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## **Heroin bust raises importance of community support services**

Michigan's largest heroin bust in Pontiac this past week brings to light the critical need for substance abuse treatment in Oakland County. For millions of Americans, treatment and support of a recovery community offers the most hope for overcoming addictions. These individuals not only stop using substances, they reestablish friendships and family ties, become productive and responsible citizens, and very often help other addicted people begin to walk the same path

Bringing it back to the community level, Oakland Family Services offers a variety of outpatient treatment services for all ages. These services address substance abuse treatment and recovery through innovative programs and counseling to support individuals who are struggling.

"Situations like this drug bust raise many eyebrows. For many it's hard to believe that in Oakland County, such a large amount of an illegal substance was stored only to be sold and used on our streets", states Erika Alexander, Director of Behavioral Health Services. "From the perspective of treatment, substance abuse and addiction destroys individuals and their families. Oakland Family Services strives to eliminate that destruction and provide proper treatment, sobriety or abstinence, and recovery. "

Oakland Family Services provides confidential services and understands the importance of earning clients trust and serves more than 45,000 children, adolescents, and adults every year. There are four convenient office locations in Oakland County – Berkley, Pontiac, Rochester and Walled Lake.

For more information about programs, visit [www.oaklandfamilyservices.org](http://www.oaklandfamilyservices.org) or contact (248) 858-7766.

Oakland Family Services is a private, nonprofit, human service agency that provides **prevention, education, support and treatment programs** to families and individuals throughout Oakland County and southeastern Michigan since 1921.

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