

Mission

To improve the health of youth, and to increase their capacity to learn, by bridging the gap between education and health, through personal responsibility and the support of families, communities and schools working together.

AFTER HOURS CARE 866.216.0621

When you have questions about your health, you may not be sure where to go. Instead of waiting and worrying, for after-hours care please call **866.216.0621**. The after-hours care provides support and guidance for any non-emergency situation. For emergencies please call **911**.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

TEXT “Home” to **741741** any time 24 hours a day/7 days a week, to speak with a trained crisis counselor about anything that is on your mind. This is free and confidential.

The 24-hour HELP-Line 269.381.HELP (381.4357)

Call, even if you think there's no way anyone can help you. There is someone you can reach out to in those times when you feel desperate, overwhelmed, emotional or hopeless. There is someone who will listen, who can help you sort through your thoughts, who can let you know where you can turn for help or can directly send help to you, or can show you compassion and empathy to help get you through the moment, the hour, the night.

Suicide Helpline – Call or text #988



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Prevention & Wellness Services/
Community Adolescent Health Center
721 6th Avenue, Suite A
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Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(closed for lunch 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)



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The School Linked Prevention & Wellness Services (PAWS)/Community Adolescent Health Center (CAHC) program promotes the health of adolescents and their families by providing important primary, preventative and early intervention health care services. These services are aimed at achieving the best possible physical, intellectual and emotional status of adolescents by providing services that are high quality, accessible and acceptable to youth.

The School Linked PAWS/CAHC is located across the street from the high school within the Three Rivers Health Building (at 721 6th Avenue, Three Rivers). We share occupancy with Three Rivers Family Care and the MCDC Dental Clinic.

Prevention & Wellness Services

Understanding health care services through the School Linked Prevention & Wellness Services (PAWS) and Community Adolescent Health Center (CAHC)

The School Linked health center model is nationally recognized as one of the best ways to provide effective, efficient, and appropriate health care services to adolescents. These health centers are primary care clinics providing medical and mental health screening and treatment for young people near school grounds.

PAWS Community Adolescent Health Center is just like any other medical office except the focus is

placed on specific needs of youth. What sets PAWS apart from other clinics is the emphasis placed on prevention, early intervention and risk reduction. Much time is spent educating students on developing healthy habits and on how to prevent injury, violence and other risks.

Anyone between the ages of 10-21, as well as their infants and children, can receive services regardless of their ability to pay. All insurance plans are accepted, including Medicaid and Medicaid Health Plans. Insurance will be directly billed and co-pays may be collected at time of service. Services are provided regardless of ability to pay.

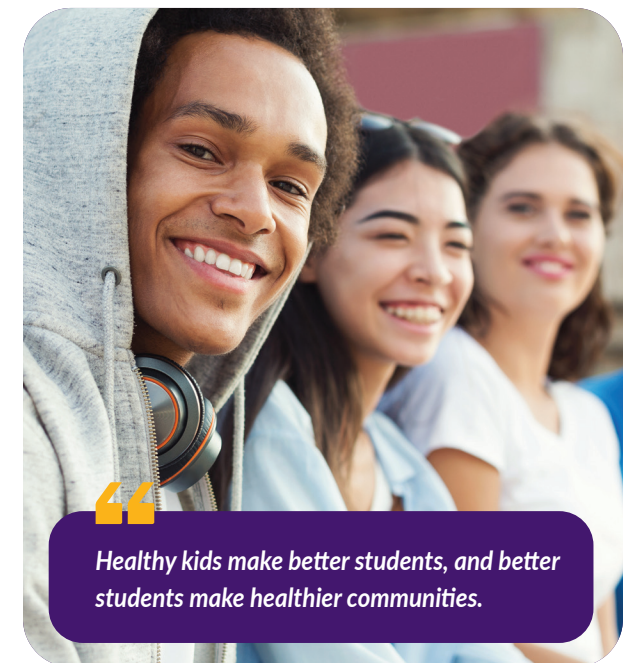
Some of the services offered at PAWS include Medicaid covered services, vaccine assessment and administration, treatment of acute illnesses such as strep throat, and the management of chronic conditions like asthma and diabetes. In addition, the health center offers:

- Comprehensive Health Assessments such as:
 - Well child exams
 - Sport physicals (MHSAA* approved)
 - Camp physicals
- Referral for specialty care
- Treatment of acute illness or injury
- Basic laboratory services and tests
- Referral for radiology services
- Risk reduction/prevention education
- Depression/anxiety
- Mental/Behavioral health services with a Licensed Masters Social Worker
- On-site Medicaid enrollment assistance
- Confidential Services include the following:
 - testing and treatment of STI and HIV,
 - contraceptives,
 - pregnancy testing, and
 - minors 14 years and older may receive counseling services not to exceed 12 visits in 4 months

**Michigan High School Athletic Association*

Utilizing services at PAWS/CAHC:

- A signed parental consent form is required on all clients ages 10-17 for all services with the exception of confidential services.
- Three Rivers Community Schools students may, with proper consent, access the clinic during the school day without their parent/guardian present at the time of service.
- Three Rivers High School students may walk over, while transportation is provided, if needed, for Middle and Elementary School students at parent/guardian request.
- Appointments are not necessary but are strongly recommended.
- The team at PAWS/CAHC can provide complete Primary Care. If a patient identifies a separate primary care provider (PCP), we collaborate and communicate with that PCP for the best possible adolescent health care.



“Healthy kids make better students, and better students make healthier communities.”