

MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES *RENEWAL LEVY*

For Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties

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VOTING

- ➔ Register By: **Tuesday, October 10**
- ➔ Early Voting: **Wednesday, October 11**
- ➔ Election Day: **Tuesday, November 7**

Important Information

- ◆ This is a **RENEWAL**, not a new tax.
- ◆ The community has supported this levy for nearly a decade.
- ◆ This levy costs \$28 a year for a \$100,000 home.
- ◆ Nearly half of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board's funding comes from the local levy.
- ◆ Levies funded \$5,198,761 in services and programs for 2022. This 5-year levy brings in 68% of local funding.
- ◆ The MHR SB funds services in 33 school districts.
- ◆ Our communities need mental health and recovery services now more than ever.
- ◆ Suicides, opioid use, and alcohol use have risen in the past five years.
- ◆ 20% of adults in local rural areas binge drink, which is higher than the state average.
- ◆ Suicides in the U.S. reached a record high in 2022 and are the second leading cause of death for youth ages 10-14.
- ◆ We have a **24/7 Crisis Center** to serve the community day & night.
- ◆ The local Hopeline crisis helpline is available 24/7: **1-800-567-4673 (HOPE)**

Highlights

1,558 individuals took online Mental Health Screenings from 2020-2022.

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a volunteer team of public safety and affiliate officials serving our first responders.

Criminal Justice Coordination served **2,089** adults the past five years.

The new Behavioral Health School Response service has served **236** students since starting in March 2021.

The Board funds services in **33 school districts**.

Started the new I Mind Program to provide middle school and high school youth early intervention for substance use and helps them return to school or school programs quickly. Available in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties.

Grew student-led suicide prevention Gatekeepers groups from 397 to **1,009** students.

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Allen County

Started Family Stabilization Navigation to help children remain with their parent by connecting parents to substance use treatment.

Started the Mental Health **Ambassadors** program to help representatives from within minority groups reach their community with resources. Began with salon owners, barbers, and small business owners.

We Care Regional Quality Recovery Housing served **196** people in 2022.

Auglaize County

Jail Coordination served **511** individuals at the Auglaize County Jail in 2022 to connect those incarcerated to treatment services.

Partnered with Activate Allen County and Mercy Health St. Rita's in their Activated School Challenge to create a physical and mentally healthy school environment in Allen and Auglaize Counties. This reached **534** students in Auglaize County.

Hardin County

Built a new **2 million** dollar building for Permanent Supportive Housing.

Expanded recovery housing services through Lighthouse Behavioral Health Solutions and the new Permanent Supportive Housing apartments. This combines housing with non-clinical services to support long-term recovery.

Jail Navigation served **161** individuals to connect those in need to the relevant treatment services.

Workforce Development

Social services industry is understaffed by 47% across the nation.

Your local Board has taken proactive steps to limit shortages.

Partnered with The Ohio State University-Lima to create Behavioral Health Specialist position to increase social work students' interest in filling vacant behavioral health positions in Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties.

A consultant is working on community-wide recruitment, and helping local employees benefit from Student Loan Forgiveness programs.

Hosted We Need You career event for community to learn how to join the mental health field.

Summer Career Pathways is in its 5th year and is a 3-week program for high schoolers to earn money and learn about mental health careers.