

# IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH & PROTECTING PUBLIC SAFETY

INVESTMENTS TO MAKE MICHIGAN'S COMMUNITIES HEALTHIER AND SAFER



## VISION

Governor Whitmer wants to expand access to mental and physical health services. Her budget proposal improves access to affordable, high-quality dental services to 3 million Michiganders, raises wages for nursing home workers, forgives loans for more mental health professionals, and invests in community organizations that provide direct aid to families. As a former prosecutor, public safety is a core issue for Governor Whitmer. She wants to fund local law enforcement and first responders so families can feel safe on the road, in their communities, and at home. In her budget, she's proposing more funds to help hire local cops, firefighters, EMS, and other first responders.

## INVESTMENTS

- Improves access to dental services for the 3 million Michiganders covered by Medicaid and Healthy Michigan. This will lower their risk of long-term health conditions, prevent life-threatening infections, and alleviate persistent pain, helping them succeed at work and school and be safer and more comfortable.
- Expand access to behavioral health services by boosting capacity and forgiving student loans of more mental health professionals.
- Build a new state psychiatric complex.
- Raise wages for more nursing home workers, invest in food banks statewide, and enhance Michigan's child welfare system.
- Deliver more funds to local governments to help them hire more local police officers, firefighters, EMS, and more.
- Launch a campaign to recruit and retain more first responders and Michigan State Troopers.
- Dedicate state resources to tackling a wide range of crime including cyber crime, price gouging, and unemployment fraud.