APPENDIX A

YOUTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
FOR THE PREVENTION OF
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, ABUSE AND NEGLECT

Youth Assistance is a community-based program jointly sponsored by the Oakland County Probate Court, the Circuit Court-Family Division, local school districts, and municipalities, with the principal funding provided by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Youth Assistance Programs of Oakland County offer services to youth and their families in two major areas:

FAMILY-CENTERED CASEWORK/COUNSELING SERVICES

Youth Assistance casework services include a family assessment, short-term counseling and/or referral to auxiliary services.

Reasons for referral may include:

- running away from home
- assault
- larceny
- shoplifting(retail fraud)
- property damage
- trespassing
- school truancy
- breaking and entering
- substance abuse
- arson
- teen-parent communication
- weapons violations
- problems with peer relationships
- municipal ordinance violations

Written referrals from parents, schools, police agencies, neighbors, clergy, business community, etc., may be made directly to the local Youth Assistance Office, or to the Central Youth Assistance Office, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341-0452. Free caseworker services are available for youths ages 17 and under and their families. To obtain a referral form, call your local Y.A. Office, or (248) 858-0051.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE COUNSELING SERVICES ARE VOLUNTARY AND FREE OF CHARGE.

COMMUNITY-BASED PREVENTION SERVICES

Youth Assistance provides varied programs countywide. Local services may include:

- family education (parenting) classes
- youth involvement and recreation activities
- volunteer (one-to-one) mentoring programs
- skill building scholarships
- camping scholarships
- other programs

Refer to the list of local Youth Assistance offices on the following page or contact the Central Office at (248) 858-0051 for details.

YOUTH ASSISTANCE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- as chaperones for youth outings
- as summer camp fundraising and placement coordinators
- as drivers
- as public relations coordinators
- as fundraisers
- as mentors for a young person

PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Youth Assistance Central Office maintains an extensive list of local parenting classes (topics, times, dates, locations, etc.), including both Youth Assistance-sponsored classes and those offered by other agencies. To obtain a copy of the calendar, or to have your agency's classes listed, please call the Youth Assistance Central office at (248) 858-0051, or visit the web site www.oakgov.com/circuit/calendar and click on Family/Parenting Programs.

LOCAL YOUTH ASSISTANCE OFFICES

http://www.oakgov.com/circuit/division_committee/local-ya-offices.html