

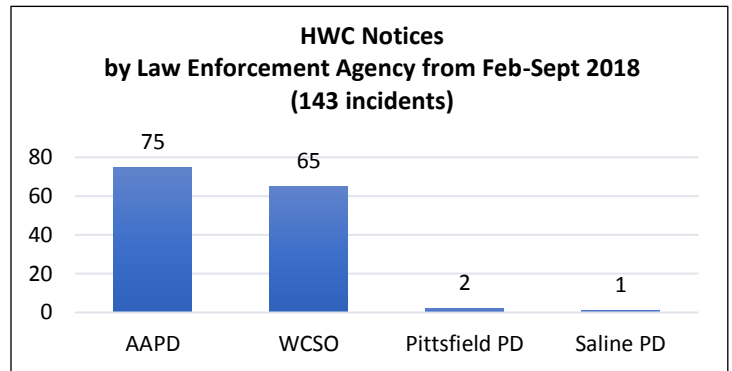


Update on Handle with Care

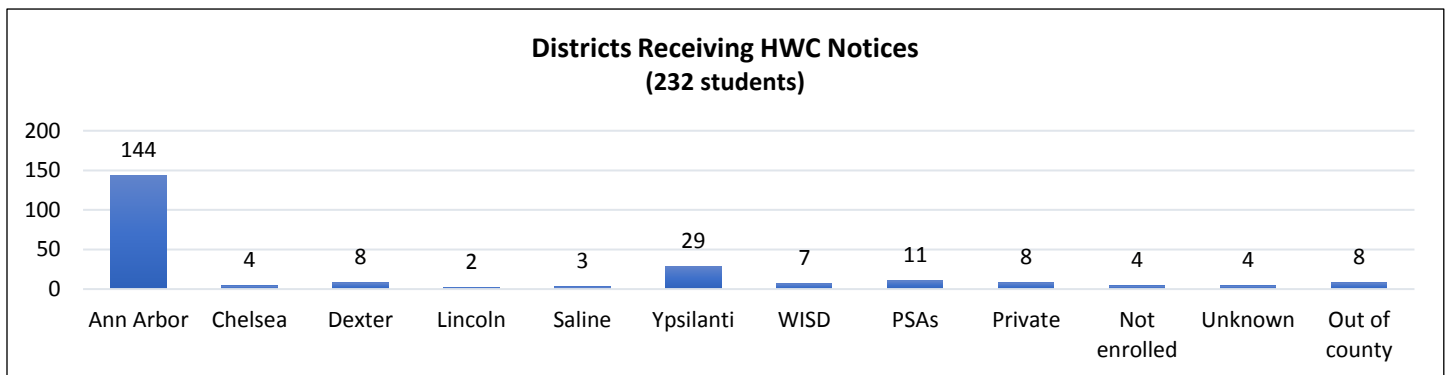
What is Handle with Care? Essentially, it bridges the communication gap between schools and law enforcement so that when police are on the scene of a potentially traumatic incident that a child has witnessed or experienced, they'll contact the child's school via email before school starts the next day. Children should then receive appropriate interventions so they can succeed in school to the best of their ability.

Which law enforcement agencies are participating?

Handle with Care launched throughout Washtenaw County on February 1, 2018. We have had great support from AAPD and WCSO so far, but we would like to get more law enforcement agencies on-board. ***If you have a relationship with any local police chiefs, please let them know you would like them to implement Handle with Care.***



Which schools have received HWC notices?



What has Community Mental Health's role been?

CMH receives a copy of each HWC notice and looks to see if the student has currently or in the past been a CMH patient. If so, CMH makes contact with the family to see if their assistance is needed. ***We don't know of any schools that have referred HWC students via the CMH Crisis Line yet, but we would love more feedback on this from schools.***

We need your help

- ***Please update the list of HWC contacts for your district.*** Make sure there are enough contacts (but not more than 5) to provide coverage if someone is out for the day. The goal is for the district contacts to get a message to teachers before school starts the morning after the incident.
- We trained about 75 school staff from across the county in January. ***If you would like an additional opportunity for staff to be trained on the Handle with Care process,*** please contact [Shannon Novara](#).
- There is a small network of ACE Interface-certified trainers who can deliver a presentation entitled, ***"Understanding Adverse Childhood Experiences: Building Self-Healing Communities."*** The presentation is typically about 90-120 minutes. If you are interested in this training, please contact [Shannon Novara](#), and she'll put you in touch with the local trainers to schedule a presentation.
- CMH regularly offers a training on ***"24 Hour Crisis Support for All Children & Families."*** Learn how to access the 24-hour mobile crisis team, obtain training on the Columbia Suicide Severity Scale, and review a new protocol to refer to UM Psychiatric Emergency Services. The next training is at WISD on 9/28/18. [Click here to register.](#)
- If you have any feedback, questions, comments, or success stories about **Handle with Care**, please contact [Shannon Novara](#).