

Kent County Partners, 10/2009

- **Arbor Circle** – <http://www.arborcircle.org/index.html>; community substance abuse provider.
“Arbor Circle believes in the positive power of healthy individuals and families to build a solid foundation for the future. That foundation is compromised by the problems of mental illness, substance use disorders, violence, neglect or abuse. We know from experience that the solutions to these problems are best found and developed in the context of individual and family relationships. That’s why we provide services to both prevent and address these problems, with a focus on developing those healthy relationships. First, we provide counseling services to help people of all ages overcome the devastating effects of mental illness and substance use disorders. Second, we offer prevention and educational programs to build new skills and patterns of behavior that support emotional development and positive relationships for children and families.”

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www.arborcircle.org

- **Family Outreach Center** – <http://www.familyoutreachcenter.org/index.php>
The Family Outreach Center offers a variety of mental health and family support services, including substance abuse treatment, in the community as well as to the jail population. The FOC’s Jail Mental Health Services (JMHS) unit serves the Kent County Correctional Facilities’ (KCCF) inmate population 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Jail services include (1) assessment; (2) treatment/therapy; (3) diversion; (4) case management; (5) psychiatric medications and medication management; and (6) psychiatric hospitalization (as appropriate).

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- **Network 180 Community Mental Health** -- www.network180.org
“The community mental health authority for Kent County, network180 connects individuals and their families to services for mental illness, substance use disorders, or developmental disabilities. Last year, network180 served over 27,000 individuals in need. Adults with a mental illness, children and families with an emotional disturbance, people with a substance use disorder and those that live with a developmental disability found help through network180 and its system of care. Through contracts with more than 25 human service agencies, Network180 is – in essence – the gateway to a range of treatments and supports within Kent County.”

Fact sheet/list partners – www.network180.org/attachments/040_Network180FactSheet.pdf

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- **Grand Rapids Coalition to End Homelessness – ADD INFO**

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- **Reentry Employment Resource Center – ADD INFO**

"The RERC grew from the Kent County Reentry Roundtable in March of 2007 with the mission to provide a single point of contact for the community's needs related to individuals with criminal histories." The RERC received JEHT Foundation challenge grant in 2007 through MPRI; established as stand-alone non-profit; designed and maintains the reentry help website -- <http://www.reentryhelp.org/>

Key TJC Contacts

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- **Kent County Community Corrections –**

"The Office of Community Corrections (OCC) seeks to limit state prison commitments for County offenders and prevent local correctional facility overcrowding with probation and intermediate sentencing alternatives; with information and data analysis; and with public education. The Office also coordinates and facilitates the collaborative process to develop the Jail Bed Allocation Agreement. Planning and policy-making is directed by the Kent County Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB). Probation residential centers (PRCs) provide intensive community supervision for high-risk felons; these include the Alternative Directions PRC, the Pathfinder Resources John F. Jellema Treatment Center, and Project Rehab. Intermediate sentencing alternatives offered through Community Corrections include community service, employment and training, intensive supervision, mental health counseling, pretrial supervision, substance abuse treatment, a variety of 24-hour structured non-core services, and jail-based programming. The Office is a grant agency funded primarily by the State of Michigan."

Key TJC contacts

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http://www.accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/OfficeofCommunityCorrections/occ_index.htm

- **Kent County District Courts**

A district court has exclusive jurisdiction of all civil litigation up to \$25,000. and handles garnishments, eviction proceedings, land contract and mortgage foreclosures, and other proceedings. In the criminal field, district court handles all misdemeanors where punishments do not exceed one year, including arraignment, setting and acceptance of bail, trial and sentencing; and conducts preliminary examinations in felony cases. Also, a small claims division for civil cases up to \$3,000 is provided in district court. In these cases, litigants agree to waive their right to a jury, rules of evidence, representation by a lawyer, and the right to appeal from the district judge's decision. If either party objects, the case will be heard by the general civil division of the district court. Kent County has seven District Courts covering the following jurisdictions:

59th District Court in Walker; encompasses the City of Walker
59th District Court in Grandville; encompasses the City of Grandville
[61st District Court \(Map\)](#); encompasses the City of Grand Rapids
[62-A District Court \(Map\)](#) encompasses the City of Wyoming

[62-B District Court \(Map\)](#) encompasses the City of Kentwood
[63rd District Court \(Map\)](#) - 1st division, encompasses the Cities of Cedar Springs and Rockford; Townships of Tyron, Solon, Nelson, Spencer, Sparta, Algoma, Courtland, Oakfield, Alpine, Cannon, Plainfield, Gratton, Casnovia Village, and Lake and Kent City
[63rd District Court \(Map\)](#) - 2nd division, encompasses the Cities of E. Grand Rapids and, Lowell; and the Townships of Grand Rapids, Ada, Cascade, Vergennes, Lowell, Bryon, Gaines, Caledonia and Bowne.

Key TJC contacts include:

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www.accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/DistrictCourts/default.htm

- **Kent County Sheriff's Office (KCSO)**

http://www.accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/SheriffsDepartment/sheriff_index.htm

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Sheriff Lawrence A. Stelma
Undersheriff Jon Hess
Chief Deputy Bruce Partridge

- **Kent County Friend of the Court –**

<http://www.accesskent.com/CourtsAndLawEnforcement/FriendoftheCourt/contact.htm>

“The Friend of the Court is the collection, enforcement and investigative arm of the Circuit Court in the area of domestic relations. The action by the office is dictated by court order. Orders are issued by the court after the Judge has made a determination and the written document is signed, then filed with the county clerk. To obtain a domestic relations order from the Court, the issue has to be brought before the Court through formal legal action. This is accomplished through private attorneys, sometimes the prosecuting attorney or by action of one of the parties. The Friend of the Court does not become involved until action is filed with the court.”

Terry Novakoski, Casework Supervisor; Terry.Novakoski@kentcountymi.gov

Friend of the Court
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- **MPRI resource on reentry – mentions Kent County --**

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/corrections/Volume_I-Issue_4-Aug_2007_205563_7.pdf