



Self Determination Delivered

October 2025 - December 2025



Things to Do

Hartley Outdoor Festival at Murphy Farm



When: Saturday, Oct 11 - 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Where: Murphy Farm 13240 W. Townline Rd. St. Charles, MI

Cost: Free - Donations accepted

Hands-on crafts and games, seasonal fun, living history experiences, and artisan activities.

Frankenmuth Scarecrow Fest

When: Saturday, Oct 18 - Sunday, Oct 19 - 12 PM to 6 PM

Where: Frankenmuth River Place Shops, 925 S. Main St.

Cost: Free Admission, some activities have a small fee.

Pumpkin bowling, painting, pumpkin catapulting, dog performances, and a dog costume contest.



Halloween at the SVRC Market!

When: Friday, Oct 24 - 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM

Where: SVRC Marketplace, 203 S. Washington, Saginaw

Cost: Free - Come dressed up in costume.

Vendors will be passing out goodies & more.

Holidays in the Heart of the City

When: Friday, November 21 - 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Includes free Christmas Concerts, Horse-Drawn wagon rides, open houses at Children's Zoo, Anderson Enrichment Center, Japanese Tea House, and so much more.



Pride Christmas Parade

When: Saturday, November 22 - 11 AM

Where: Parade will begin at corner of Washington and Johnson and go south on S. Washington to Ezra Rust Ave, Saginaw

Dow Gardens Christmas Walk

When: December 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13 - 5 PM to 8 PM

Where: Dow Gardens, 1809 Eastman Ave. Midland, MI 48640

Take a stroll through the gardens enjoying evenings of candlelight and music.

Cost: Free



Pumpkin Pancakes

Prep Time - 10 minutes

Total Time: 25 minutes

Cook Time - 15 minutes

Servings—10 pancakes

Ingredients:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 cup milk or buttermilk
- 1/2 cup pumpkin puree
- 1 large egg
- 2 tablespoon melted butter - plus more for cooking
- 1 teaspoon vanilla



Instructions:

1. **Mix dry ingredients:** In a large bowl whisk together flour, sugars, baking powder, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and ginger.
2. **Combine wet ingredients:** In another bowl whisk milk, pumpkin puree, egg, melted butter, and vanilla until smooth.
3. **Make Batter:** Pour wet ingredients into dry ingredients and stir until just combined (do not overmix; a few lumps are fine).
4. **Cook pancakes:** Heat a skillet or griddle over medium heat and grease lightly with butter. Pour 1/4 cup of batter for each pancake. Cook until bubbles form on the surface (about 2 minutes), then flip and cook another 1-2 minutes until golden.
5. **Serve:** Stack pancakes and top with butter, syrup, or whipped cream.



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24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE

(989) 792-9732 or (800) 233-0022

DON'T FORGET TO
FALL BACK



**November
2nd**

Electronic Visit Verification (EVV)



Stuart Wilson's office is in the process of finishing getting everyone moved over to the EVV system. Overnights and training will still need to be completed on paper timesheets and submitted in person or emailed to payroll@stuartwilsonfi.com



SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY



If you are feeling anxious, stressed, or depressed and need someone to talk to, help is available:

Call (989) 272-0275

24 hours a day, 365 days a year

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Upcoming Learning Links

Tuesday, October 28 10 AM and 11 AM

Painted Pottery - come and paint some ceramic works of art with us to create your own masterpiece.



Tuesday, November 25 – 10 AM and 11 AM

STARS - Come and learn about the public transportation system that Saginaw offers

**Tuesday, December 16 –10 AM
and 11 AM**



Painting Holiday Ornaments - Explore your artistic and creative side as you paint your own ornament.



All Learning Links take place at the Anderson Enrichment Center

120 Ezra Rust Dr, Saginaw, MI 48601



Absorb—SCCMHA Learning Management System (LMS)

The SCCMHA Central Education Department has changed over to the new Absorb training platform. This new platform will be more user friendly for finding all of your trainings, you will be able to check to make sure they have been completed in real time, and have access to your transcripts. Training paperwork has been included with this newsletter. Any questions contact the Education Department : CEU.Misc@sccmha.org





Self Determination

October 1, 2025

Re: Time Sheet/Progress Notes, Absorb Training, Onboarding Electronic EVV Implementation

Dear Employer,

The SCCMHA Education department has implemented a new training system, Absorb. This new training system will make it easier to locate your trainings, you will be able to see that they have been completed in real time and have access to your own transcripts.

Stuart Wilson's office has been working with The State of Michigan and has partnered with HHAeXchange, Michigan's contracted provider, to implement a smart phone application named EVVIE. Stuart Wilson's office began a soft launch last September with compliance steadily increasing thereafter, and has gotten almost everyone signed up, overnights and trainings will still need to be completed by paper copy and submitted in person or emailed to payroll@stuartwilsonfi.com. Employers and/or staff may obtain additional copies of the "Self-Directed Time Sheet & Progress Notes" form from our SCCMHA Customer Service Desk located at 500 Hancock in Saginaw. Additional forms are also enclosed.

We hope you enjoy the enclosed Self-Determination Delivered Newsletter! We are always open to suggestions on items you would like to see added to our quarterly newsletter. Please feel free to contact us with any recommendations, questions, or concerns.

Regards,

The Self-Determination Department

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Enclosures: Time Sheet/Progress Notes, Absorb Training, and Self-Determination Delivered Newsletter