

South Lyon Area Youth Assistance  
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**Agency Description**

**South Lyon Area Youth Assistance** (SLAYA) is a 501©(3) non-profit community service organization that helps children and families through community involvement by our Board of Directors and other volunteers. Our organization promotes emotional wellness through family education programs, skill building grants, after-school programming, a yearly youth recognition event, camp scholarships, a mentors program, and a summer enrichment program. In addition to these programs, a Youth Assistance caseworker is available to work with families when problems first occur to assist them with skills toward a healthier family life.

**Staff:**

Doreen Brant, Caseworker  
Sue Collins-Schroeder, Secretary



**Our Mission**

To strengthen youth and families and to reduce the incidence of delinquency, abuse and neglect through volunteer involvement.

## CASEWORK SERVICES

A professional master's level caseworker provides confidential, family-centered counseling and referral services for families with a child 16 years of age and younger who live within the South Lyon Community School District. Referrals are accepted from schools, police, parents, and others who are concerned about a child. The one-time \$25 processing fee can be waived for families in need.



## MENTORS PLUS

This program matches positive adult role models with local youth. Only a few hours each month can have a lasting positive impact on a child's life. All mentors are screened and trained before placement.



## KENSINGTON MEALS ON WHEELS

During the summer of 2018, a partnership with Meals on Wheels allowed SLAYA volunteers to serve over 580 lunches to the kids at Kensington Place.



## WARM COAT PROGRAM

Thanks to a partnership with St. James Church, SLAYA provides new coats to students in need who reside within the South Lyon School District.



## BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING

School-age children are invited to shop for school clothes thanks to the partnership between Walmart and SLAYA. The children also receive a backpack filled with supplies. Families in need of financial assistance are referred to this program.



## FAMILY EDUCATION



SLAYA provides programs designed to help parents understand child development, improve communications between parents and children, and enhance parenting skills. Since several programs are offered yearly, families can choose the program that most meets their needs and can continue to attend sessions as their children grow and change.

## SKILL BUILDING

South Lyon Area Youth Assistance provides scholarships to low-income youth that would benefit from a positive learning experience in a specific skill such as a sport, dance, voice, musical instrument or martial arts. The scholarships are tailored to meet the unique needs of each youth that participates.



## TUTORING SCHOLARSHIPS

Starting in October, SLAYA will offer partial tutoring scholarships for families that meet the income requirements and live within the South Lyon School District.



## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

SLAYA, in partnership with the South Lyon Community School District, sponsors annual visits to the Friendship Circle at Michigan's Weinberg Village for special needs students in the school district. At the village, students have the opportunity to experience life skills such as handling money, budgeting, and visiting a doctor.

## YOUTH RECOGNITION



At this yearly event, young people are recognized for making a positive contribution to their community. Nominations come from schools, churches, fire and police departments, and private citizens who have been helped by youth. Local, county and state dignitaries participate in making this a very special event.

## CAMP

Each year, SLAYA sends middle school children to Camp Michawana. Camp scholarships, along with transportation, are provided to youth who would otherwise not have this opportunity.



## SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM



Summer Enrichment is a six-week program in which elementary and middle school children act, dance, sing, and learn sign language while preparing for a production that incorporates all of the above. The program encourages self-respect, commitment, motivation, and confidence.

## SHOP WITH A HERO

Youth Assistance administers and provides partial funding for this Lyon Twp. Oakland County Sheriff's program. In the month of December, youth, referred by the schools, are given the opportunity to shop with the help of law enforcement and fire personnel.

***We have many volunteer opportunities!***

Whether you'd like to help out on one project for a few hours or volunteer monthly, we can match your interest with a satisfying volunteer experience. For more information, please call:

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