

# WELCOME!



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NATIONAL HOME

# VFW NVS Training 2022


















# MICHIGAN

## POPULATED PLACES

- 500,000 – 999,999 ○ Detroit  
100,000 – 499,999 ○ Ann Arbor  
25,000 – 99,999 ○ Saginaw  
24,999 and less ○ Ishpeming  
State capital ☆ Lansing  
Urban areas

## TRANSPORTATION

- Interstate; limited access highway   
Other principal highway   
Railroad   
Ferry   
Airport 

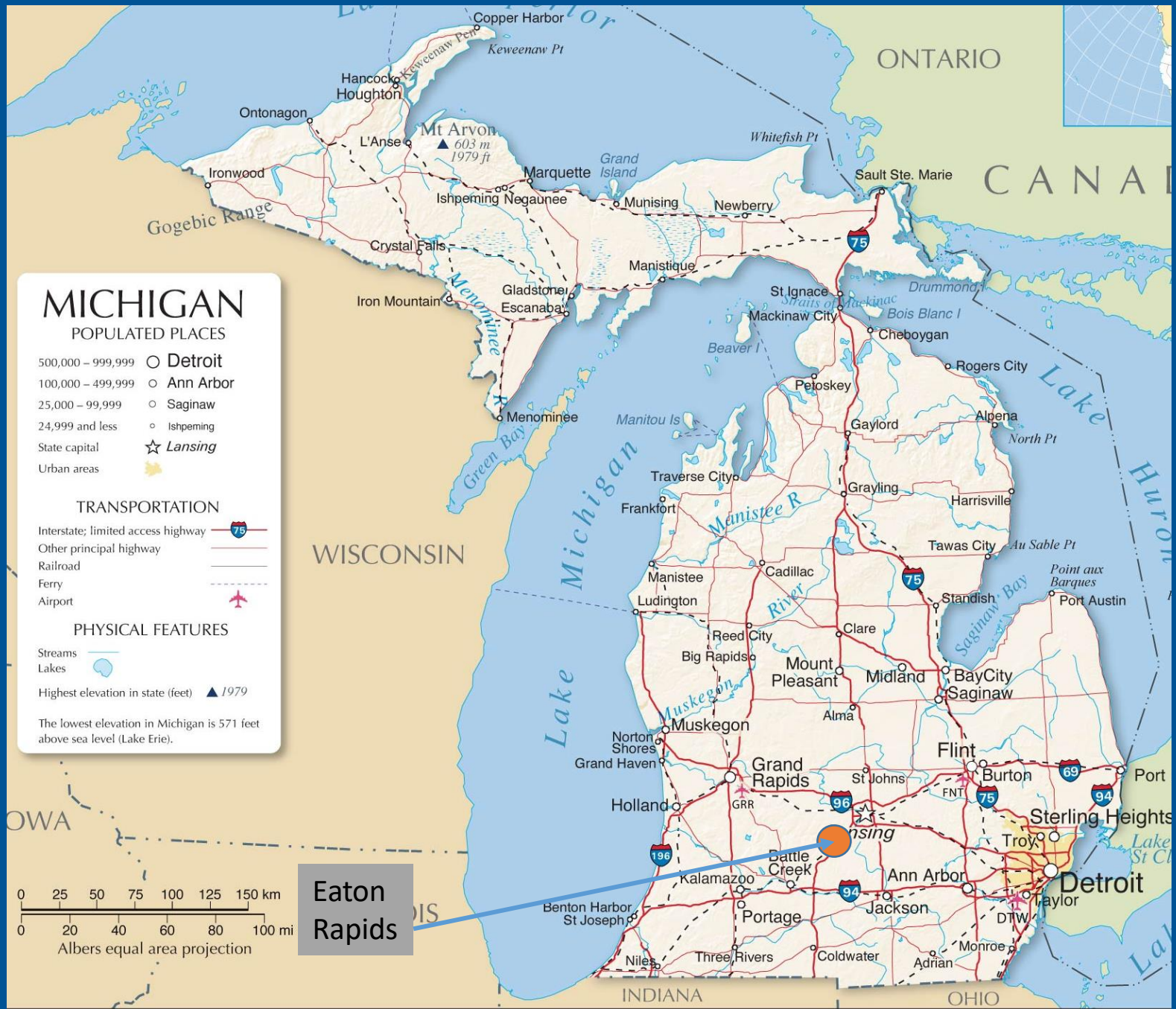
## PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Streams   
Lakes   
Highest elevation in state (feet) ▲ 1979

The lowest elevation in Michigan is 571 feet above sea level (Lake Erie).

0 25 50 75 100 125 150 km  
0 20 40 60 80 100 mi  
Albers equal area projection

Eaton  
Rapids





What began as the dream of a young woman named Amy Ross in 1923, a donation of farmland, and the resources and backing of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the VFW National Home has grown from a small community of WWI widows and orphans into a vibrant and modern program for our nation's military and veteran families to build a strong foundation for the future.



*Amy Ross*



## The National Home's Mission

*The VFW National Home assists military, veterans, and their families with children, by creating a foundation of services and resources to achieve their personal and family goals in order to move forward in a positive, safe and healthy environment.*



## The National Home's Priorities

1. Veterans and Families
2. Communication
3. Funds and Finance





## What We Value

1. Integrity – Doing the Right Thing
2. Community – A group of like-minded people
3. Family – A core unit working and learning together
4. Veteran Driven – Strong and deliberate focus on Veteran Support
5. Accountability – Conducting ourselves ethically and with honor

# The National Home Community

Over 620 Acres of land

80 Acre campus

42 Single-family homes

Museum

Supportive Structures:

Community Center

Gymnasium

Fitness Center

Library

Computer Lab

Meeting Spaces

Classrooms







MICHIGAN HOUSE





INDIANA HOUSE





AIR FORCE – AIR NATIONAL GUARD HOUSE

# The National Home Program

## Active Duty/Deploying

- May include Unaccompanied Tours
- Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
- Can be a spouse with children, or to assist in supporting a guardian serving as the family plan for deployment.
- Single or Married with dependent child(ren)

## Veteran

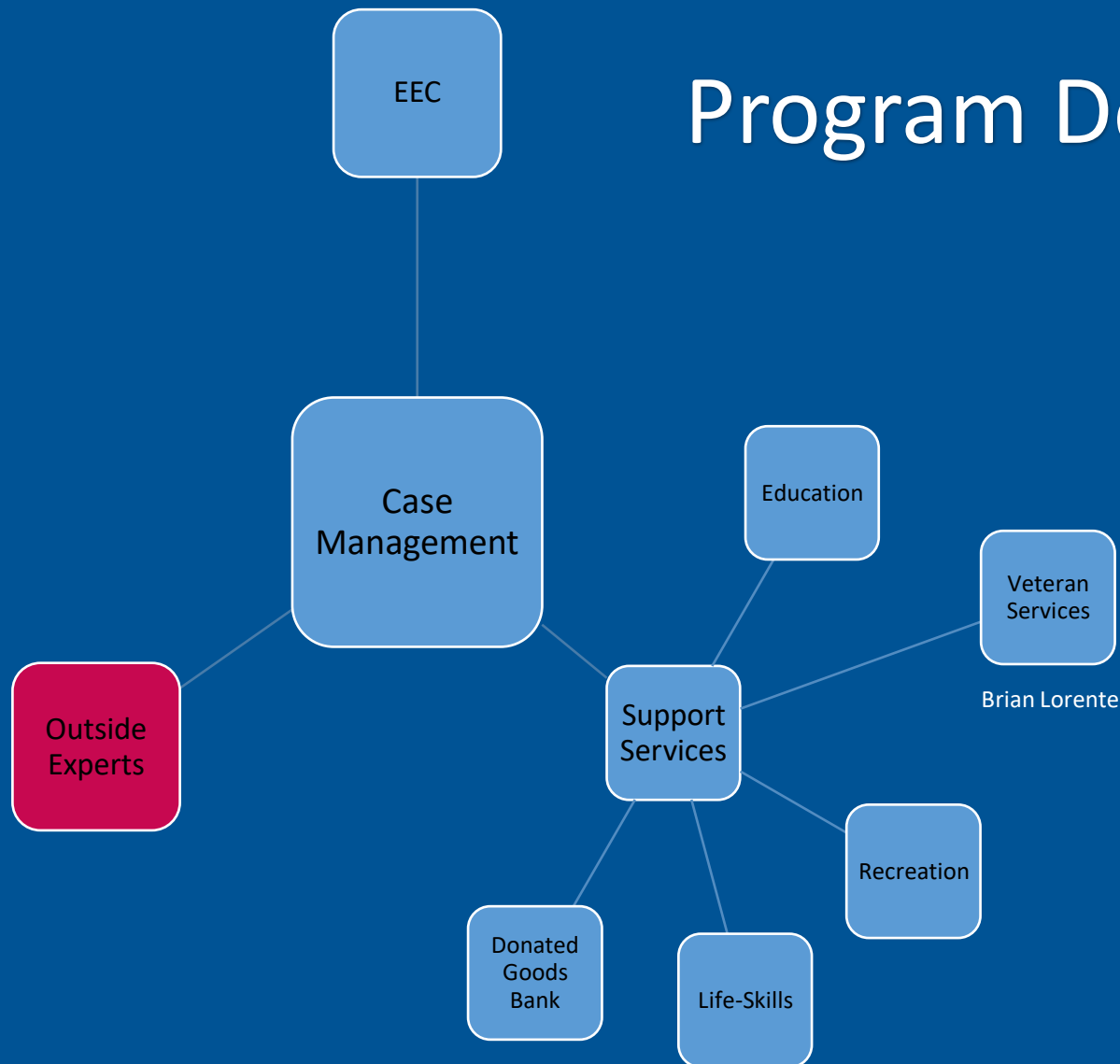
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## VFW/Auxiliary

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# Program Department



# Veteran Services



# Veteran Services

## Veteran Resources Available

- Accredited VSO
- Local Peer Supporters/ Navigators
- Cup of Joe
- Local VA support and partnership
- Job Placement
- Education Assistance
- VA Healthcare within 20 miles
- Michigan Veteran Trust Fund
- NGAM Veteran Support Grants
- Local VFW's within ten miles
- Zero Day, Team RWB, Team Rubicon



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**Veteran and Family Resource Manager**

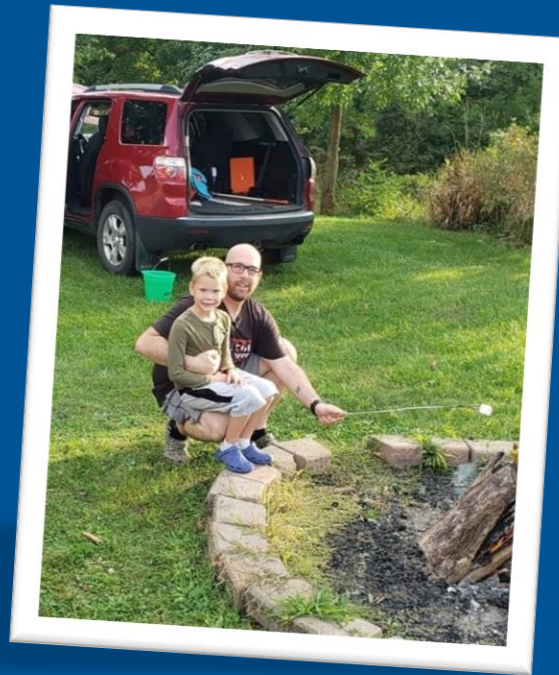
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# Benefits and Expectations

- Case Management
- Housing
- Utilities
- Supportive Services
  - On-campus
  - Referrals to outside experts



- ▶ Follow agreements
  - Facilities and Program Agreements
- ▶ Work on goals
  - Family Plan
- ▶ 40 hours productivity
- ▶ Attend classes/events



# Case Management



# Early Education Center





Education Department





# Summer Enrichment Program



4H





*Tribute  
Park*





THEY WERE THE FIRST TO SEE THE  
"GREAT WHITE NORTH" AND  
THE "GREAT WHITE NORTH"  
IN 1911  
BY  
JOHN AND FREDERICK  
AND THEIR CHILDREN  
IN 1911  
IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE NORTH





In honor of Florida's own veteran  
**Jack McDermott**  
VFW National Home for Children's  
Past Board President  
2012-2013  
Donated by Ladies Auxiliary Department of Florida  
2014-2015





Buddy Poppy Child



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## 800-313-4200

 OUR HELPLINE: 800-313-4200

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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### GET STARTED

Please reach out to our Helpline with questions at [800-313-4200](tel:800-313-4200), calls answered M-F 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Eastern Time.

Fields marked with an \* are required

**What is your current marital status? \***

- ☐ Single
- ☐ Married
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Other

**How many children under the age of 18 are in your physical custody? \***

# Application Process

## Inquiry

- Inquiry: Caller connects with a helpline specialist to determine eligibility to receive an application

## Apply

- Application: Eligible callers are mailed a paper application for the program

## Initial Review

- Start of assessment process of whether to close or continue the application to the next phase.

## Interview

- Assigned case managers will contact them to schedule interviews. We typically conduct 3-4 interviews where we gather information about the family, background, motivation, goals and begin to develop a possible productivity plan

## Reference

- We contact references provided by the applicants

## Final Review

- Application, interview responses, references and other collected information is presented to the team to make a final recommendation

## Closure/ Admission

- Three outcomes: accepted, off-campus, closed



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