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GTCHD Announces Closure of K-Town Youth Health Center in Kingsley
GTCHD partners with Kingsley Area Schools to provide mental health services

The Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD) announced today that its **K-Town Youth Health Center** in Kingsley will **close on Thursday, December 18, 2025**, after 15 years of providing health services to adolescents aged 10 to 21.

In place of the clinic, GTCHD is **expanding services** and partnering with **Kingsley Area Schools** to establish an **Expanding, Enhancing, Emotional Health (E3) Program** at **Kingsley High School**. The E3 Program delivers **comprehensive, on-site, year-round mental health services** designed to meet students where they are — at school.

The E3 program includes a wide range of services such as **prevention and intervention, screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, education, and referrals**. A **licensed mental health provider** will be stationed at the high school to support students directly, providing convenient and consistent access to mental health care.

GTCHD currently operates two other successful E3 programs within the **Traverse City Area Public Schools**, with one provider located at **Traverse City Central High School** and another at **Traverse City West Senior High School**. The addition of the Kingsley E3 program represents a continuation of GTCHD's commitment to youth well-being and mental health access across Grand Traverse County.

"While the K-Town Youth Health Center is closing, our commitment to Kingsley youth remains stronger than ever," said Mike Lahey, GTCHD Health Officer. "By expanding our mental health programs directly into the school setting, we're making it easier for students to access the support they need — when and where they need it."

For students who require physical health services, GTCHD encourages families to visit the **Youth Health and Wellness Center** in Traverse City. Also, additional services remain available at the **GTCHD main office on LaFranier Road in Traverse City**.

For more information about the E3 Program or to learn more about GTCHD's adolescent health services, please visit www.gtcountymi.gov/Health-Department or call 231-995-6111.

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