

A Network of Care for All Generations!



How services funded by the MHRB helped Portage children and adults in 2007

Children and teens receiving treatment for abuse, mental illness, emotional problems and/or chemical dependency.	2,521
Adults receiving treatment for abuse, mental illness, emotional problems and/or chemical dependency.	4,060
24-hour crisis calls, information calls, incidents of walk-in counseling, crisis outreach and screening for hospitalization.	36,742
Adults and youth receiving education and prevention services.	8,980
Days of hospitalization for mental illness in FY 2007.	2,666

A network that serves all generations!

A county government agency, the Board works to keep community life in Portage County healthy by helping adults be productive; students achieve success in school; and families survive difficult times. Each year, the mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment funded by the Board reaches more than 6,000 residents of all generations. The Board coordinates a system of services that includes comprehensive crisis intervention and prevention education. The services are planned, funded and monitored by the Mental Health & Recovery Board through a network of locally-based community agencies whose members are: Coleman Professional Services, Children's Advantage, Townhall II, Family and Community Services, Inc., and its Safer Futures program, the Bair Foundation and Compass Recovery.

Our Mission

The Mental Health & Recovery Board supports healthy communities by investing in services to help residents of all ages who need treatment for mental health, addiction problems or a crisis and to provide prevention education, especially for substance abuse. As part of its responsibilities, the board funds and plans local services while also overseeing quality.

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Board meetings are the second Monday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Board office and are public. The Board provides equal service and employment opportunities.

www.portage.oh.networkofcare.org
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24-hour Number for Crisis Services

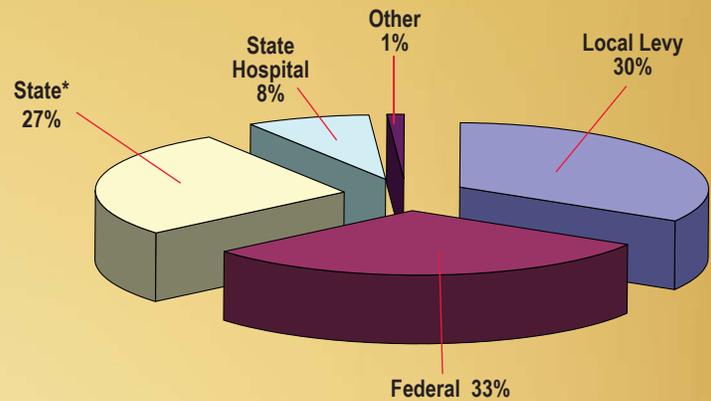
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Accomplishments

- The number of Portage County residents served from Fiscal Year 2006 to 2007 increased 11%. More adults with depressive disorders and bipolar disease were diagnosed and treated. The number of adults in treatment at Townhall II for alcohol abuse and drug addiction was up from 865 in 2006 to 1097 in 2007. Young consumers were treated for conduct disorders, Bipolar Disease, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, alcohol abuse and cannabis abuse.
- Portage County children and teens with severe mental health illness and other disabilities were provided care through a collaborative group including the Mental Health & Recovery Board called the Interagency Clinical Assessment Team. ICAT members share resources and responsibility for youth with difficult problems that one agency could not handle alone. The team handles about 15 cases annually and oversees the care for 10 to 12 youth every year who are living in treatment facilities in other counties or in foster care. ICAT members also include the Department of Jobs and Family Services, Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, Juvenile Court, Educational Service Center, Kent City Schools, Bair Foundation, Children's Advantage, Coleman Professional Services, Family and Community Services, Townhall II and Compass Recovery.
- Thank you, Portage County! Voters continued to support mental health and recovery services with the renewal of a 0.3-mill levy in November 2006 to fund mental health and substance abuse treatment services, 24-hour crisis services and prevention education. Fiscal Year 2007, the time frame for this report, ran from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007.
- The board worked with the Portage County Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Coleman Foundation on a four-month media and information campaign to increase awareness about preventing suicide. The county's number of completed suicides was 17 in 2006 and 11 in 2007.
- The Board established a local portal on the Network of Care for Behavioral Health for residents who are looking for on-line information and support. The address is www.portage.oh.networkofcare.org. The site houses local service information, a library of resources for education on mental illness and addiction, information for veterans and links to other sites providing education.
- The Mental Health & Recovery Board trained 40 law enforcement and other professionals working in Portage County for the Crisis Intervention Team. The nationwide program provides police, deputies, court and corrections staff with training to help them safely and effectively work with residents in crisis. All law enforcement agencies in the county are involved in CIT.
- The Ohio General Assembly passed legislation in December 2006 providing equal insurance coverage for serious mental illnesses on par with physical illnesses. The Board was part of a state wide coalition which has been advocating change for more than 20 years.
- The Board also continued collaboration with the Portage County courts to treat consumers who come in contact with the court system. The goal of the partnership is to provide services to the individuals in order to reduce and eventually stop repeat incidents which require court action.
- For a portion of FY 2007, the Board continued funding advocate services at Freedom House, the homeless shelter for veterans operated by Family and Community Services. The advocate works closely with veterans when they enter the shelter to evaluate their mental health and substance abuse problems and then connects them with services.

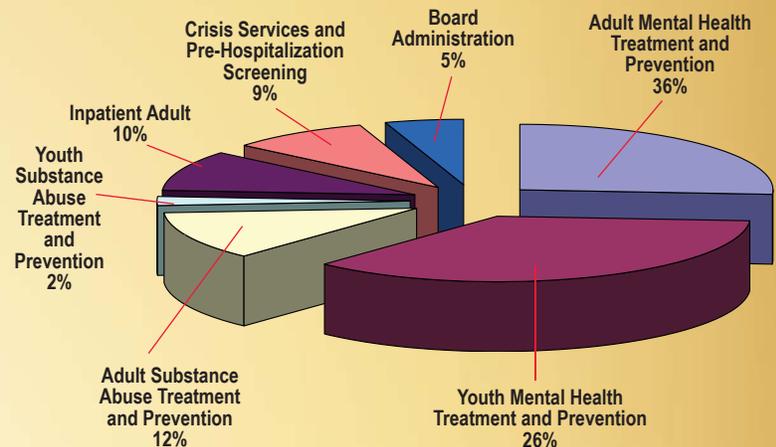
Financial Report FY 2007

Total Revenue for FY 2007: \$14,126,112



*Funding through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services.

Total Expenditures for FY 2007: \$13,727,982



Our Network of Care

Coleman Professional Services, a nationally-recognized comprehensive mental health center for children, teens and adults. Call 330-673-1347 or 1-800-673-1347.

Children's Advantage, a comprehensive mental health center for children, teens and families. Call 330-296-5552.

Townhall II, a community agency providing alcohol, drug abuse treatment for adults and teens, mental health counseling, crisis intervention, suicide prevention and education. Call 330-678-4357 or 1-866-449-8518.

Family and Community Services, Inc., a counseling and human services agency which has a contract with the Board to work with families struggling to overcome domestic violence. Call 330-677-4124.

The Bair Foundation, providing intensive in-home mental health treatment to children and families in crisis.

Compass Recovery, providing alcohol and drug abuse treatment for adults. Call 330-298-9391.