



2025-2026 Annual Implementation Plan Highlights

CareWell Services Southwest
(Region 3B Area Agency on Aging)
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An Area Agency on Aging serving Barry and Calhoun counties.
MI Choice Waiver agent in Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren Counties

Introductions

ACLS Bureau Regional Aging Representative:
Julie Cortright

Leadership Team:

Jim Baldwin, Chair, Policy Board

Stacy Wines, CEO

Paulette Porter, COO

Amber Logsdon, CCO

Planning and Service Area (PSA):

PSA: Barry and Calhoun Counties, Rural



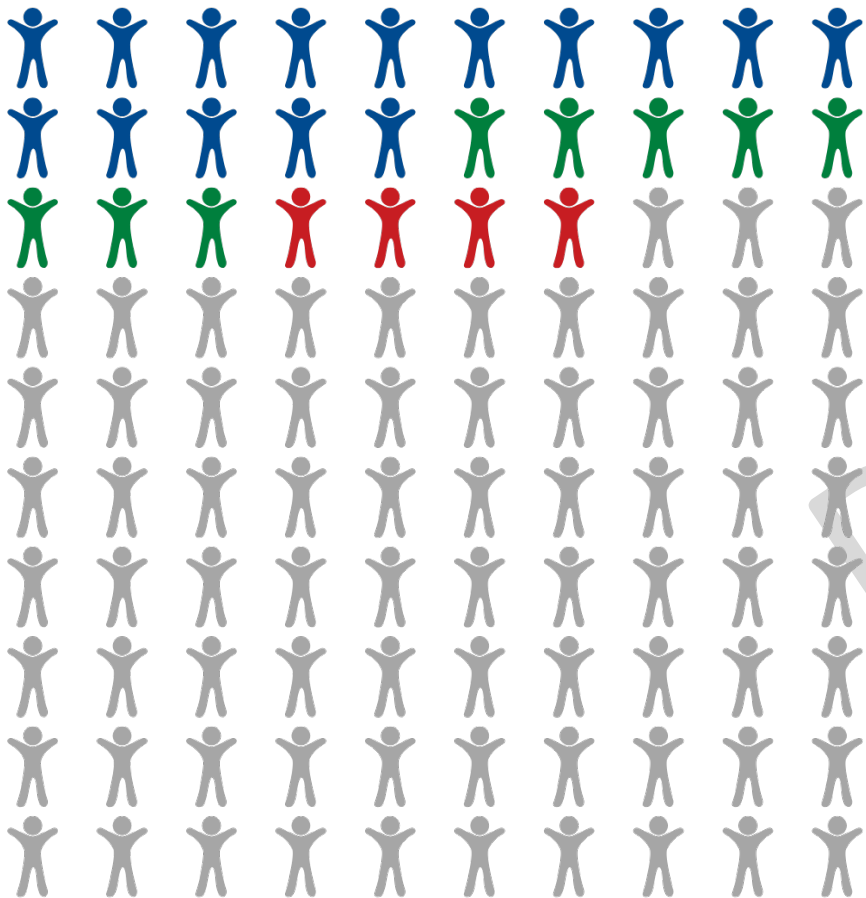
CareWell Services cares about seniors

OUR MISSION is to promote health, independence, and choice for seniors, persons with disabilities, and caregivers.

OUR VISION: A community where people are cared for with respect and dignity

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES: Integrity, quality, commitment, financial responsibility, and advocacy

Service Population: Barry County



There are 62,982 people in Barry County (27% are seniors):

- 15% are 60-69
- 8% are 70-79
- 4% are 80+

**13.8% of seniors 65+ live alone
7% live in poverty**

Source: Census Reporter/American Community Survey 2023 5 year

Service Population: Barry County

92% of Barry County seniors identify as white, 4% identify as Hispanic, and 3% identify as two or more races



Source: Census Reporter/American Community Survey 2023 5 year

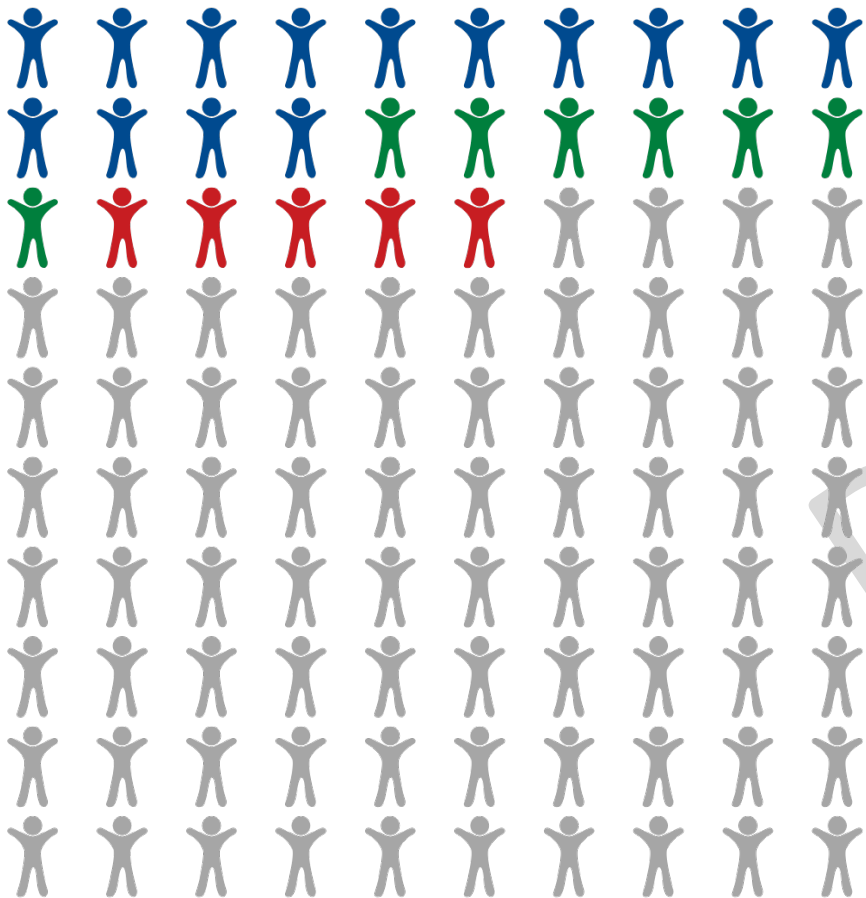
Service Population: Barry County

There are 3,366 veterans of various wars living in Barry County



Source: Census Reporter/American Community Survey 2023 5 year

Service Population: Calhoun County



There are 133,366 people in Calhoun County (26% are seniors):

- 14% are 60-69
- 7% are 70-79
- 5% are 80+

**18.9% of seniors 65+ live alone
11% live in poverty**

Source: Census Reporter/American Community Survey 2023 5 year

Service Population: Calhoun County

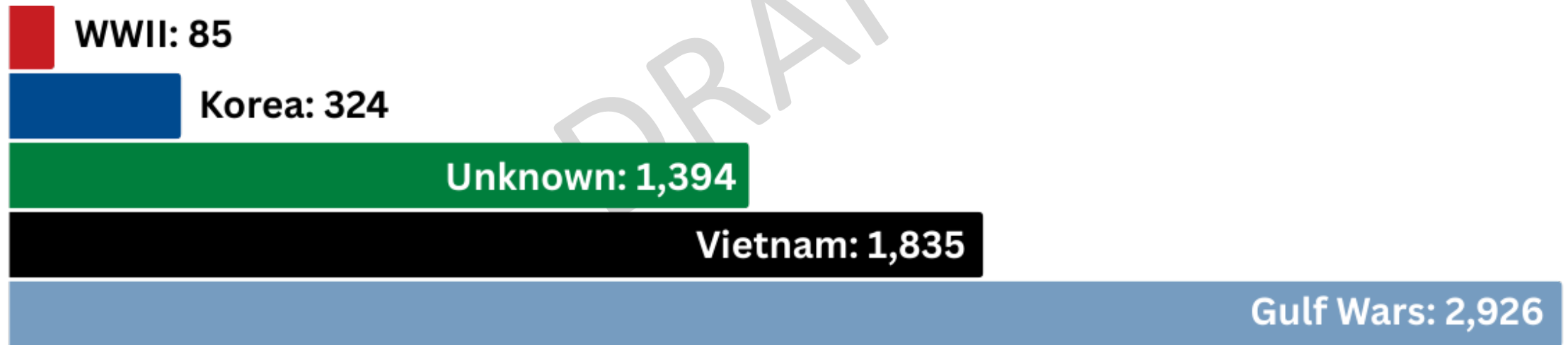
Calhoun County's senior population is more diverse, including seniors who identify as white, Black, Hispanic, Asian, two or more races, and other.



Source: Census Reporter/American Community Survey 2023 5 year

Service Population: Calhoun County

There are 6,564 veterans of various wars living in Calhoun County



Source: Census Reporter/American Community Survey 2023 5 year

Service Population: Kinship Caregivers

Nationally, as of September 2024, 2.4M children live in kinship care, 1M grandchildren are raised by their grandparents with no parents present.

In Michigan, 3% or 55,000 children live in kinship care.
This translates to $\approx 1,880$ children in Barry and ≈ 4000 children in Calhoun.

Source: Grandfamilies & Kinship Support Network/A National Technical Assistance Center/Annie E. Casey Foundation

Service Population: Adults with Disabilities

Michigan has a higher percentage of non-institutionalized adults with disabilities (21-64) than the national average.



The proportion of the population with disabilities increases with age, is higher for females than males, and declines as education and household income increase.

Source: US Census Reporter ACS 2023 5-year

Service Population: Family Caregivers

Number of Caregivers: 1,200,000

Number of Care Hours: 1,120,000,000

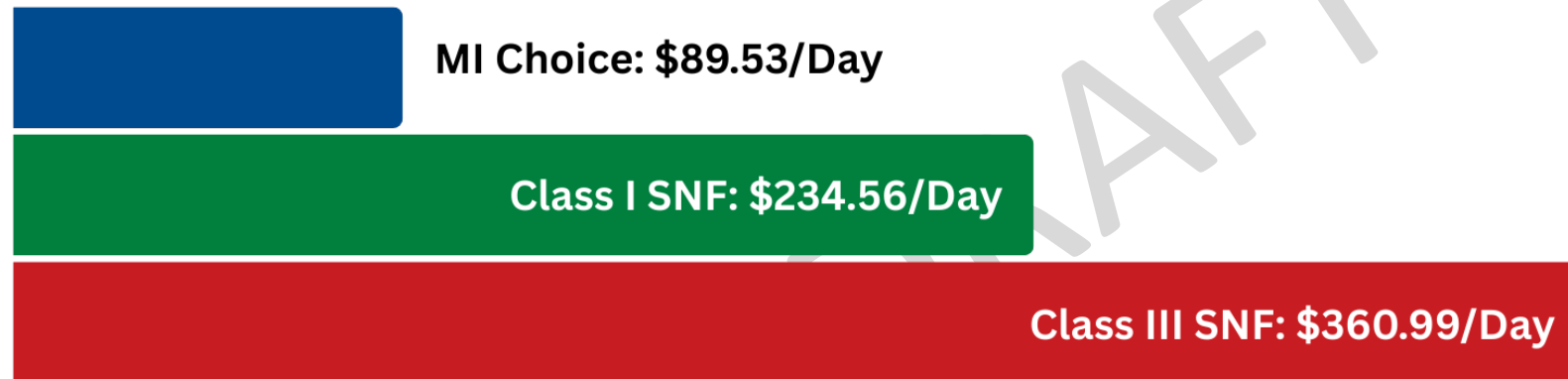
Value per Hour: \$17.39

Value: \$19,000,000

Source: National - Family Caregiver Alliance 2023

Service Population: Family Caregivers

MI Choice allows seniors to stay in their homes and get needed care for 62% less than Skilled Nursing Facilities



Source: Michigan - Family Caregiver Alliance 2023

Highlights: MYP Accomplishments

New/Expanded Programs & Services:

Dementia Caregiving, Empower@Home, PRVNT/Safe Haven, Caregiver Programs, Caregiver Resource Center, Care Transitions, Coordination & Support

Senior Center Programming: Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center/Kool Family Community Center

Other: Advocacy, Elder Abuse Coalition/CEASE, Veterans Committee, Tribal Population Relationship, Marketing & Outreach

BeWell Classes & Activities

BeWell activities exist to help people age more effectively.

Exercise & Health: Active Choices, Matter of Balance, MoveWell, Strong Bones, Diabetes PATH, WERQ

Support & Socialization: Powerful Tools for Caregivers, Grief Recovery & Support, Caregiving Circle, Obie Games



Highlights: FY 2026 Annual Implementation

2026 Priorities Include:

- **Expand Person-Centered Options Counseling**
through No Wrong Door funding
- **SHIP**
- **MIPPA**

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2026 Advocacy Efforts:

State Level:

- Expand Access to MI Choice Waiver
- Family and Informal Caregivers Support
- Increase Access to Home and Community-Based Services

Federal Level:

- FY 2026 Budget
- OAA Reauthorization

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CareWell Services financially supports additional senior services through provider contracts, including:

Home Delivered Meals and Congregate Meals,
Transportation, Chore Service, Homemaking,
Personal Care, Respite Care, Legal Assistance,
Longterm Care Ombudsman, Kinship Support Services,
Senior Center Staffing, and Adult Day Services

Stakeholder Engagement

We send our plan summary to our contacts at the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi; the Barry County Commission and the Calhoun County Commission.

Notices asking for feedback are placed in local media outlets and organizations.

We are a key partner in the development of the **Calhoun County Health Needs Assessment**.

Our **Advisory Council and Policy Board** provide varied perspectives.

We have close working relationships with many community partners.

Upcoming Anticipated Challenges

Uncertainty with federal and state funding:

- We will work to secure sustainable financial resources by diversifying
- Strengthen organizational effectiveness and adaptability
- Grow and adapt future portfolio of services, products and programs

Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (DSNPS) January 2026

Next Steps: FY 2026 Annual Implementation

- **May 19** – Joint Public Hearing
- **June 6** – Public Comment Period Ends
- **June 20** – Plan submitted to Michigan Field Representative for review
- **September 19** – Presentation to State Commission on Services to the Aging
- **October 1** – Plan implementation begins



Questions?

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