

# **SAGINAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP WITH HELP**

**Healing. Engagement. Love. Presence**  
**Community Violence Intervention Program**





# About HELP Community Intervention Program

- A community-centered initiative dedicated to reducing violent crimes, particularly those involving firearms
- Focuses on proactive intervention, mentorship, and youth engagement
- Utilizes evidence-based strategies to enhance public safety and foster peaceful neighborhoods
- Works in collaboration with schools, community organizations, and local leaders



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# Our Mission & Core Values

To empower individuals, families, and communities affected by violence

Prevention Over Punishment – Proactive support for at-risk youth

Restorative Justice – Focus on healing and reintegration

Youth Empowerment – Creating pathways for success

Community Collaboration – Working together for sustainable change

# Why This Partnership Matters for Saginaw Public Schools



Addresses  
School and  
Community  
Violence



Provides  
Structured  
Mentorship  
for At-Risk  
Students



Supports  
Behavioral  
and  
Academic  
Growth



Creates a  
Safe Space  
for Learning  
and  
Development



# HELP Program Components



## Proactive Mentorship & Youth Engagement

- Targeted support for students experiencing behavioral challenges
- Safe, structured environment to foster positive decision-making



## Educational and Personal Development Workshops

- Conflict resolution and critical thinking skills
- Overcoming biases and teamwork building
- Personal and professional development



## Community and School-Based Interventions

- District referrals for students grades 6–12
- Involvement of district mentors Michael Rhoden and Savannah Nash
- Collaboration with school counselors and social workers



# Scheduled Mentoring Sessions

**Program Schedule:** Saturdays, 10 AM– 1 PM

**Location:** Thompson Middle School

**Facility Use:** Commons Area, Gym **(District also provides Custodial Services, Security & Two Additional Mentors with Michael Rhodan & Savannah Nash)**

✓ March 2025

March 8  
March 22

✓ May 2025

May 3  
May 17  
May 31

✓ April 2025

April 5  
April 19

✓ June 2025

June 14





# HELP Program Course Offerings



**Conflict Resolution & Critical Thinking**



**Vape Cessation & Personal Development**



**Soft Skills & Professional Development**



**Personal Branding & Leadership Training**







## Impact on Students & School

- Early Intervention Prevents Future Incidents
- Students Regain Academic Momentum
- Increased Engagement & Self-Discipline
- Safer Schools & Communities





# Empowering Our Youth, Strengthening Our Community

"Every child deserves a champion—an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection, and who insists that they become the best they can possibly be."

—Rita Pierson

-  Together, We Build Safer, Stronger Communities
-  Mentorship Changes Lives & Reduces Violence
-  Saginaw Public Schools is Committed to Student Success & Community



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