

ANNUAL REPORT

2015



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

The Board joined together with the Portage County Health Department to bring the Project DAWN program to Portage County residents. Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) is a community-based drug overdose prevention and education program that provides Naloxone kits to friends, family, and community members who are in a position to help someone nearing an overdose and preventing a death. The Board also participated in a county-wide symposium on substance use, multiple community forums & education sessions, and the Fed Up Rally in Kent.



Three officers were presented with the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Officer of the Year Award. The Portage County Police Chiefs Association reviewed the nominations and awarded three officers to be recognized: Officer Joshua Bartholomew, Streetsboro Police Department; Officer Mike Fleming, Kent Police Department, and Officer Ralph Stover, Kent State University Police Department. The Board held a CIT training for education professionals and a dispatcher training also this year in addition to the regular CIT training for police.



The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Portage County purchased several sets of books to help children who are grieving after a loved one dies from suicide. As part of the group's efforts to address the needs of families who have experienced the death of a family member from suicide, the Coalition was awarded a grant through the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation. The Board held the annual Survivors of Suicide Loss Day event in addition to the monthly support group meetings with the Suicide Prevention Coalition.

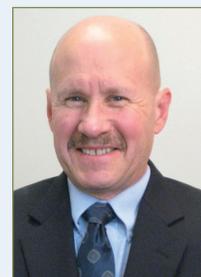
The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County continued the partnership with the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Coleman Professional Services, and Townhall II to enhance services for persons with mental illness and substance use disorders currently incarcerated in the Portage County Jail. Dr. Mowrey was selected to head the Stepping Up Initiative for Portage County to look for ways to reduce the number of people with mental illness in jail.

The Board supported Mental Health First Aid trainings for support staffs at our area agencies. Throughout the year, the Board reached out to the community with presentations on stress and aging for older adults groups, participation in suicide prevention panel, discussions with college students on stress and mental health, and meetings with community groups on crisis intervention and de-escalation techniques.



Director's Desk

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As I review calendar year 2015, I am very impressed by the strong collaboration and cooperation demonstrated across systems, agencies, communities and individuals in Portage County that positively impact the residents of this county who need mental health and addiction services. Our Board and our four contract agencies, Children's Advantage, Coleman, Family & Community Services, and Townhall II form an excellent core team to provide those in need with quality services.

As we continue to struggle to deal with the public health problem of residents of all ages dying from drug overdoses, more and more people are stepping up to be a part of the solution and our team to stop this epidemic. In the past year, the Board's Oversight Committee has taken on the responsibility to identify gaps in drug/alcohol services and begin linking together existing services/programs across the county. On the positive side, there has been an increase in prevention and education services to children, recovery housing for women, Naloxone to prevent deaths, and more mental health services to students.

Our Board through careful fiscal planning has been able to stretch funds over the past several years, primarily relying on the generosity of our residents in support of three levies. But with a cut from the State in July 2015 along with increasing needs across the County, difficult decisions will need to be made to both sustain and increase our vital mental health and recovery services. I ask our residents for their continued teamwork by supporting our upcoming levy in November 2016.

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FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015



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HELPING PORTAGE CHILDREN & ADULTS

340 children and teens received treatment for trauma, emotional problems, mental illness and substance use disorders.

1,752 adults received treatment for trauma, emotional problems, mental illness and substance use disorders.

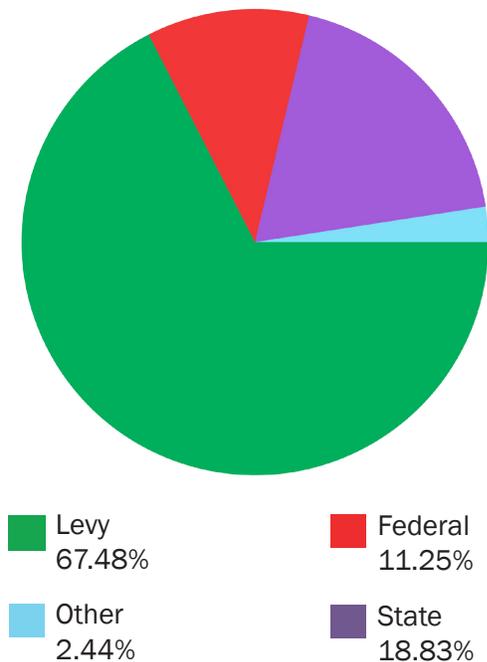
30,396 contacts with people through the 24-HR crisis calls, information and referral calls, incidents of walk-in counseling, crisis outreach and screening for hospitalization.

287 adults were served in the Coleman Crisis Stabilization Unit.

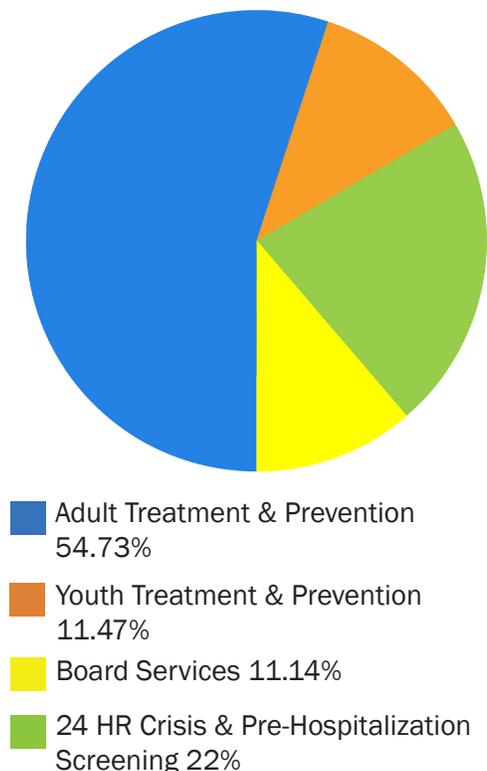
3720 youth and adults participated in prevention education programs.

573 students identified at risk and screened in all Portage County School Districts through a program funded by the Board. 36% were identified as having mental health issues requiring therapy and/or psychiatry services.

TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE FOR
FY 2015:
\$6,362,374



TOTAL LOCAL EXPENDITURES FOR
FY 2015:
\$5,948,032



NETWORK OF CARE FOR ALL GENERATIONS

2015 AGENCY NEWS

CHILDREN'S ADVANTAGE

Children's Advantage celebrated 40 years of providing behavioral healthcare services to children, adolescents, and families in Portage County. Children's Advantage therapists continue the onsite school consultation program in each school district which is funded by the Board.



The agency added an integrated care clinic in their psychiatric clinic building. Medical staff, including a pediatrician and a nurse practitioner is conducting office hours at Children's Advantage to see current clients and family members for physical health appointments. The Board supported the expansion of the agency's parking lot which will greatly help the families as they come for services!

FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

Family & Community Services opened the Portage Area Recovery Center in Kent. This twenty-two room resident living center will support women who are transitioning out from jail or treatment centers.



Family & Community Services continues to operate the Root House, a residential treatment facility for men with addiction as well as a range of services from meeting life's basic needs to counseling, psychiatry, case management.



COLEMAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Coleman opened two new facilities to service Portage County residents. The Center of Excellence for Children, a separate structure attached to Coleman's existing building in Kent, provides safe space for local children and their families to play, create, and receive the assistance they need. The new addition enabled Coleman to bring all child and adolescent services under one roof. The Phoenix Building in downtown Ravenna was renovated to house 16 apartments and 5 retail stores.



Nelson Burns, CEO of Coleman, received the Impact Award for Excellence in Mental Health from the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation.

Coleman Professional Services provides mental health & addiction services for adults and children including 24/7 crisis intervention and stabilization, counseling, psychiatry, case management, adult day, employment, jail liaison, and diversion services.

TOWNHALL II

Townhall expanded drug prevention programs in our school districts. The "Too Good For Drugs" program is now being implemented in the kindergarten and 3rd grade, and drug education and counseling services are now being provided at the school with funding from the Board. Townhall II continues to offer 24/7 crisis helpline, counseling for youth and adults with substance use disorders and gambling addiction, and Horizon House, a residential treatment facility for women.

