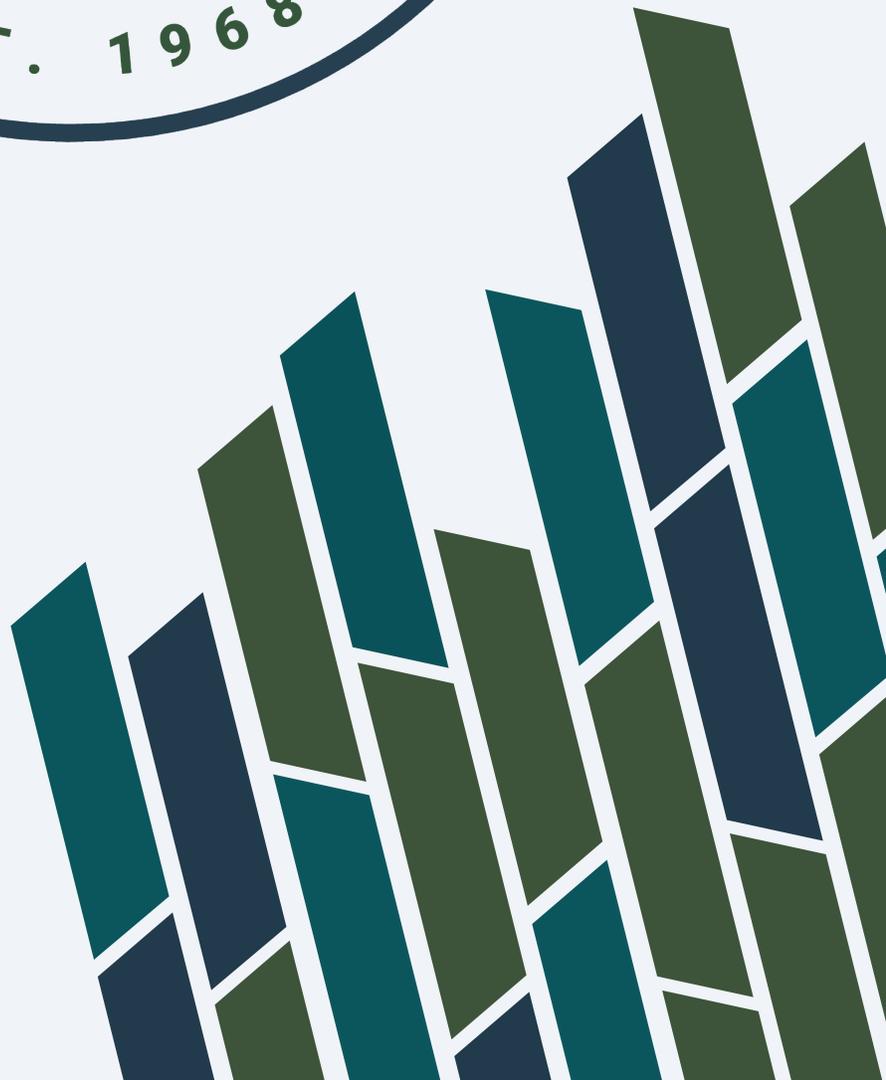




**ANNUAL
REPORT**
FISCAL YEAR 2023



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TAMMIE COLON

Although the community behavioral health system has been adjusting to ever-changing social challenges, workforce shortages, and an increased demand for services, I am proud of the work the board staff and provider organizations are doing to respond.

I cannot stress enough the importance and the role that local constituents play in allowing us to continue to do good work through their support and willingness to pass our levies.

Our operating budget of approximately 12 million dollars is strongly supported by the 48% of local levy dollars provided by the people of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties. It is my goal to ensure those funds are used responsibly.

While our statutory role is to ensure services for the most acute and chronically challenged members of our community, the need to serve those who struggle in a variety of other ways still exists and we must respond to it.

Prevention services play a vital role in changing the trajectory of many lives.

Treatment is necessary to respond to those in need.

Recovery services are necessary to support both prevention and treatment services. These services and supports ensure that people have what they need to live as successfully as they can and that finances are never a barrier to getting them.

I have faith in our communities and the people who choose to serve them that we can, in fact, allow for residents of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties to live a healthy and successful life.

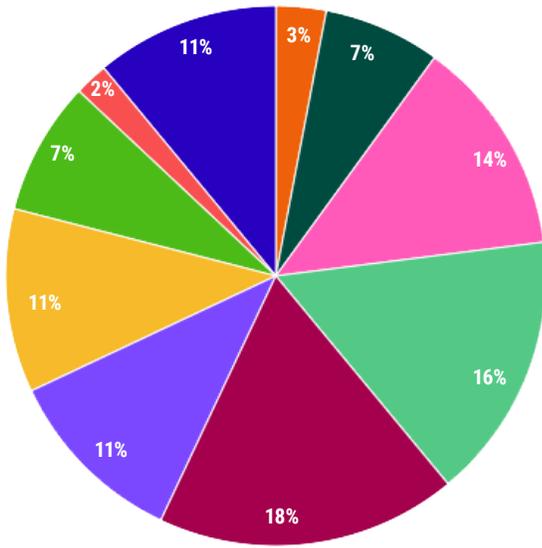
It is an honor to lead this vision for this work and to experience, alongside the people, the success we have already seen.

Tammie Colon
Executive Director of MHR SB



GENERAL MHR SB SERVICES FUNDING

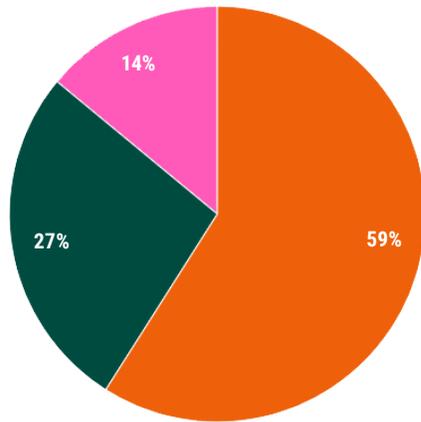
NON MEDICAID SERVICES



Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry	\$385,195
Outpatient	\$836,591
Special Projects	\$1,719,460
Crisis Services	\$2,072,831
Community & School Based Prevention	\$2,312,206
Housing	\$1,416,462
Criminal Justice	\$1,411,794
Board Administration	\$948,366
Workforce Development	\$193,178
Capital Improvements	\$1,410,425
Total	\$12,706,506

- Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry 3%
- Outpatient 7%
- Board Administration 7%
- Community & School Based Prevention 18%
- Workforce Development 2%
- Capital Improvements 11%
- Special Projects 14%
- Housing 11%
- Criminal Justice 11%
- Crisis Services 16%

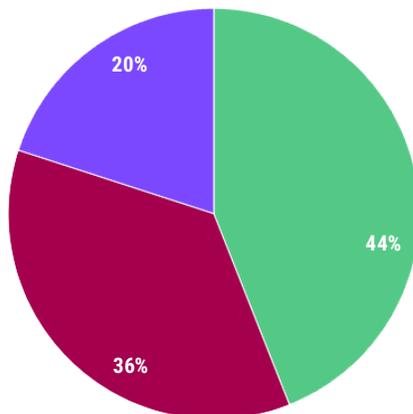
LEVY COLLECTIONS



- Allen 59%
- Auglaize 27%
- Hardin 14%

Allen	\$3,101,698
Auglaize	\$1,438,155
Hardin	\$759,190
Total	\$5,299,042

BOARD FUNDING BREAKDOWN



- Levy 44%
- State 36%
- Federal 20%

Levy	\$5,299,042
State	\$4,417,482
Federal	\$2,444,245
Total	\$12,160,770

ALLEN COUNTY

TREATMENT

MOMS Program

31 moms served

In partnership with Coleman Health Services and Mercy Health, this program serves pregnant mothers who are struggling with substance use disorders to provide wrap-around services for mom and baby to lead to a healthier future.

Mercy OBOT Clinic

219 Allen County residents served

The Mercy Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Clinic provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and navigation services for treating substance use disorders outside of the community behavioral health system.

Daytime Crisis

85 Allen County students served; 19 hospitalized

A service that provides crisis response to schools by conducting an assessment and connecting the student to the identified treatment, safety plan, or hospitalization. Operated by Family Resource Center.

I Mind

42 Allen County students served

The I Mind program is an early intervention strategy for youth using substances, and is open to referrals from parents along with school referrals. Facilitated by PASS.

PREVENTION & POSTVENTION

CISM

22 responses

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a volunteer team of public safety professionals that responds to community tragedies to help people process the incident, become resilient, and recover from a critically stressful incident. Facilitated by PASS.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Pretrial Services at Lima Municipal Court

525 individuals served; reduction of 467 jail bed days with a cost savings of \$983,779 in jail bed days

Pretrial Services provide early intervention and connection to behavioral health treatment rather than jail time for misdemeanor offenders.

Allen Juvenile Court Behavioral Health Navigation

239 youth served

Behavioral Health Navigation increases access to services for youth involved with the juvenile court.

Goodwill Re-Entry Coalition

The Coalition brings together many community stakeholders to ensure citizens returning to the community from incarceration have all the services and resources to become successful.



SPECIALTY PROJECTS AND INNOVATION

211

4,619 calls

The MHR SB invested in 211, Allen County’s resource line, to provide up-to-date information on behavioral health services. This partnership with Area Agency on Aging helps identify callers’ primary needs for better support. While services in Auglaize and Hardin Counties are already in the database, the goal is to fully expand 211 to those counties.



Get Connected. Get Help.™

Guardianship Board

36 individuals served

The Guardianship Board provides guardianship services to individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities lacking a legal guardian. This partnership with the United Way of Greater Lima, Allen County Probate Court, Allen County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and our local hospitals ensures those unable to make medical decisions have access to a guardian.

Expanded Naloxone Distribution

1,797 Project Dawn Naloxone Kits distributed

In Fiscal Year 2023, naloxone distribution in Allen County more than doubled from the previous year. Allen County Public Health, with the MHR SB’s help, achieved this increase through new partnerships and programs, such as Leave Behind programs with local EMS. Project Dawn operated by Allen County Public Health.

Family Stabilization Navigation

100 families served; 22 children remained in the custody of their parent

Family Stabilization Navigation is a program in collaboration with Allen County Children’s Services. It links parents to substance use treatment to avoid the removal of their children from the home.

Changing Seasons

323 adults served

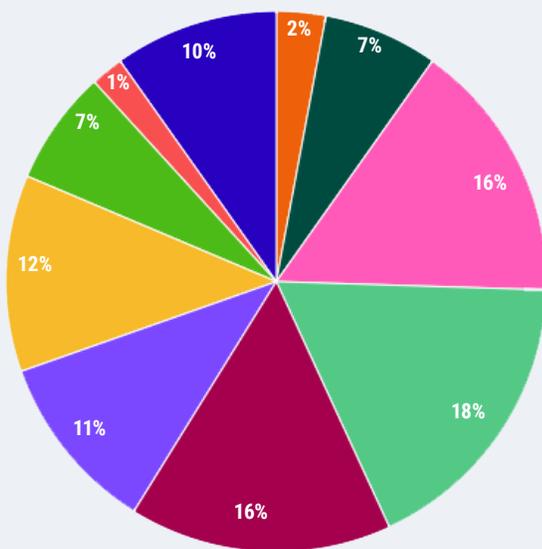
The adult drop-in center located in Lima provides support, food, activities, and resources to increase socialization and connection for individuals with mental health or substance use disorders. Operated by Coleman Health Services.

Youth Drop-In Center

183 youth served

The youth drop-in center located in Lima is open six days a week for skill building, groups, support, and resources. Operated by SAFY.

FUNDING SPENT - ALLEN COUNTY



- Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry 2%
- Community & School Based Prevention 16%
- Board Administration 7%
- Outpatient 7%
- Special Projects 16%
- Workforce Development 1%
- Housing 11%
- Capital Improvements 10%
- Criminal Justice 12%

Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry	\$196,780
Outpatient	\$552,049
Special Projects	\$1,254,051
Crisis Services	\$1,481,499
Community & School Based Prevention	\$1,324,485
Housing	\$853,401
Criminal Justice	\$927,867
Board Administration	\$540,568
Workforce Development	\$110,170
Capital Improvements	\$803,942
Total	\$8,044,813

AUGLAIZE COUNTY

TREATMENT

Mercy OBOT Clinic

40 Auglaize County residents served

The Mercy Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Clinic provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and navigation services for treating substance use disorders outside of the community behavioral health system.

Daytime Crisis

32 Auglaize County students served; 13 hospitalized

A service that provides crisis response to schools by conducting an assessment and connecting the student to the identified treatment, safety plan, or hospitalization. Facilitated by Family Resource Center.

Child Psychiatrist Dr. Wei

168 youth served

Coleman Health Services began serving adolescents through psychiatric and other supportive services at their Wapakoneta location.

I Mind

The I Mind program, an early intervention strategy for youth using substances, was added to Auglaize County locations for FY 2023. Facilitated by PASS.

School Navigation

Expanded providers and hours

School Navigation provides on-site support to schools for circumstantial concerns through the SBIRT model. Assistance is also provided to families to help them navigate recommended services.

PREVENTION & POSTVENTION

CISM Responses

4 responses

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a volunteer team of public safety professionals that responds to community tragedies to help people process the incident, become resilient, and recover from a critically stressful incident. Facilitated by PASS.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jail Behavioral Health Coordination

303 individuals served

This service helps inmates at Auglaize County Jail connect with behavioral health services and support and provides navigation services to assist them in re-entering the community.

SPECIALTY PROJECTS AND INNOVATION

Changing Seasons

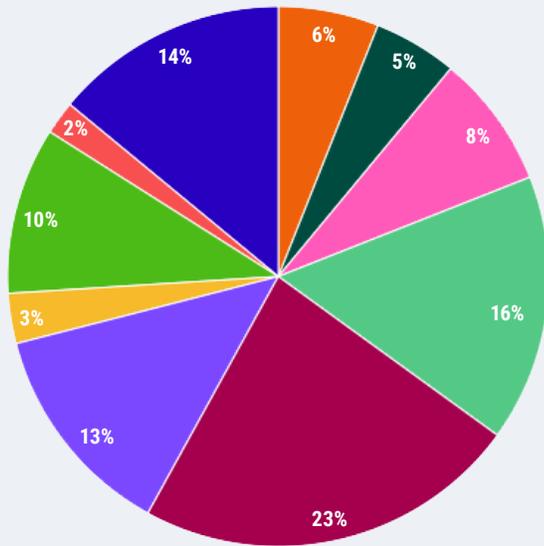
118 adults served

The adult drop-in center provides support, food, activities, and resources to increase socialization and connection for individuals with mental health or substance use disorders. Operated by Coleman Health Services in Wapakoneta.

SCHOOL NAVIGATION

The new providers for School Navigation in Auglaize County are *Key to Recovery Services* and *SAFY*, joining the Family Resource Center (FRC).

FUNDING SPENT - AUGLAIZE COUNTY



Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry	\$155,915
Outpatient	\$129,727
Special Projects	\$201,360
Crisis Services	\$393,298
Community & School Based Prevention	\$585,497
Housing	\$324,277
Criminal Justice	\$74,030
Board Administration	\$246,575
Workforce Development	\$52,083
Capital Improvements	\$366,711
Total	\$2,529,474

- Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry 6%
- Community & School Based Prevention 23%
- Board Administration 10%
- Outpatient 5%
- Housing 13%
- Workforce Development 2%
- Special Projects 8%
- Criminal Justice 3%
- Capital Improvements 14%
- Crisis Services 16%



St. Marys Middle & High School Staff for Be Seen With Green

HARDIN COUNTY

TREATMENT

Mercy OBOT Clinic

55 Hardin County residents served

The Mercy Office Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) Clinic provides Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and navigation services for treating substance use disorders outside of the community behavioral health system.

Daytime Crisis

27 Hardin County students served; 9 hospitalized

A service that provides crisis response to schools by conducting an assessment and connecting the student to the identified treatment, safety plan, or hospitalization. Facilitated by Family Resource Center.

I Mind

38 Hardin County students served

The I Mind program is an early intervention strategy for youth using substances, and is open to referrals from parents along with school referrals. The MHRSB added Hardin County locations this year. Facilitated by PASS.

School Navigation

Expanded providers and hours

School Navigation provides on-site support to schools for circumstantial concerns through the SBIRT model. Assistance is also provided to families to help them navigate recommended services.

The new providers for School Navigation in Hardin County are **Health Partners of Western Ohio** and **SAFY**.

Kenton City Schools began receiving more navigation services.

PREVENTION & POSTVENTION

CISM Responses

6 responses

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Jail Navigation for Multi-County Correctional Facility

248 contacts at the jail

Coleman Health Services provides navigation services to Hardin County residents re-entering the community from the Multi-County Correctional Facility to connect them with treatment services.

SPECIALTY PROJECTS AND INNOVATION

Wings Drop-In Center

110 individuals served

Wings Peer Support and Recovery opened a drop-in center for adults with behavioral health disorders in September 2022. They offer a variety of skill-building opportunities, including financial training.

FCFC Coordinator

49 families served

The Family and Children First Council (FCFC) coordinates the care of Hardin County youth involved in multiple systems, ensuring they and their families receive the necessary services and support.



Wings Drop-In Center in Kenton is a safe space for anyone in the community.



PEER SUPPORT SERVICES AND SUPPORT GROUPS



HARDIN COUNTY RESOURCES NAVIGATION



LIVING ROOM AREA WITH SEATING & TV



SHOWER, CLEAN TOWELS, PERSONAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS



LAUNDRY SPACE



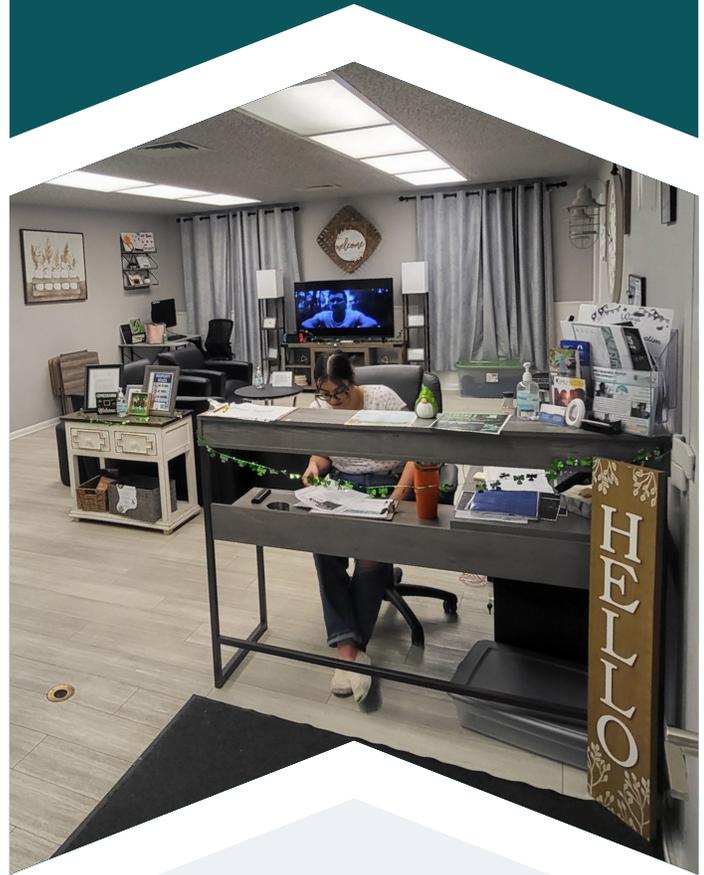
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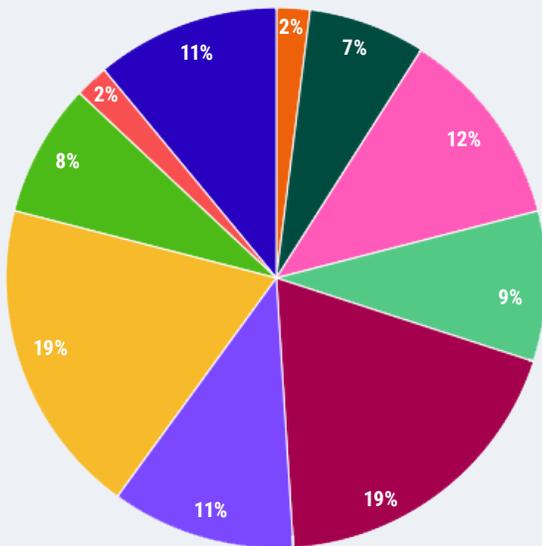
COFFEE AVAILABLE ANYTIME



ACTIVITIES LIKE BOARD GAMES, PUZZLES, AND ARTS & CRAFTS



FUNDING SPENT - HARDIN COUNTY



Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry	\$32,499
Outpatient	\$154,815
Special Projects	\$264,049
Crisis Services	\$198,034
Community & School Based Prevention	\$402,223
Housing	\$238,783
Criminal Justice	\$409,897
Board Administration	\$161,222
Workforce Development	\$30,925
Capital Improvements	\$239,772
Total	\$2,132,221

Psychiatry/Adolescent Psychiatry 2%

Outpatient 7%

Special Projects 12%

Crisis Services 9%

Community & School Based Prevention 19%

Housing 11%

Criminal Justice 19%

Board Administration 8%

Workforce Development 2%

Capital Improvements 11%

GENERAL MHR SB SERVICES

HOUSING EFFORTS

We partnered with Blass Construction and Coleman Health Services to increase our community's Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) bed capacity. These 10 PSH units will serve up to 15 individuals with complex mental health needs.

Securing safe, affordable, and dignified housing remains a barrier to effectively supporting individuals with mental health and substance use disorders. The MHR SB actively works to explore partnerships, build facilities, fund supportive housing services, and advocate at the state level for additional housing in our community.

NAMI

The Board funds our local National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio chapter, helping families navigate mental health services for loved ones. Recent efforts have expanded to include specific outreach and support for local people of color as part of MHR SB's Health Equity and Cultural Competency initiatives.

HEALTH EQUITY EFFORTS

Grew community connections

The MHR SB continues collaborating with a Health Equity and Cultural Competence (HECC) Consultant to improve delivery of behavioral health prevention and treatment services for the Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities.

The HECC Consultant initiated the Mental Health Ambassadors group, now 48 members, to raise awareness of behavioral health services. The group provides specialized Mental Health First Aid training and organizes events like "Celebrate You."

The Mental Health Ambassadors grew from 12 to 48 members.

Over 150 individuals were trained in Mental Health First Aid through the Ambassadors.

Other roles of the HECC Coordinator include:

- Evaluating and informing organizational policies and procedures to prioritize and monitor equitable community outcomes.
- Evaluating the MHR SB's current contract behavior to include consideration of health equity.
- Evaluating contract agencies' policies and practices around health equity.

DATA IMPROVEMENTS

The partnership with Ascend Innovations will continue to advance the MHR SB's systemic data collection. We are formalizing our data protocols to address existing gaps and identify common reporting standards among providers.

The MHR SB and our contract agencies receive notification when individuals seek assistance at local emergency departments, enabling follow-up and connection to local treatment services.

ACTIVATE ALLEN COUNTY

We annually support Activate Allen County in engaging local business, faith-based organizations, and schools by providing small grants promoting physical and mental wellness activities.

EAP NAVIGATION

64 businesses enrolled; 2,503 employees covered

Small businesses enrolled in the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) can provide their employees a quick connection to mental health counseling as a part of their benefits packages.

"My teenage son was having some problems regulating his emotions at school and it was recommended he receive counseling. I reached out to the representative at NexGen and was happy to find out how easy the process was. My son was very happy with his counselor and surprised by how much he enjoyed the experience. My EAP saved me so much money and helped my son so much. I'm so thankful to have NexGen EAP."

-EAP Recipient

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

YARAS is working with partner agencies to obtain certification for state and federal loan reimbursement programs, a retention and recruitment strategy. Additionally, YARAS attends career fairs to promote partner agency job openings.

The MHR SB continued its partnership with The Ohio State University at Lima to increase social work students' interest in local behavioral health positions. OSU places students at contract agencies for their internships and provides clinical supervision for students.

Summer Career Pathways

48 students participated

Prevention Awareness Support Services (PASS) hosted their Summer Career Pathways program for high school students. The program educates on careers in behavioral health and provides tours of partner agencies.

We Care Heroes

Employees of local community behavioral health providers can apply for funding from the MHR SB to assist in furthering their careers. These items could be license fees, books, course tuition, and more.

Public Student Loan Forgiveness

\$959,000 of debt forgiven

The MHR SB has been working with a consultant to help behavioral health staff in our three counties navigate student loan forgiveness through the Public Student Loan Forgiveness (PSLF).

Community Training

The MHR SB offers various training opportunities for the local behavioral health workforce. These have included a monthly addiction training series with Dr. Sorhab Dadfar, Dr. Ruby Payne's Emotional Poverty in All Demographics training, and more.

MINDWISE SCREENING REVIEW

362 competed screenings

Free and anonymous behavioral health screenings are available on the MHR SB website at wecarepeople.org/screening. A screening can be taken for oneself or on behalf of a loved one.

THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITIONS

The Suicide Prevention Coalitions are community-based prevention groups in each county supported by MHR SB and facilitated by PASS. In Fiscal Year 2023, the Coalitions:

Installed purple stop signs in many Auglaize County park locations

Marketed the local HOPEline (1-800-567-4673) on billboards

Placed signs with positive messages in Hardin County schools and on the Court House lawn

Facilitated Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention training at Ohio Northern University

Distributed suicide prevention coasters to bars in all three counties

Placed HOPEline banners on football fields in Auglaize County

THE OPIOID COMMISSION

The MHR SB is required under Ohio Revised Code section 340.30 to facilitate informing stakeholders and strategizing with them to continue to reduce the impact of opioid use within the community.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The MHR SB hired an independent consultant to assist with the Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2025. The Impact Group facilitated local stakeholder events to gather input from the community, Board of Directors, and agency staff. The results are now on the website at wecarepeople.org.

NEW MHR SB BUILDING

The MHR SB moved to 528 West Market Street in Lima, a more centrally located space to better serve the community. Digital signage installed at the new location enables us to share messages and events. This space is shared with Allen County Juvenile Justice Services, enhancing their community service capabilities.

BE SEEN WITH GREEN

May is National Mental Health Awareness Month, with green symbolizing this cause. The MHR SB organizes a month-long event called "Be Seen With Green" to raise awareness in our communities. Participants take photos "showing their green" for our social media.



2023 COMMUNITY CONNECTION

July 2022

- Launch of 988 in Ohio
- North Carolina Crisis Tour

August 2022

- Second Annual Celebrate You Event
- Activate Allen County Block Party
- Emotional Poverty in All Demographics training

September 2022

- ONU Suicide Walk
- Allen Co. Suicide Walk September 30th

October 2022

- Wings Drop-In Center Open House in Kenton
- Hosted Lima Young Professionals ProD
- Sponsor of the Community Enrichment Dinner

November 2022

- Healthy Families Expo
- Behavioral Health Staff Appreciation Day

December 2022

- Launch of Mike Schoenhofer's Book *Let This Be a Lesson for You: Thoughts About Inner Peace*
- Remembrance Dinner for those lost to suicide

January 2023

- Groundwater Training
- Sponsor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner

April 2023

- Launch of Dr. Dadfar Monthly Addiction Training Series

May 2023

- Be Seen with Green

June 2023

- New Location: 528 West Market Street
Lima, OH 45801

MEMBERSHIPS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Allen: Lima, Bluffton

Auglaize: Southwestern Auglaize, St. Marys and Wapakoneta

Hardin: Ada, Hardin Co. Chamber
FAMILY AND CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL

NAMI (+MINORITY)

OHIO PREVENTION PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION (OPPA)

OHIO SUICIDE PREVENTION FOUNDATION

AUGLAIZE CO. HOMELESS COALITION

AUGLAIZE CO. AT RISK YOUTH COUNCIL

ROTARY CLUB OF LIMA

2023 RENEWAL LEVY

The Mental Health & Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties is funded by federal, state, and local funding, with nearly half of its budgeting coming from local levies.

Our contract agencies, local partners, and community supporters came together in a remarkable collaborative effort to raise awareness about the Board’s services and importance of this local funding.

In November 2023, the residents of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties voted to renew the 5-year levy.

The passing of the renewal levy will help us continue to serve our three counties with vital services. We are thrilled to share an overwhelming majority of

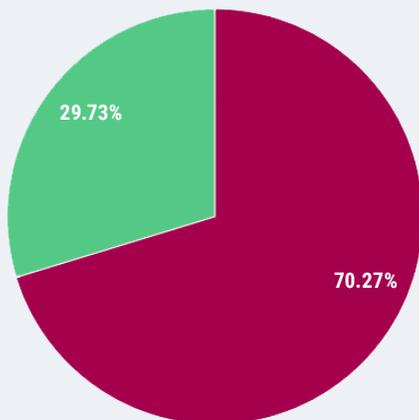
residents in each county voted for Mental Health & Recovery Services—Allen County with 70.27%, Auglaize County with 72.6%, and Hardin County with 63.6%.

Looking ahead, we are encouraged by the support from our counties as the MHRSB prepares for the upcoming 10-year levy renewal. This is not a new tax and will not lead to an increase in local taxes. The active participation of local partners and community advocates will help shape the future of our local services.

We invite you to join us once again in supporting mental health and recovery services in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties.

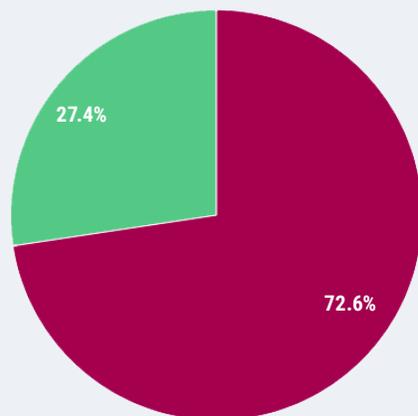


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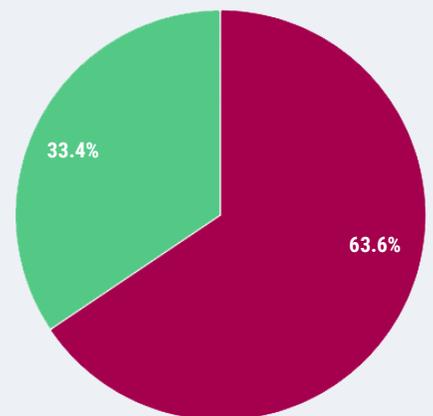
● For 70.27% ● Against 29.73%

AUGLAIZE COUNTY



● For 72.6% ● Against 27.4%

HARDIN COUNTY



● For 63.6% ● Against 33.4%



ELISA BRADLEY

Health Equity and Cultural Competence (HECC) Consultant and Mental Health Ambassadors Coordinator

The Mental Health Ambassadors are a group of local folks—just regular, average, everyday folks—who desire to educate and impact their community in a positive way. They have all agreed to specific training, including Mental Health First Aid and Minimize Risk, Maximize Life, an alcohol education program. They all have an interest in helping our young people have a mental health outlet.

If an ambassador hears of someone who is struggling with something, then it's up to the ambassador to let that person know that 988 is available or we have services here in our community through Coleman or through SAFY.

A story of someone who I'm privy to know some of her situation—and she has given me permission

to share this—she had been battling with some mental health challenges for years. And her family had always told her that we keep our business in our family. Through some everyday conversations, she was encouraged to get help. She's now seeing a therapist, and she tells me all the time how her life has changed, how she is in a much better space.

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties has a unique challenge before them in that while they are not service providers, it is their responsibility to make sure that as many communities are impacted.

I guess a big, huge goal would be to see different types of Ambassador groups. Whether it's African-American Ambassadors, Hispanic and Latino Ambassadors, or LGBTQ+ Ambassadors, whatever the group might be—I guess in a perfect world, we would have lots of groups of Ambassadors so that we can come together to reach our community goals of inclusion and equity.

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BOARD MEMBERS

ALLEN COUNTY

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- Mary Early, *Treasurer*
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- Jim Bronder, *Vice Chair*

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- Arlette Pollock-Evans

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- Robert Warren
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Appointed by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services

- Amy Freymuth, *Chair*

HARDIN COUNTY

Appointed by the Hardin County Commissioners

- Kim Everhart
- Dan Marshman

Appointed by Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services

- David Collins



WE CARE REGIONAL CRISIS CENTER

The Crisis Center brings together all of the services needed to provide quality crisis intervention services in a "one-stop" environment. The 24/7 facility currently provides:

- Medically Managed Withdrawal for Opioid and Stimulants
- Crisis Hotline at 1-800-567-HOPE
- Crisis Counseling
- Screening and Crisis Intervention for Youth
- Emergency Diagnostic Assessment
- Follow-up Care

**Call for Crisis Stabilization Unit
1-800-567-HOPE (4673)**

**Located at:
797 South Main Street
Lima, OH 45804**

LOOKING AHEAD



CRISIS SERVICES

Crisis Services are a statewide priority, with a local review of our system underway. The MHR SB is developing a full continuum of crisis services, ensuring visibility and accessibility for our three counties while addressing diverse needs. Thanks to a federal grant, the MHR SB hired an individual responsible for the following in the next two years:

- Identify gaps in local crisis services.
- Develop sustainability plans for ongoing crisis services.
- Monitor and develop interoperability between 988, 911, and the local hotline.
- Partner with local organizations (e.g., law enforcement, hospitals, service providers) to gain and maximize resources for development and sustainability.

Expansion of the Crisis Stabilization Unit

The MHR SB secured federal and state capital funding and will also use local levy funds to build an additional wing on the crisis stabilization unit in Lima, Ohio.

In addition to psychiatric crisis and medically managed detoxification services, the facility will serve a new group: individuals needing a 2-6 month stay in a safe and supportive living environment. Eligible individuals include those recently discharged from state or local hospitals or crisis stabilization units. They may require extra time and support to maximize medication benefits, learn independent living skills, and find safe and affordable housing.

DAYCARE

The MHR SB partnered with Rhodes State Early Learning Center to lay the groundwork for the daycare of ten children whose parents or guardians are receiving treatment for substance use disorder.

ONE OHIO

The MHR SB is active in the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, a private non-profit created by Ohio's state and local leaders to allocate \$800 million statewide. Fifty-five percent of these funds are from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. The Foundation will work with local interests to support substance misuse prevention, treatment and recovery efforts, and long-term support for Ohioans. We will ensure our three counties receive their share of available funds to close gaps and improve services for those affected by addiction.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

The MHR SB has partnered with Allen County Ohio Means Jobs to provide college students working on a behavioral health-related degree with paid work experience to increase interest in community behavioral health work.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM EXPANSION

The MHR SB and our contract agency PASS applied for funding from the Ohio Criminal Justice System to enhance the existing Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) offered by PASS. Our initiative aims to expand training opportunities for law enforcement and first responders in handling behavioral health crises.

INTENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES

The MHR SB has partnered with SAFY (Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth) of Ohio to meet the need for family support and treatment services. They focus on preventing family breakdowns and promoting positive relationships through case management, therapy, and group session services. SAFY Lima Behavioral Health is transitioning to a community-based model for delivering intensive family services, reimagining service provision.

NOTIFY

The MHR SB invested in a new information initiative for behavioral health events, services, opportunities, and drug-related public health concerns to raise community awareness. Community members who wish to stay informed can sign up for text alerts.



Mental Health &
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