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Advancing Health Equity Through Statewide Fall Prevention Partnerships and Policy Strategies

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Objectives

Upon completion of this session, the participant will be able to:

1. Identify at least three health equity barriers contributing to fall risk and limited access to prevention resources.
2. Describe two strategies for building effective cross-sector partnerships to support fall prevention.
3. Explain one policy or systems-level approach that can improve coordination of community-based prevention services.
4. Develop one actionable strategy to enhance equitable access to fall-prevention resources within participants' communities.

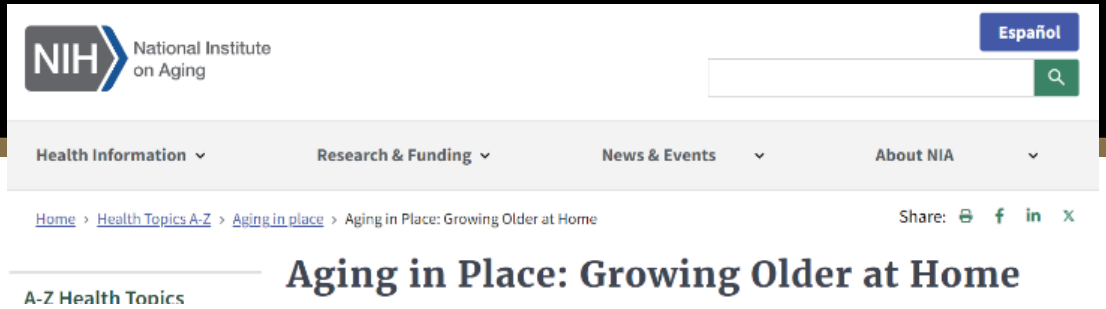
What we know……

- **1 in 4 older adults falls each year**
  - Contributing to disability, loss of independence, and significant economic burden

- **Michigan offers a broad range of fall prevention resources**
  - In-person and virtual
  - Community-, home-, and clinic-based
  - Public health, fitness, and healthcare-focused
  - Addressing physical, environmental, health, and diagnosis-specific needs

Michigan has a Critical Problem

- Other states offer centralized access to community fall prevention resources
- **Michigan previously lacked a centralized resource**
- Finding programs often depended on word-of-mouth or chance



- **Personal care:** Bathing, dressing, grooming, toileting, eating, mobility
- **Household support:** Cleaning, yard work, shopping, laundry
- **Meals:** Food shopping and meal preparation
- **Money management:** Bills, insurance forms, financial tasks
- **Health care:** Medications, wound care, medical equipment, physical therapy
- **Transportation:** Rides to appointments, shopping, and community activities
- **Safety:** Home safety modifications and emergency/fall assistance

Introduction



- Successful aging is multifactorial

↓ success
- Low level of cognitive ability
- Functional disability

↑ success
- Active engagement in life events
- Interpersonal environment
- Community engagement

The Role Of Community-Based Providers

- **Community-Based Providers are on the front line**
  - Identify individuals at risk of physical decline
  - Identify candidates for preventative services such as medical or physical therapist (PT) services
  - Valuable partners to bring together public health and healthcare domains

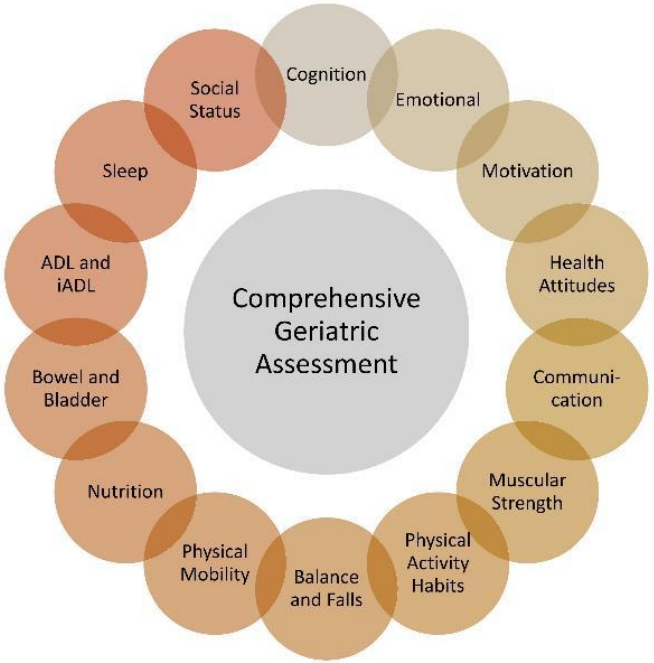

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Community Need

- Growing needs of an aging population call for new partnerships between preventive healthcare, community health, and senior services to support successful aging in place.



Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment



- Multidimensional, interdisciplinary assessment
- Evaluates an older adult's medical, psychosocial, and functional needs
- Guides a coordinated plan for treatment and long-term follow-up

(Wildiers et al., 2014)

Social Determinants of Health (CDC)

"Creating social and physical environments that promote good health for all"



** Next 5 slides provided by Sarah Kile Michigan 211*



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Seven Regional 211 Contact Centers Collaboratively Serving Michigan

2-1-1 designated by Michigan Public Service Commission

Nationally accredited contact centers available 24/7/365

Nationally trained & certified staff provide information, referrals, navigation and advocacy plus curate a comprehensive resource database to support Michiganders accessing available assistance



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Michigan

www.211.org

What can I help you with today?

Has anyone in your household served in the US Military?

How many people live in your household?

Does anyone in your household receive food assistance through DHHS?



Is anyone in your household over 60?

Is anyone in your household receiving disability?

I am looking for: Food Pantries

I live in zip code: 48601-Saginaw

FIND HELP

Food Pantries

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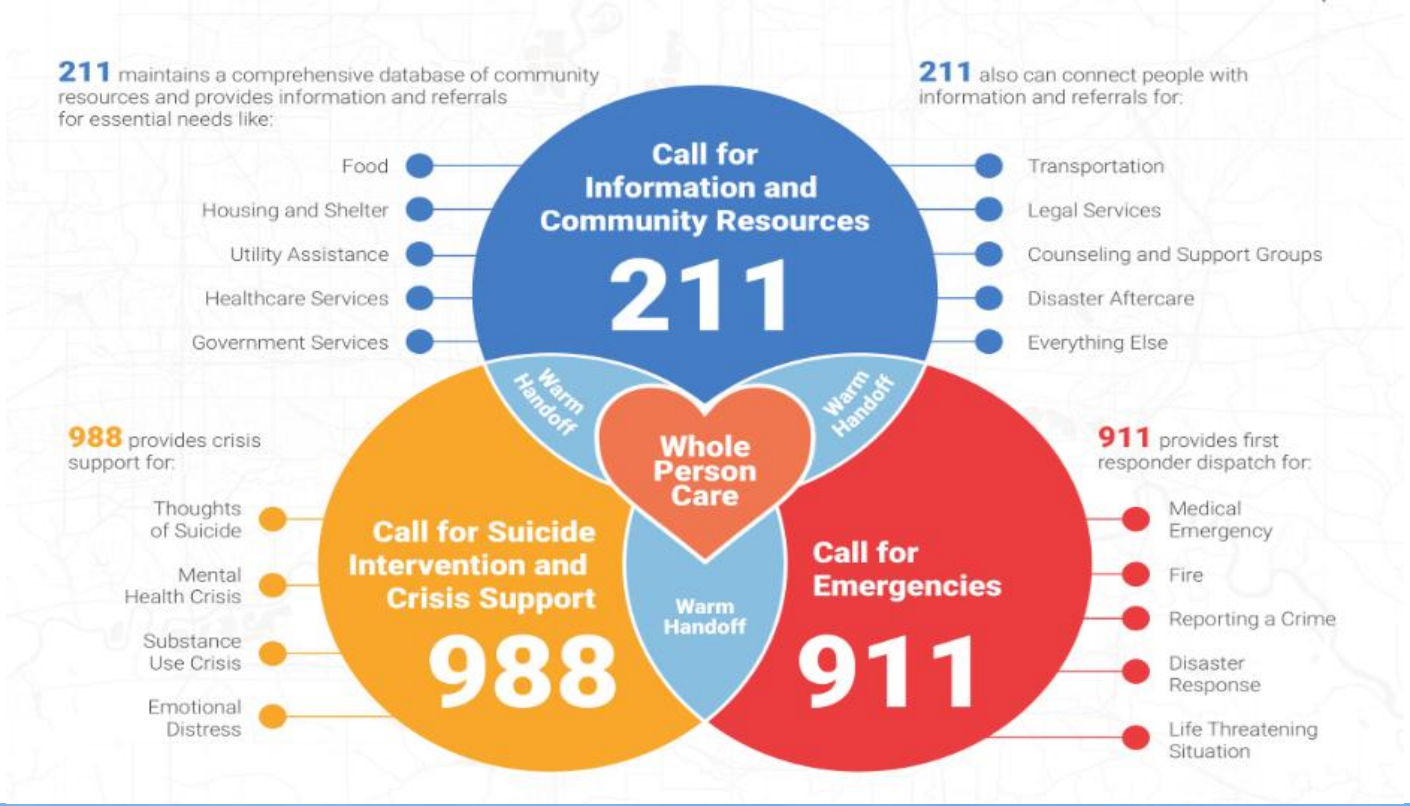
FOOD PANTRIES

WEEKLY FOOD PANTRIES

Emergency Food pantry providing food for the residents of Saginaw County.

Contact	http://www.stpaulsepisag.org/ stpaulsepisag@gmail.com
Serves People Living In	Saginaw County
Eligibility	Saginaw County resident with emergency food need
Application Process	Walk-in Referral preferred
Documents Required	Photo identification
Fees	No fees
Payment Methods	Not applicable
Service Hours	Tue, Thu 1-3pm
Location	720 Tuscola Street Saginaw, MI 48607 Public transportation available





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Developing Falls Prevention Access using Michigan 2-1-1

Background: Michigan Falls Prevention Coalition

- **Statewide coalition established in 2020**
  - Builds a strong network of fall prevention resources for older adults
  - Brings together community, service, nonprofit, and healthcare partners

- **Two critical needs identified**
  - Identify valid, reliable fall prevention programs
  - Create a systematic, integrated, and equitable way to access services

Partnership for Falls Prevention

- Oakland University Physical Therapy, Michigan 2-1-1, and MDHHS partnered to improve access to fall prevention resources across Michigan.
- Funding was secured through a 2023 Michigan Health Endowment Fund grant.
- The project was informed by the expertise and priorities of the Michigan Falls Prevention Coalition.
- Each partner contributed unique expertise, infrastructure. and resources to support a coordinated statewide approach.

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2·1·1 Michigan

MDHHS Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

Long-term goal: Provide **free, centralized access through 2-1-1** to local fall prevention resources for older adults, caregivers, providers, and communities.



Michigan Falls Prevention Coalition Website



https://mifallsprevention.org/

Grant Aim 1 Overview: *Development and initial launch of electronic community resources*

Build	Build a system to vet widely known fall prevention programs
Categorize	Categorize fall prevention programming available by zip code
Develop	Develop a landing page capable of independent or system guided exploration
Launch	Launch independent exploration feature in the centralized “portal”

2-1-1 Falls Prevention Landing page is live



https://mi211.org/fall-prevention

Categories and Services

Category

Services



Education and Safety Planning

Learning about fall risks and how to stay safe is important. Simple changes to your daily habits can help prevent falls. Planning ahead and taking classes on fall prevention can make you feel more confident and safe.

Select a category...

- Fall Prevention Programs
- Telephone Reassurance
- Personal Alarm Systems for Older Adults
- Specialized Information and Referral for Older Adults



Physical Health and Wellness

Staying active and keeping your body strong can help prevent falls. Regular exercise, like walking or balance exercises, can improve your strength and coordination. Taking care of your health, including seeing your doctor, is also important for staying safe.

Select a category...

- Exercise Classes/Groups
- Therapeutic Exercise
- Walking Programs



Daily Living Support

Getting help with daily tasks can make your life easier and safer. Support from family, friends, or a caregiver can help you with activities like cooking, cleaning, and moving around. This support can reduce your risk of falls and keep you independent.

Select a category...

- Personal Care
- Homemaker Assistance
- Home Delivered Meals
- General Yard Work
- Incontinence Management Programs
- Incontinence Supplies
- General Medical Equipment Supplies/Provision



Home Accessibility Modifications

Making simple changes to your home can help prevent falls. Adding grab bars in the bathroom, better lighting, and removing obstacles can make your home safer. These changes can help you move around more easily and reduce the risk of falling.

Select a category...

- Home Modification Consultation
- Home Rehabilitation Grants
- Home Barrier Removal Loans
- Ramp Construction Services
- Bathroom Modification Services

Explore on your Own vs Guided Feature Function

Let Us Help!

We can show you the programs which best meet your circumstances AND ask the program to contact you! Here's how it works:

1. Answer a few questions.
2. See programs you are eligible for.
3. Select the one you prefer.
4. The program contacts you.
5. A Home Visitor comes to your house.

And it's all free. We are eager to help!

GET STARTED

Find Programs On Your Own

Prefer to do the research on all of the available programs and reach out on your own? No problem, you can start by using the section below.

- Enter your zip code.
- See which programs are available in your area.
- Review their offerings.
- Contact the programs for eligibility and more details.

RESEARCH ON MY OWN

Ongoing efforts to expand the number of organizations featured on the page

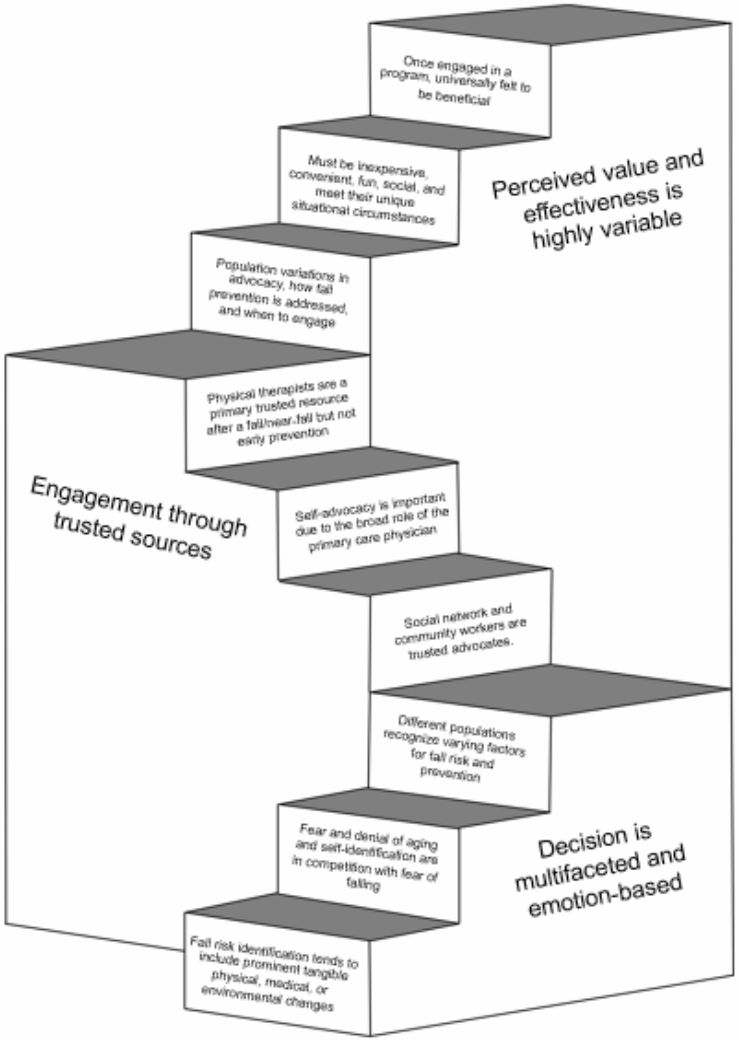
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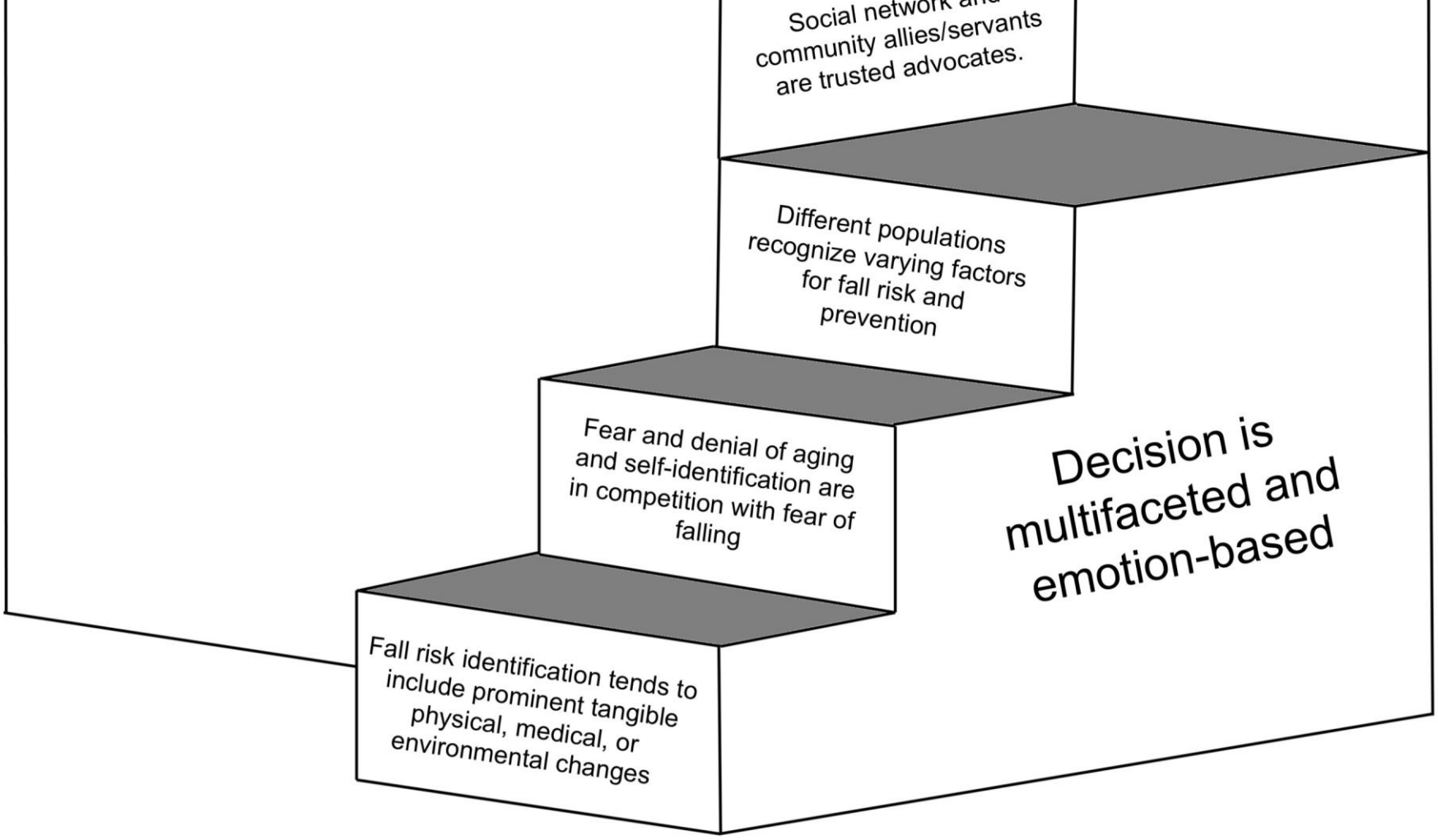
Older Adult Focus Groups

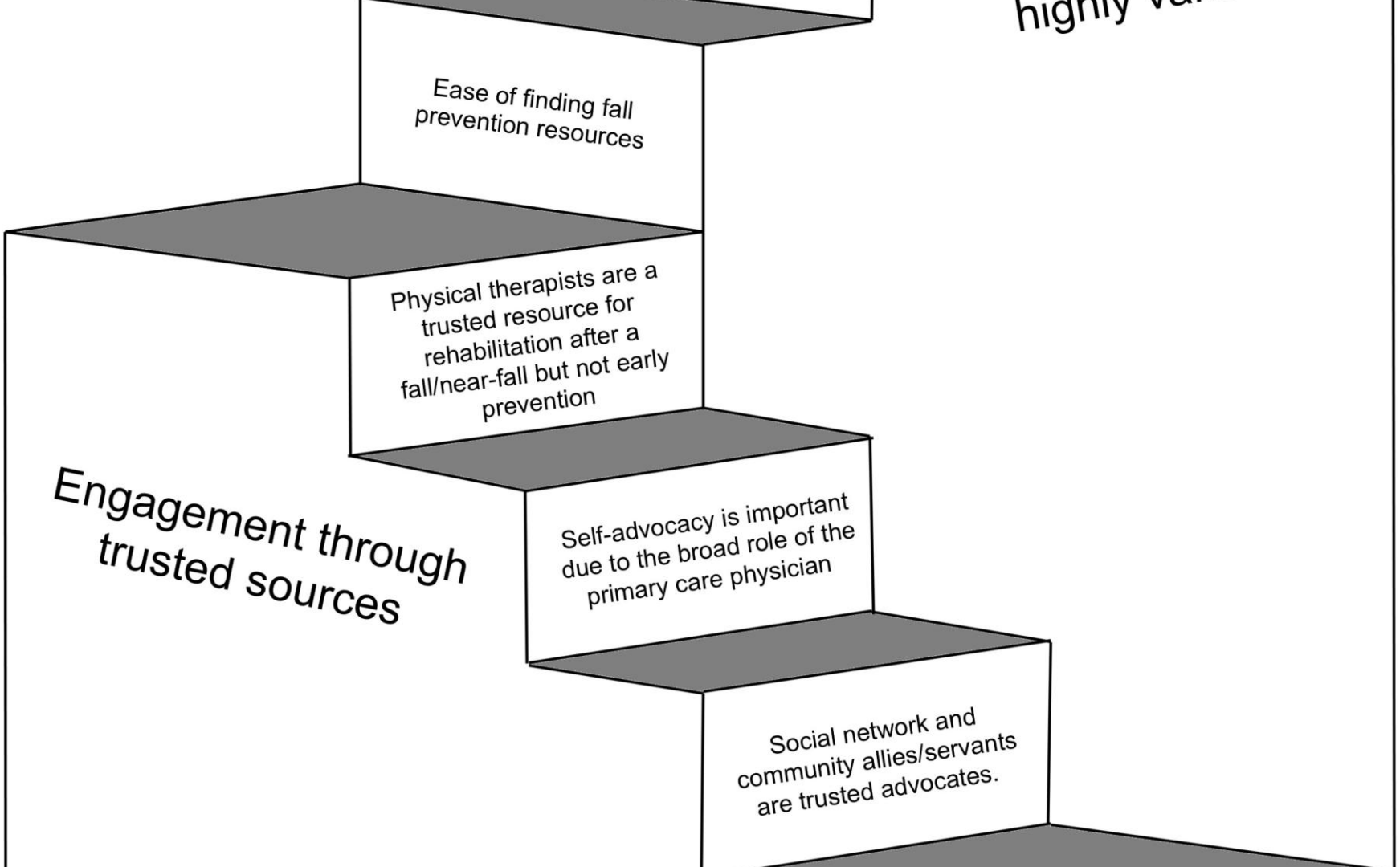
- **Older adult focus groups completed**
  - Explored how older adults find, use, and want to improve fall prevention resources
  - 26 participants from Saline, Detroit, Auburn Hills, and Northern Michigan

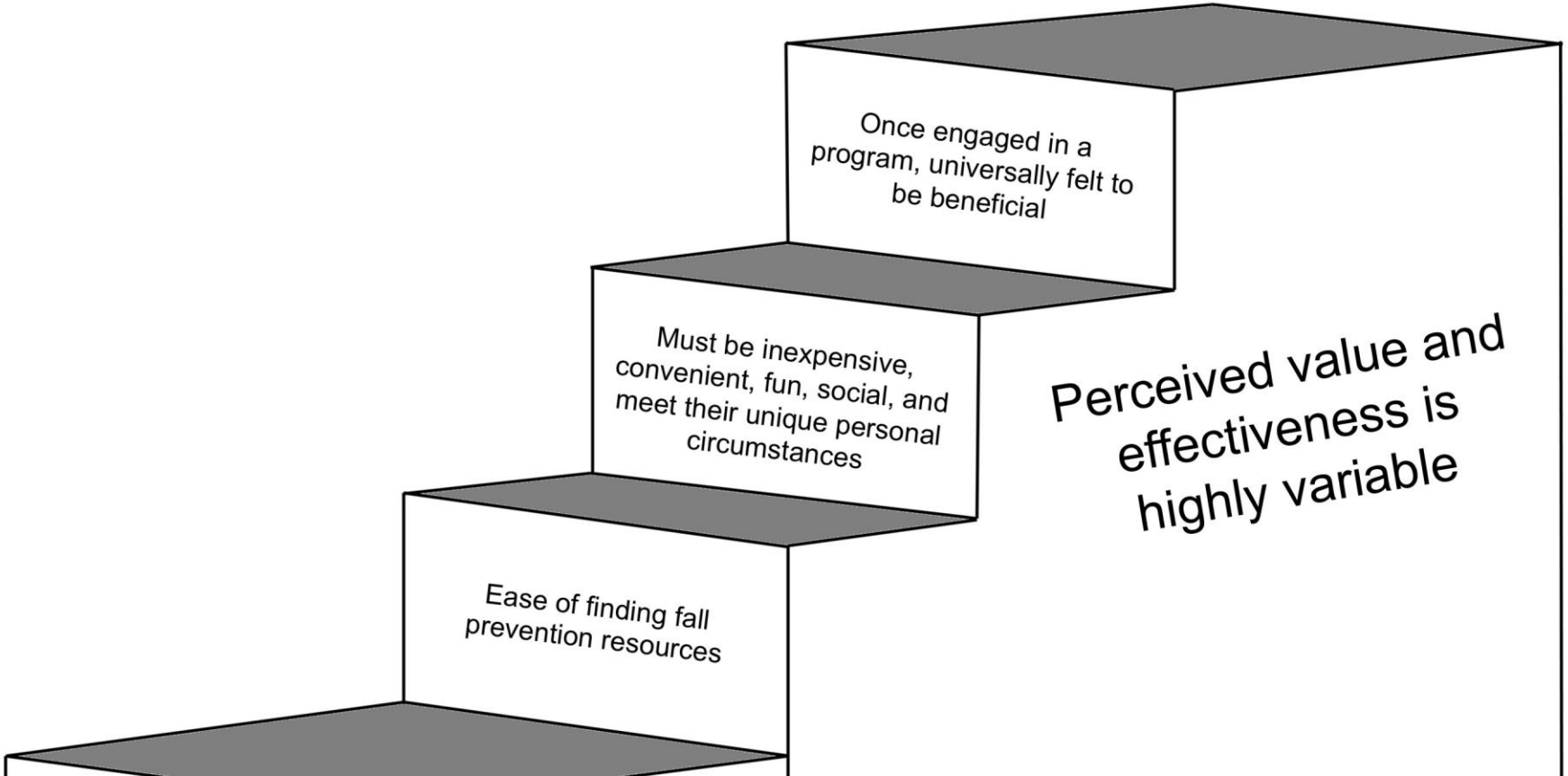
- **Next phase**
  - Analyze feedback from Michigan Tribal Elders focus group
  - Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP)



Themes and Concepts: Older Adult Perceptions of Fall Prevention Programming


Social network and
community allies/servants
are trusted advocates.
Different populations
recognize varying factors
for fall risk and
prevention
Fear and denial of aging
and self-identification are
in competition with fear of
falling
Fall risk identification tends to
include prominent tangible
physical, medical, or
environmental changes
Decision is
multifaceted and
emotion-based


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Ease of finding fall prevention resources
Physical therapists are a trusted resource for rehabilitation after a fall/near-fall but not early prevention
Engagement through trusted sources
Self-advocacy is important due to the broad role of the primary care physician
Social network and community allies/servants are trusted advocates.


Ease of finding fall prevention resources
Must be inexpensive, convenient, fun, social, and meet their unique personal circumstances
Once engaged in a program, universally felt to be beneficial
Perceived value and effectiveness is highly variable

Focus Group Outcome Relevance

- Increase awareness of fall prevention strategies needed
- Address barriers to recognizing fall risk and effective interventions
- Ensure programs are accessible
- Highlight “the right program at the right time for the right person” in marketing
- Significant opportunity exists for program growth

Grant Aim 2 Overview: Develop and evaluation of an electronic algorithm that guides older adults and caregiver to safe fall prevention options

Create and Test

- Create and test screening tool criterion validity testing

Validate

- Validate with in person assessments comparing health professional to online system guided outcomes

Launch

- Launch system guided feature

Reliability and Validity Screening Tool and Algorithm

- Pilot testing: 30 adults ≥60 years (May–October 2025)
- Phase 2: >100 participants (May–July 2026)
- Fall risk questionnaire (FRQ) tool adapted from the 12 item NCOA/STEADI Stay Independent resource, with 4 investigator generated added prompts



Check Your Risk for Falling

Circle "Yes" or "No" for each statement below			Why it matters
Yes (2)	No (0)	I have fallen in the past year.	People who have fallen once are likely to fall again.
Yes (2)	No (0)	I use or have been advised to use a cane or walker to get around safely.	People who have been advised to use a cane or walker may already be more likely to fall.
Yes (1)	No (0)	Sometimes I feel unsteady when I am walking.	Unsteadiness or needing support while walking are signs of poor balance.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I steady myself by holding onto furniture when walking at home.	This is also a sign of poor balance.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I am worried about falling.	People who are worried about falling are more likely to fall.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I need to push with my hands to stand up from a chair.	This is a sign of weak leg muscles, a major reason for falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I have some trouble stepping up onto a curb.	This is also a sign of weak leg muscles.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I often have to rush to the toilet.	Rushing to the bathroom, especially at night, increases your chance of falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I have lost some feeling in my feet.	Numbness in your feet can cause stumbles and lead to falls.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I take medicine that sometimes makes me feel light-headed or more tired than usual.	Side effects from medicines can sometimes increase your chance of falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I take medicine to help me sleep or improve my mood.	These medicines can sometimes increase your chance of falling.
Yes (1)	No (0)	I often feel sad or depressed.	Symptoms of depression, such as not feeling well or feeling slowed down, are linked to falls.
Total		Add up the number of points for each "yes" answer. If you scored 4 points or more, you may be at risk for falling. Discuss this brochure with your doctor.	

To check your risk online, visit: www.bit.ly/3o4RIWB

This checklist was developed by the Greater Los Angeles VA Geriatric Research Education Clinical Center and affiliates and is a validated fall risk self-assessment tool (Rubenstein et al. J Safety Res; 2011: 42(6)493-499). Adapted with permission of the authors.

4 Additional Prompts

- I live alone and do not have someone who checks on me regularly.
- If I fell at home and could not get up, I would have difficulty getting help quickly.
- I would like help identifying changes in my home that could reduce my risk of falling or help me get in and out of my home more easily (e.g., grab bars, shower chair, ramp, stairs).
- It would be helpful to have some assistance with daily activities at home, such as personal care, household chores, home maintenance, or meal preparation.

16-question survey test-retest outcomes

- 5 questions had almost perfect agreement
- 7 question had substantial agreement
- 3 questions had moderate agreement

Validity Testing: Statewide Implementation

- 107 adults age 60+
- Testing across 10 Michigan communities
- 16-item FRQ screening tool + standardized fall-risk measures
- Licensed PT recommendations across 17 resource categories served as the clinical comparison

Validity Testing: Who Participated?

- Mean age: 75 years *(range 60–95)*
- 80 women / 27 men
- 58 Black/African American; 43 White
- 84 lived alone
- 68 reported annual income < $25,000

Validity Testing: Fall-Risk Profile

Meaningful fall risk was identified across multiple measures

- **71/107** at an increased fall risk
  FRQ score ≥4
- **64/107** demonstrated increased balance-related risk
  Berg Balance Scale <50
- **21/106** demonstrated prolonged mobility performance
  TUG >20 seconds

Promising Alignment With PT Recommendations

- Screening responses predicted PT-recommended resources across 13 of 17 categories
  - remaining 4 with not enough recommendations for analysis
- Model discrimination ranged from AUC 0.64–0.93
- Strongest-performing models:
  - Housekeeping assistance — 0.93
  - Telephone reassurance — 0.90
  - Incontinence management — 0.84
  - Incontinence supplies — 0.81
- Promising evidence that screening responses can help guide individualized resource recommendations

Grant Aim 3 overview: Resource promotion and outreach

Enrolling new providers and programming

Wide reaching public awareness campaign

- Older adults
- Public
- Community Centers
- Healthcare Professionals
- Insurers
- Other potential interested parties

MI Falls Prevention Coalition: Social Media and Public Relations

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https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561050574655



Informational handout available for distribution

Media Coverage: Launching the Resource

Public messaging introduced a centralized access point for Michigan fall-prevention resources.



MDHHS highlighted the launch of the Michigan 2-1-1 fall prevention feature page.



Oakland University highlighted the PT faculty role in expanding access and developing the resource.

One message: statewide fall-prevention resources are easier to find by phone or online.

Media & Presentations: Sustaining Awareness

Outreach continued through media coverage, public education, state-level presentations, and national dissemination.

1

June 2025

Launch coverage

MDHHS + OU press releases announce expanded access to fall-prevention resources

2

Sept. 2025

Public access tools

MDHHS videos + Michigan 2-1-1 elder care outreach highlight phone and online access

3

2025- 2026

Presentations to extend reach

AARP • AgeAlive • State Trauma Coalition • APTA-MI • MPPH • MASC

4

2027

National dissemination

Accepted APTA Home Health Care Academy presentation in Philadelphia, publications

Goal: Keep fall-prevention resources visible, understandable, and easy to access across Michigan and beyond.

2-1-1 Fall Prevention promotional videos, live on YouTube

📞 **Accessing fall prevention resources by phone**
https://youtu.be/l4ApVfXWW24

🌐 **Finding fall prevention programs online**
https://youtu.be/pm8vGErLWL4

📲 **Finding fall prevention programs by phone or online**
https://youtu.be/FRTGAPEbxWI

The Falls Prevention Coalition is always welcoming new members!!!!!



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Initial Utilization and Gap Analysis

211 Fall Prevention Featured Page: Web Search Summary

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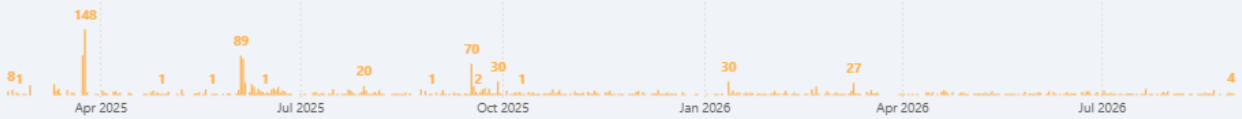
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Category: All

Select Service Names: All

Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Programs Viewed	Web Searches Unmet
2255	1823	948	432

Fall Prevention web searches over time:



Web search results by county:

County	Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Web Searches Viewed	Web Searches Unmet
Wayne	288	228	108	60
Alcona	238	150	1	88
Macomb	236	220	108	16
Oakland	217	202	120	15
Kent	141	133	44	8
Ingham	139	121	45	18
Washtenaw	96	74	48	22
Total	**2255**	**1823**	**948**	**432**

Web search results by zip code:

Zip Code	Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Web Searches Viewed	Web Searches Unmet
48038	36	33	24	3
48912	34	27	8	7
48047	29	29	1	
48911-Ingham	23	20	5	3
48101	22	19	7	3
49444	22	18	8	4
Total	**2255**	**1823**	**948**	**432**

Web search results by category and outcome of services requested:

Category	Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Web Searches Unmet
Education and Safety Planning	849	822	27
Daily Living Support	493	366	127
Home Accessibility Modifications	355	197	158
Physical Health and Wellness	353	273	80
	205	165	40
Total	**2255**	**1823**	**432**

Service Name	Web Searches Conducted	Web Sear
Bathroom Modification Services	102	
Home Modification Consultation	86	
General Medical Equipment Supplies Provision	79	
Incontinence Supplies	61	
Therapeutic Exercise	95	
Total	**2255**	**1**

Feb 2026 to September 2026

211 Fall Prevention Featured Page: Web Search Summary

Select Date Range: 3/13/2025

Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Programs Viewed	Web Searches Unmet
1702	1371	669	331

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Genesee	61	43	11	18
Kalamazoo	53	47	16	6
	49	33	948	16
Muskegon	43	37	15	6
Saint Clair	36	21	6	15
Saginaw	35	33	6	2
Jackson	34	29	6	5
Ottawa	29	24	20	5
Midland	28	24	5	4
Bay	27	24	5	3
Eaton	27	20	10	7
Berrien	22	20	9	2
Grand Traverse	21	13	1	8
Allegan	19	16	12	3
Kalkaska	18	17	5	1
Lenawee	18	14	4	4
Monroe	18	14	7	4

County	Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Web Searches Viewed	Web Searches Unmet
Muskegon	43	37	15	6
Saint Clair	36	21	6	15
Saginaw	35	33	6	2
Jackson	34	29	6	5
Ottawa	29	24	20	5
Midland	28	24	5	4
Bay	27	24	5	3
Eaton	27	20	10	7
Berrien	22	20	9	2
Grand Traverse	21	13	1	8
Allegan	19	16	12	3
Kalkaska	18	17	5	1
Lenawee	18	14	4	4
Monroe	18	14	7	4
Marquette	16	13	9	3
Huron	15	9	2	6
Livingston	15	14	5	1
Calhoun	14	13	2	1
Delta	14	8	7	6
Mason	14	12	5	2
Crawford	13	10	9	3
Clinton	12	10	4	2
Isabella	12	7	1	5
Alpena	11	6	7	5
Mackinac	11	5	1	6
Montcalm	11	8	1	3

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Van Buren	11	6	5	5
Gladwin	10	8	5	2
Emmet	9	6		3
Menominee	9	7	6	2
Chippewa	8	4	2	4
Branch	7	7		
Lapeer	7	5	5	2
Ogemaw	7	5	2	2
Charlevoix	6	5	2	1
Houghton	6	5	2	1
Iosco	6	4	2	2
Ontonagon	6	3	2	3
Saint Joseph	6	3	2	3
Sanilac	6	5		1
Antrim	5	5	2	
Ionia	5	4		1
Iron	5	3	2	2
Mecosta	5	4	1	1
Newaygo	5	5	3	
Roscommon	5	4		1
Shiawassee	5	5	1	
Wexford	5	3	1	2
Baraga	4	3		1
Cass	4	2	1	2
Hillsdale	4	3		1
Leelanau	4	2	1	2
Oceana	4	4	2	

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Education and Safety Planning

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Fall Prevention Programs	572	550	22
Personal Alarm Systems for Older Adults	128	128	0
Specialized Information and Referral for Older Adults	80	75	5
Telephone Reassurance	69	69	0

Physical Health and Wellness

Service Name	Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Web Searches Unmet
Exercise Classes Groups	166	163	3
Walking Programs	92	58	34
Therapeutic Exercise	95	52	43

Daily Living Support

Service Name	Web Searches Conducted	Web Searches Met	Web Searches Unmet
General Medical Equipment Supplies Provision	79	28	51
Personal Care	85	84	1
General Yard Work	71	71	0
Housekeeping Assistance	62	36	26
Home Delivered Meals	66	66	0
Incontinence Supplies	61	14	47
Incontinence Management Programs	42	42	0
Homemaker Assistance	27	25	2

Home Accessability Modifications

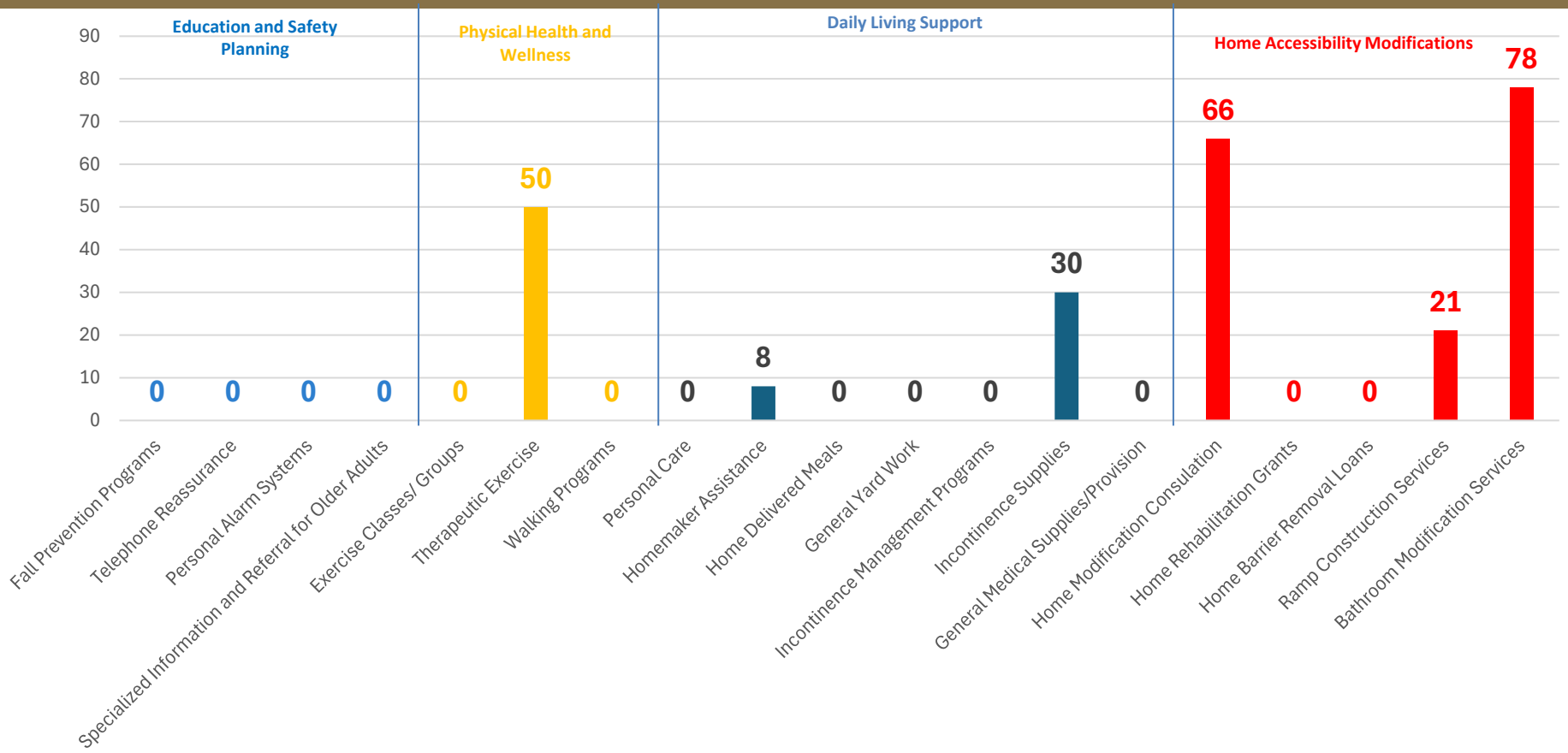
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Gap Analysis by County in Michigan

Data as of September 2026

Number of Michigan Counties without a Listing (83 possible counties) September 2026



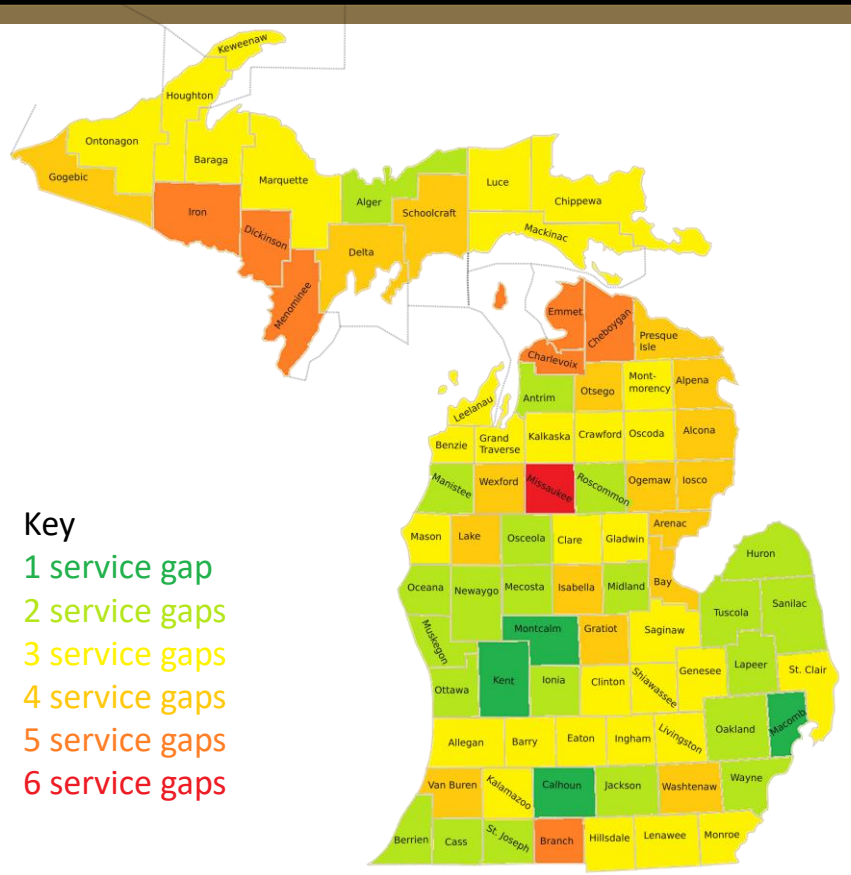
Overall Findings

- All 83 Michigan counties have at least one listing and have a listing in every category!
- All counties have 13 of 19 possible services with at least one listing
- No counties with all services fully accounted for
- Bathroom Modification Services category has the most counties missing listings

Services Not Listed in Every County	Number of Counties Missing	Percentage of Total Counties
Bathroom Modification Services	78	94%
Home Modification Consultation	66	80%
Therapeutic Exercise	50	60%
Incontinence Supplies	30	36%
Ramp Construction Services	21	25%
Homemaker Assistance	8	10%

Gap Analysis of Services

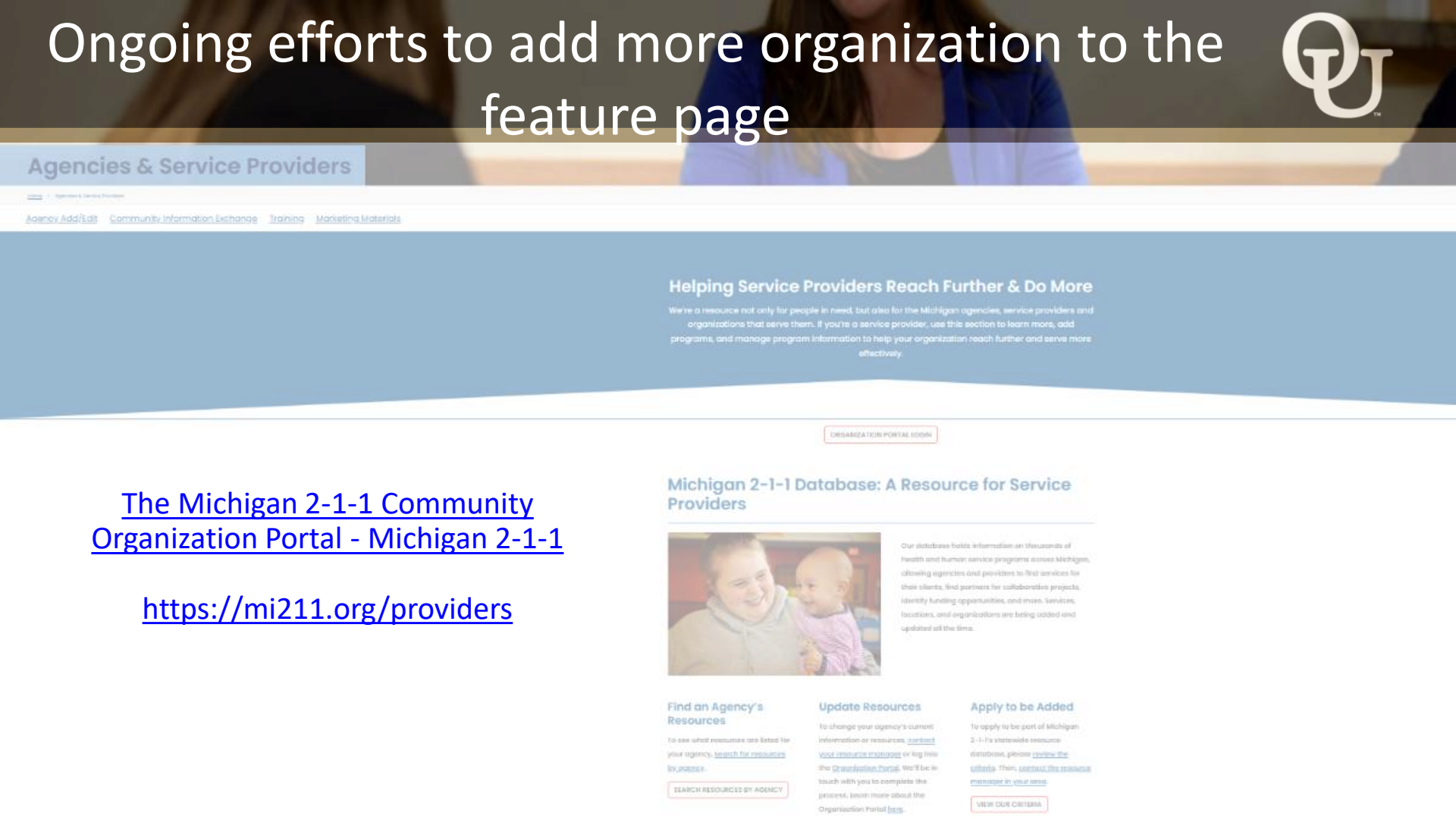
Number of Service Gaps	Number of Counties	Name of Counties
1	4	Calhoun, Kent, Macomb, Montcalm
2	22	Alger, Antrim, Berrien, Cass, Huron, Ionia, Jackson, Lapeer, Manistee, Mecosta, Midland, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Roscommon, Sanilac, St. Joseph, Tuscola, Wayne
3	32	Allegan, Baraga, Barry, Benzie, Clare, Crawford, Chippewa, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, Houghton, Ingham, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Lenawee, Leelanau, Livingston, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Mason, Monroe, Montmorency, Oscoda, Ontonagon, Saginaw, St. Clair, Shiawassee
4	17	Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Bay, Delta, Gogebic, Gratiot, Isabella, Iosco, Lake, Ogemaw, Otsego, Presque Isle, Schoolcraft, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wexford
5	7	Branch, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Dickinson, Emmet, Iron, Menominee
6	1	Missaukee



Update from 2025 to 2026

- Overall coverage by county increased from 79.71% to 83.96%
  - ~4% increase
- Overall distribution shifted toward ↓identified service gaps per county
- Counties with 4+ gaps decreased from **32 to 25**
- Counties with 1–2 gaps increased from **19 to 26**
- **32 counties remained at three gaps**, making this the largest group
- **25 counties changed categories**, with more counties moving to fewer gaps than moving to more gaps

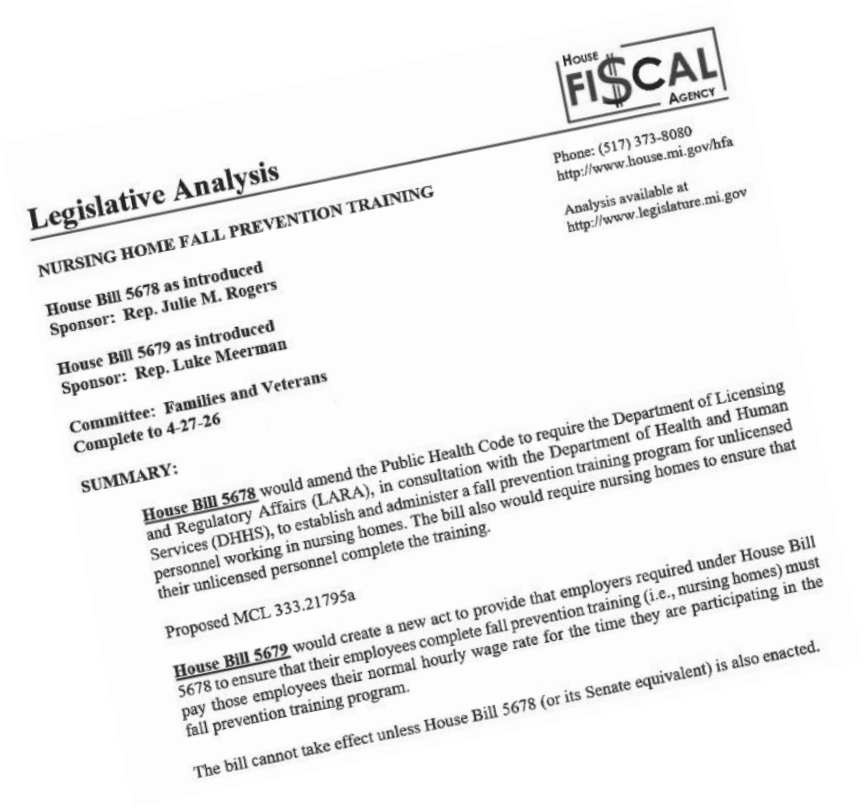
Ongoing efforts to add more organization to the feature page



[The Michigan 2-1-1 Community Organization Portal - Michigan 2-1-1]

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Evidence into Policy



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NURSING HOME FALL PREVENTION TRAINING

House Bill 5678 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Julie M. Rogers

House Bill 5679 as introduced
Sponsor: Rep. Luke Meerman

Committee: Families and Veterans
Complete to 4-27-26

SUMMARY:

House Bill 5678 would amend the Public Health Code to require the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), in consultation with the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), to establish and administer a fall prevention training program for unlicensed personnel working in nursing homes. The bill also would require nursing homes to ensure that their unlicensed personnel complete the training.

Proposed MCL 333.21795a

House Bill 5679 would create a new act to provide that employers required under House Bill 5678 to ensure that their employees complete fall prevention training (i.e., nursing homes) must pay those employees their normal hourly wage rate for the time they are participating in the fall prevention training program.

The bill cannot take effect unless House Bill 5678 (or its Senate equivalent) is also enacted.



Discussion and Questions



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