

STEPPING UP 2024

PORTAGE COUNTY

Mental Health & Addiction Criminal Justice & Diversion Activities

The Stepping Up Initiative is a national effort to support counties in developing and implementing various strategies to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jails. Ohio's Stepping Up Initiative helps people with mental illness in jails get connected with clinical treatment and other services so that they can get the help that they need to improve their lives and stay out of jail.

Sequential Intercept Mapping exercises help counties identify and prioritize area for improvement within the system. Portage County completed this process in 2014 and 2023 and in 2024 for youth.

The following report summarizes some of the work that is being done and provides baseline data in the criminal justice system and behavioral health areas to address these issues. However, other work is being accomplished and is ongoing that isn't captured in this report.

Portage County Justice Center

Bookings	
4097	Total booked
18.64 days	Average length of stay
45.05 days	Sentenced
13.91 days	Pretrial

Medical Services in the Jail

All inmates receive Columbia Suicide Risk Assessment and COWS & CIWA for opioid and alcohol assessments.

158	Dr Welsh calls (psych evaluations, medication adjustments)
658	Mental health referrals (Coleman counselor evaluates)
261	Suicide watch (assessed by Coleman or in person every 24 hrs)
1	Suicide attempt
3936	Behavioral watch (assessed by Coleman or in person every 24 hrs)
371	Methamphetamine protocol (24 hr monitoring with an EKG)
3938	Daily MAT treatment (not individuals, this is daily MAT passed)

Sheriff's Office QRT Services in the the Jail

191	Individuals with substance use disorder met with while incarcerated
177	Narcan kits distributed to individuals on their release

Hope Town Re-entry Services in the Jail

322	Total individuals met (238 Male, 84 Female)
118	Referred to treatment

Coleman, Townhall II, Family & Community Services Jail Assessments

100	Individuals assessed between January-June 2024 (<i>full year stats not available at this time for this service</i>)
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Re-entry Outside of the Jail

26	Attended Portage County Citizen's Circle
64	Attended Re-entry Resource Fair
65	Served at Ohio Means Jobs: walked, phoned, emailed
7	Individuals involved with Community Transition Program

Substance Abuse/Mental Health Outreach

Coleman Follow Up from Police Referrals (Mental Health)	
118	Clients referred (13 were referred more than once)
35	Outreach with no contact
27	Provided resources
21	Connected to services
4	Pink slipped

Townhall II Recovery Outreach (SUD) after overdose or police referral	
14	Calls, left resource bags
8	of the 14 calls: made actual contact with 8 of them

Sheriff's Office QRT (SUD) after non-fatal overdose	
11	Contacts with people who had non-fatal overdoses
7	7 of the 11 contacts stayed engaged

Kent City Health/Fire Follow Up after mental health & overdose call	
22	Mental Health outreaches (3 with no contact)
15	Substance use disorder outreaches (4 with no contact)

Portage County Court Programs

Specialty Dockets	
38	Individuals engaged in HOPE Court (Drug Court, Common Pleas)
21	Individuals engaged in STAR Court (Mental Health Court)
20	Individuals engaged in RISE Court (Drug Court, Muni)

Guardianship Service Board	
42	Guardianship Referrals
18	Referrals with a mental health diagnosis
5	Referrals with a development disability diagnosis
20	Referrals with dementia
2	Referrals with brain injury
39	Total guardianship appointments

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (Harmony Court)	
3	Individuals participating in AOT, 2024 is the first year for the program

Crisis Intervention Team – Portage Police

These are the statistics for the Portage police departments that enter their mental health related calls into the CIT dashboard.

Portage CIT Calls & Disposition	
644	Total CIT (mental health) calls
165	of these: pink slipped
139	of these: no action
124	of these: voluntary transfer to hospital
111	of these: other
70	of these: referral info given
17	of these: arrest
10	of these: summons
1	of these: death

For more information, contact The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County, 330.673.1756.