joined forces to implement global positioning system (GPS) and automated vehicle location (AVL) technologies on all winter maintenance vehicles across multiple jurisdictions.

Results

Implementation began in January 2000, when 40 trucks, 10 from each partner agency, were equipped with SEMSIM technologies. With Blair's leadership, partners are breaking down institutional barriers and realizing what they can accomplish together.

This partnership is implementing a satellite-based fleet-management system. The new technologies and unprecedented interjurisdictional cooperation will result in improved winter road maintenance regionally. Once fully implemented, SEMSIM will link the four agencies' 500 winter road maintenance vehicles through global positioning system and equip each vehicle with several data-collecting sensors, putting a wealth of new, real-time information at the fingertips of fleet managers for each agency.

Motorists will reap the rewards in the form of fewer winter traffic accidents and less expensive winter road maintenance.

Contact

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Outstanding Leadership in Joint Public Services — Merit Award**Robert DePalma, Supervisor, Groveland Township****Description**

Groveland Township is still rural and its residential areas are spread widely throughout the township. The low population density means that providing services such as natural gas lines is generally not economical for either homeowners or the area's power provider, Consumers Energy. However, the lower cost and convenience of natural gas, as compared to propane, made Groveland Township Supervisor, Robert DePalma, determined to find a solution.

DePalma began researching the issue and discovered that the cost of natural-gas hook-ups would be 40 percent lower if the township signed on as a group. He unveiled the project at the March 1999 Township Board Meeting and quickly gained support for the plan. At an election in June 1999, voters gave 95 percent approval for the project to move forward.

Results

Over 600 residents have participated in the project and received natural gas hook-ups from Consumers Energy. The hook-up costs were determined to be \$3,100 per home plus a \$200 application fee to Consumers Energy. This is opposed to \$5,500, or more, if not done as a group. Consumers Energy also included up to 1000 feet of service line from the road to the house, an extra saving of \$7 per foot for residents that exceeded the normal hook-up of 160 feet.

The savings on fuel costs for residents participating will total well over \$350,000 annually. Consumers Energy was able to offer service to 600 new customers. This marks the first time a public-private partnership of this size between a government unit and a utility has been entered into with successful results for both sides.

Contact

Robert DePalma, Supervisor, Groveland Township, (248) 634-4152.

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Outstanding Leadership in Joint Public Services — Honorable Mention**Kevin F. Kelley, Supervisor, Redford Township****Description**

Kevin F. Kelley, Supervisor, Charter Township of Redford, saw the need to revive the familiar concept of old-fashioned neighborhood associations in an effort to spark a sense of community and form a stronger relationship between the citizens, business, and government. He called together a group of active citizens and business leaders from various sections of the township and asked for their involvement. Kelley hosted community fundraisers to get the project going.

Results

The associations increase venues for dissemination of information, rumor control, and developing a sense of security. Residents are more comfortable requesting assistance, and the township becomes aware of problems that exist in pockets before they boil over. The public services within Redford have improved and, because of these associations, the public service sector knows where to concentrate long-range planning efforts.

Contact

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Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System

Description

Oakland County's Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) is utilizing state-of-the-art technology to reinvent how law enforcement will operate as a regional network. CLEMIS is a centralized regional database available to 75 local law enforcement agencies and sheriffs departments in the region. Fourteen of the 75 agencies are outside of Oakland County. Discussions with the Department of Justice indicate that there is no larger consortium of law enforcement agencies in the nation.

The CLEMIS records management system is used to analyze criminal activity, manage police reports, and produce the required reports to state and federal government. Through the enhanced infrastructure, the CLEMIS enhancements will supply valuable information that is shared among the CLEMIS participants.

Through an integrated fiber-optic network, CLEMIS technology enhancements make data, voice, and video communication faster and more efficient for public safety situations, emergency 9-1-1 communications, and law enforcement records management.

Results

The system will be used for regional sharing of mugshot and livescan fingerprint data, crime activity analyses, video conferencing, and video arraignments. Emergency call centers will be equipped with robust applications on computer-aided dispatch workstations. Timely information from local, state, and federal police databases will be available to dispatchers. Dispatch screens, working with GIS applications, will quickly display caller's phone number and location, including calls made from mobile cellular phones.

The automatic vehicle locator (AVL) system will allow dispatchers to see the location of police and other public safety vehicles on their screens. Police vehicles will be equipped with laptop computers built to withstand the rigors of police work, including bumpy roads, high speeds, and coffee spills. These computers will receive data, including maps and directions. It is anticipated that installation will be completed for 850 vehicles by the end of 2000.

By working together in a cooperative fashion, the CLEMIS partnership has been able to identify common interests and avoid redundant investments. Oakland County's technology arrangements serve the county's citizens by minimizing costs and maximizing public safety.

Contact

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Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management

The Southeastern Michigan Snow and Ice Management (SEMSIM) project is a first-of-its-kind program in the nation in which multiple governmental agencies have joined forces to implement the latest technologies to improve winter road maintenance and public safety.

SEMSIM pairs the four largest road agencies in Southeast Michigan (the Road Commission for Oakland County, the Wayne County Department of Public Services, the City of Detroit Department of Public Works, and the Road Commission of Macomb County) and the regional transit provider (SMART, Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation). This partnership is implementing a satellite-based fleet-management system. The new technologies and unprecedented interjurisdictional cooperation will result in improved winter road maintenance regionally. Once fully implemented, SEMSIM will link the four agencies' 500 winter road maintenance vehicles through global positioning system and equip each vehicle with several data-collecting sensors, putting a wealth of new, real-time information at the fingertips of fleet managers for each agency.

Results

In coming years, motorists will reap the rewards in the form of fewer winter traffic accidents and less expensive winter road maintenance. SEMSIM's groundbreaking combination implementation of global positioning system (GPS) and automated vehicle location (AVL) technologies on all winter maintenance vehicles across multiple jurisdictions, will have several major advantages, including:

- Global positioning systems installed on each truck will allow for continuous monitoring of truck locations, enabling:
 - realtime tracking of what roads have been serviced, and which are needed,
 - quick reaction and rerouting of trucks in the case of a truck breakdown or other unexpected event, and
 - trucks to respond to emergency needs in other jurisdictions.
- Trucks equipped with state-of-the-art monitoring equipment will record:
 - if the plows are up or down,
 - how much salt is being spread, and
 - the exact temperature of the road.

The data recorded by the trucks will be sent immediately to the fleet managers. With a quick glance at their computer screens, fleet managers will know the exact status of their trucks. To date, more than 40 trucks have been equipped. When all 500 trucks are equipped, SEMSIM will be the first multi-agency project of this type in the nation and one of the largest such deployments anywhere in the world.

Contact

Brent O. Bair, Managing Director, Road Commission for Oakland County, (248) 645-2000.

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Forest Avenue Parking Structure

Description

The City of Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan (UM) are geographically integrated, however, both have traditionally operated with considerable independence. As Ann Arbor and UM have experienced increasing parking shortages in their core areas, the need for better integrated parking solutions became apparent. Through exploring a joint solution to the problem, a new partnership between Ann Arbor and UM has developed.

Results

The partnership has led to plans to share design, construction, and operation of the Forest Avenue Parking Structure in the heart of the South University Commercial District, adjacent to UM's central campus. The project will reduce construction and operation costs for each and may serve as a springboard to other cooperative projects.

Contact

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Macomb County Public Works Environmental Education Program

Description

In the fall of 1998, Macomb County Public Works began offering an environmental education program throughout the county. The program's Environmental Educator built a complete watershed model to provide students a hands-on educational resource. The program is given to a maximum of 30 students at a time, and is offered to students from grades one through eight. Three different presentations are available, "Pollution Solutions," "Stormwater and the Urban Environment," and "Recycle Macomb County" — all offered at no cost to the school districts.

Results

Since its beginning, the program has received excellent evaluations, been in high demand from school districts and community groups, and continued to improve and expand. In its first two years, it has impacted over 17,000 students and teachers with important pollution and natural resource lessons. This program provides a model of continual improvement of education, cooperation, and effectiveness.

Contact

Kristen O'Reilly, Environmental Educator, Macomb County Public Works Office, (810) 466-4016.

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Shared Municipal Information Local Equipment and Software

Description

Shared Municipal Information Local Equipment and Software (S.M.I.L.E.S.) is a consortium formed between Grosse Ile Township and the City of Trenton to share costs and implementation of a financial software package. Each community needed to modernize its financial information system to increase improve and update its service to taxpayers. Each community separately determined that Pentamation software would best meet its needs.

Results

By jointly purchasing the software, both Grosse Ile and Trenton realized substantial cost savings. Grosse Ile's savings is equal to 17 percent of the total allocated mills for the 2000 budget year. The total cost for both Grosse Ile and Trenton is only slightly higher than what Trenton would have paid for the software alone. Ongoing opportunities for cost savings exists as the communities take advantage of the ability to share training and travel costs for the trainers.

Contact

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Outstanding Public/Private Partnership — First Place

Cultural Collaborative for Learning

Description

Wayne Regional Education Service Agency's (Wayne RESA) Cultural Collaborative for Learning is a partnership of the Southeast Michigan Cultural Coalition (SEMCC), 34 Wayne County local school districts, and Wayne RESA, committed to improving student learning through technology.

The Cultural Collaborative for Learning uses technology to expose students to SEMCC's 12, world-class, cultural institutions, which includes the Detroit Institute of the Arts, Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, and the Cranbrook Art Museum. Detroit Public Television participated by producing the videotapes, and the Center for Creative Studies created graphics for the project.

There are 12 media volumes, one for each SEMCC institution. Each volume includes a videotape and CD-ROM-based multi-media product. These products provide an intriguing learning experience for students. The compact disk content allows for a more in-depth exploration of each companion videotape. The activities may take the form of a hyper-linked exploratory Web site, an interactive virtual field trip, or even an educational game.

The collaborative has developed learning experiences matched to benchmarks and standards of the Michigan Curriculum Framework.

The multi-media programs are supported by teleconferences with the institutions. A comprehensive array of wrap-around materials support each teleconference. Online lesson plans and activities are available for each program to assist teachers and students in maximizing the educational opportunity.

Results

Of the more than half-million schoolchildren in Southeast Michigan, a significant number have no access to the rich cultural institutions in the metropolitan area. This project impacts all children through the development of resources to bring these rich resources into the classroom.

At the same time, the institutions' resources and archival materials provide extensive support for classroom lessons that utilize a multi-media approach. By coordinating the products of this collaborative project with the Michigan Curriculum Framework, the project significantly enhances the curriculum of Wayne County school districts and, at the same time, broadens the impact of metro-Detroit's cultural institutions.

Contact

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The complete applications are available in SEMCOG's library.

Macomb Area Pathways School

Description

Michigan requires educators to expel students who bring weapons to school. Those expelled from high school have been able to complete their education at alternative schools. Until recently, however, middle and junior high school students expelled for weapons violations and other behavioral problems lacked alternative programs.

All those involved — students, parents, educators, law enforcement agencies and the courts — wanted a better alternative. The local school districts asked Macomb Intermediate School District (ISD) to take the lead in developing an alternative school for those expelled.

Macomb ISD and Selfridge Air National Guard Base came together to create Macomb Area Pathways School (MAP). The collaborators then invited Macomb County public and nonprofit agencies to join the program and supply health and guidance resources. Specialized services are offered by St. Joseph Hospital, the Macomb County Health Department, the Macomb County Abstinence Program, and CARE.

Results

Expelled middle and junior high school students can now attend MAP to find the pathway back to school and to success. A major strength of MAP's curriculum is that it recognizes that these students are not passive learners who can absorb information from a teacher's lectures. That method is effective for only 20 percent of students. Few, if any, of such learners attend MAP. Instead, Macomb ISD consultants designed a curriculum that appeals to those who learn best by linking new lessons with previous experience and by hands-on learning that produces something tangible. In addition, the curriculum incorporates:

- a longer school year,
- individualized programs tailored to the strength of each student,
- computer-based research and writing,
- solid academics,
- a curriculum centered on career pathways,
- project-based teaching,
- two-year mentorships, and
- assessment by demonstration.

Communication has included extensive community outreach, including informational meetings with school district personnel, boards of education, and community groups.

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The complete applications are available in SEMCOG's library.

Outstanding Public/Private Partnership — First Place**Monroe County Countywide Education Technology Millage****Description**

Educators throughout Monroe County banded together early in their quest to provide educational technology in all public school districts. A consortium was formed between Monroe and Lenawee Counties to deliver administrative support services between local school districts. The Monroe County Intermediate School District (MCISD) was identified as the umbrella agency for a millage effort because a regional enhancement millage was the only operation revenue source available to local school districts.

Local boards of education passed resolutions requesting a millage election be conducted by the MCISD. The districts cooperated to place the Educational Technology issue on the regular school election ballot; therefore, no added expense was incurred. A citizen committee assumed the leadership role in coordinating the effort, from securing legal services to developing a campaign strategy and determining needs for private fundraising and publicity. Leaders from the Monroe County Industrial Development Corporation and MCISD headed the campaign efforts. Parents, business people, educators, and community leaders joined together to convey this pressing need to Monroe County voters. Citizens and business representatives — who realized the value of technologically literate future employees — provided the support for the millage to pass.

Results

Through the collaborative efforts of the school districts, the public, and area businesses and industry, Monroe citizens passed the first — and, thus far, only — technology enhancement millage in Michigan. The communities in Monroe County will receive more than \$20 million to be used exclusively to improve and expand classroom equipment, course offerings, and professional development in the area of technology over the five-year period of the millage. Via these cooperative efforts, tremendous savings of precious education funds have been realized. The schools in Monroe and Lenawee Counties have expanded upon their technology consortium to provide mutually beneficial cooperative purchasing practices for technology hardware, software, and support services.

The cost and duties of a technology director position are shared by both counties, which provides great savings in administrative services and a more coordinated system in the region. Now, students are truly connected through a fiber-optic network that spans the region, opening the door to new horizons in distance learning. Monroe County school districts are among the most advanced in technology offerings to students through the continuing collaboration of the MCISD, the nine constituent districts, and their communities.

Contact

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The complete applications are available in SEMCOG's library.

Regional Alliance for Firefighter Training 1st Annual Regional Extrication Learning Symposium and Team Challenge

Description

The Regional Alliance for Firefighter Training (RAFT) is a regional partnership of Southeast Michigan fire departments and community colleges dedicated to ensuring that firefighters are highly trained professionals equipped to effectively save lives and property. Formed with the assistance of the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) and chaired by Farmington Hills Fire-Rescue Chief, Richard Marinucci, the organization promotes teamwork and collaboration among local fire service agencies and community colleges — with the goal of achieving the highest quality training programs at the lowest cost.

RAFT continues to accomplish its mission by identifying opportunities for improving firefighter training within the region, encouraging implementation of coordinated efforts and serving as a leader and advocate for high quality firefighter training in Greater Detroit. As part of its training activities, RAFT debuted its premier event, the Regional Extrication Learning Symposium and Team Challenge, in June 1999.

Results

The innovative project offers a unique opportunity for RAFT to capitalize on leading-edge technology and knowledge available directly in metro-Detroit. Participating firefighters have a chance to learn state-of-the-art rescue skills that increase accident victims' chances of survival.

The project team avoided cost to government entities by securing the cooperation of Ford Motor Company. Ford generously donated \$1 million worth of late-model vehicles to give fire-rescue personnel vital, first-hand experience in automobile crash conditions.

Next, RAFT assembled the area's vast engineering, medical, and rescue resources and expertise into a learning environment designed to help extrication capabilities. The events encouraged networking and shared learning.

Seventy-two members representing 12 teams from fire departments around Greater Detroit participated in the Extrication Team Challenge. The Challenge is conducted in conjunction with the Transportation Emergency Rescue Committee (TERC) of the International Association of Fire Chiefs. The 1999 debut was overwhelmingly well-received by Southeast Michigan fire departments. Extensive coverage from local media helped increase citizen awareness of this important joint project, demonstrating in a visual fashion how local governments can work together to provide superior service at reduced cost.

Contact

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The complete applications are available in SEMCOG's library.

Outstanding Public/Private Partnership — First Place**Technical Education Academic Manufacturing Program****Description**

The Technical Education Academic Manufacturing (TEAM) Program is a public school and manufacturing partnership. It combines academic preparations with advanced manufacturing and extensive school-to-work experiences.

TEAM is a partnership with Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC), UAW Local 163, Wayne-Westland Community Schools, South Redford Schools, and Spring Engineering and Manufacturing Corporation.

TEAM provides non-college and college-bound junior and senior high students with a technical oriented, applied program in math, physics, and communication skills. TEAM also bridges the gap between area business and industry resources and school-based learning experiences to provide the technical skills needed for today's workplace.

Results

During the junior year, 57½ hours of job shadowing, on-the-job training, mentoring, and unpaid training are provided by DDC and Spring Engineering staff. Students are also placed in full-time, paid summer internships for six weeks. Summer interns receive pre-employment training in areas including basic hand tools and assembly, torque techniques, and sexual harassment and safety awareness training.

Senior year work-based curriculum includes engine tear-down and reassembly, problem solving, and a senior project. TEAM curriculum also integrates 120 separate, national manufacturing standards.

TEAM receives a 98 percent satisfaction rating by students on its program evaluation survey.

The partnership's effectiveness is demonstrated by the close working relationship that has emerged over the past three years as diverse industries, a large UAW Local, and two non-contiguous school districts have overcome innate institutional differences. In the process, they learned to speak in one common language with student success and career preparation as the common denominator and goal.

Contact

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Community Training Cooperative

Description

The Community Training Cooperative (CTC) program is a collaborative effort between the Oakland Intermediate School District; the Berkley, Ferndale, and Hazel Park School Districts; and the Michigan Department of Career Development Rehabilitation Services, in partnership with Jewish Vocational Service.

Students identified as “at risk,” and in special education programs are involved in career exploration, assessment, and training through community-based sites at the Tamaroff Group auto dealerships and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Thirty-six students from the three school districts are involved in hands-on technical training, correlating with the individual’s interests and aptitudes as previously determined through formal and informal testing. Such training enhances their chances for vocational success. These students typically struggle with the low-skilled, low-paying, non-technical, sporadic jobs unless appropriate vocational technical training occurs.

Results

The benefit of this collaborative effort between the intermediate school district, local school districts, government agencies, business, and private nonprofit agencies is noteworthy. By pooling resources, both financial and professional, they are able to provide cutting-edge programming that meets the challenge of training special needs students in a high-tech economy.

The original goal was to help students obtain the vocational training necessary to help them secure competitive employment. To date, 17 students from CTC have been offered employment.

Contact

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Macomb County Adoption Support Services

Description

In 1996, the Macomb County Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB) completed an assessment of the needs of Macomb County families, including all adoptive families. Based on this assessment, the HSCB gave the charge of designing post-adoption services to its Children and Youth Standing Committee. The following needs were identified:

- the availability of a listening ear for adoptive parents, at any time of day or night,
- flexible funds to help indigent adoptive parents,
- information in specialized topic areas, and
- support groups.

Whatever the service, adoptive parents emphasized that services should be open to all adoptive parents. A lead agency needed to be identified, as well as funding. The committee looked to one of its members, Catholic Services of Macomb (CSM), to assume that responsibility. A proposal was written and a grant awarded by the Michigan Family Independence Agency for parents who were TANF eligible (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families). A second source of funding was secured through the Strong Families/Safe Children Initiative which allowed non-TANF parents to receive services.

Results

The following services were offered to all adoptive parents in Macomb County in the program's first year of service:

- a 24-hour/7-day-a-week help line staffed by trained adoptive parent advocates,
- bimonthly presentations on topics of special interest to adoptive families,
- support groups for adoptive parents and adolescents,
- flexible funds,
- a bimonthly newsletter,
- a resource directory, and
- information and referrals to community resources.

In 2000, the Adoption Services Advisory Council reviewed evaluations and identified additional needs. The result was a Post-Adoption Information Expo, featuring agency displays and helping parents learn how to access needed resources. A family-friendly adoption resource guide is currently under development as are negotiations for a trained therapist to provide services for children with attachment disorders.

Through the Macomb County Adoption Support Services, families will continue to be supported in their choice to rear adopted children and there will be less disruption and better parent/child interactions.

Contact

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The complete applications are available in SEMCOG's library.

Huron-Whittaker Corridor Study

Description

In an effort to revitalize the Ypsilanti area economy and to build a positive and vibrant presence in support of future growth, the Huron-Whittaker Corridor Study was born. This study represents a commitment of federal, state, and local governments, area business and educational leaders, and neighborhood organizations. In 1996, the Eastern Washtenaw County Economic Development Task Force produced an Economic Development Strategic Plan for Eastern Washtenaw County.

Results

The study culminated in the preparation of numerous grant applications with seven grants for projects identified as part of the study. These projects are currently in the implementation phase. The City of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) have submitted an additional six grants that are under consideration by the MDOT for funding.

Contact

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The Nautical Mile Revitalization Project

Description

The Nautical Mile Revitalization Project targeted an area on Jefferson Avenue between Nine Mile and 10 Mile Roads for redevelopment. Through the collective efforts of the Tax Increment Finance Authority, the Nautical Mile Merchants Association, various homeowners groups, and the City of St. Clair Shores, the project transformed a potentially blighted district into an area of long-term economic vitality.

Results

The four-year project spanned three phases beginning with much-needed infrastructure improvement, followed by a redesigned, pedestrian friendly street scape, and ending with the creation of a park in the heart of the city. The end result of the aesthetic and infrastructure improvements on the Nautical Mile was seen immediately — almost \$13 million in the construction of new or renovated businesses in the district. This increase in private investment translates into over \$100,000 in increased tax revenue for the city.

Contact

Christopher Rayes, Community Development Director, City of St. Clair Shores, (810) 447-3337.

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Outstanding Public/Private Partnership — Honorable Mention**Washtenaw County Funders Collaborative****Description**

The Washtenaw County Funders Collaborative is a public/private partnership among the City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, Washtenaw United Way, Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation, and Nonprofit Enterprise at Work, Inc. (NEW). The partnership came together to explore and establish a common outcome language, proposal forms, and reporting criteria for nonprofit organizations seeking funding from any/all of the partners. An outcome-based application for Washtenaw County Community Health Substance Abuse Prevention funds was developed by the partners and is being piloted.

Results

The end result allows for greater efficiencies for partnership agencies and nonprofit applicants in both requesting funding for services and reporting client outcomes. By using the global approach, the nonprofit agencies will be able to collect and report data consistently and avoid duplication of effort.

Contact

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METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS COALITION . . . **Regional Solutions for Regional Issues**

Metropolitan Affairs Coalition is a distinctive public/private partnership of business, labor and government leaders that facilitates solutions for regional public policy issues affecting the economic vitality and quality of life in Southeast Michigan.

Focusing on regional cooperation, MAC's role of identifying problems, researching solutions and implementing strategies produces tangible results. MAC primarily serves as a catalyst in addressing regional concerns — investigating important public policy issues, designing solutions and partnering with others to effect meaningful change. This has included raising significant sums of dollars to help community partners transform ideas into reality.

MAC also has a special role in stimulating intergovernmental cooperation to reduce conflict and fragmentation that too often interferes with progress in the metropolitan area. The organization is a vehicle for designing cooperative solutions that improve government efficiency, reduce business costs and enhance the economic development potential of Greater Detroit.

MAC's members encompass all major elements of regional leadership required to effectively address regional public policy issues. Private sector involvement includes representatives from automobile manufacturers, labor organizations, financial institutions, utilities, insurance companies and the health care industry, as well as leaders from the legal, accounting and public relations professions. Public sector involvement includes the top elected leadership of Greater Detroit and representatives of major higher education institutions.

SEMCOG . . . Local Governments Partnering for Progress

Mission

SEMCOG's mission is solving regional planning problems — improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the region's local governments as well as the quality of life in Southeast Michigan. Essential functions are:

- providing a forum for addressing issues which extend beyond individual governmental boundaries by fostering collaborative regional planning and
- facilitating intergovernmental relations among local governments and state and federal agencies.

As a regional planning partnership in Southeast Michigan, SEMCOG is accountable to local governments who join as members. Membership is open to all counties, cities, villages, townships, intermediate school districts and community colleges in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

Responsibilities

SEMCOG's principal activities support local planning through use of SEMCOG's technical, data and intergovernmental resources. In collaboration with local governments, SEMCOG has responsibility for adopting region-wide plans and policies for community and economic development, water and air quality, land use and transportation, including approval of state and federal transportation projects. Funding for SEMCOG is provided by federal and state grants, contracts and membership fees.

Policy decision making

All SEMCOG policy decisions are made by local elected officials, ensuring that regional policies reflect the interests of member communities. Participants serve on one or both of the policy-making bodies — the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

Prior to policy adoption, technical advisory councils provide the structure for gaining input on transportation, environment, community and economic development, data analysis and education. This deliberative process includes broad-based representation from local governments, the business community, environmental organizations and other special interest citizen groups.

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