



COALITION FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

ADVOCATING FOR QUALITY MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES

HB 49

Ohio Biennial Budget Recommendations

FY 2018 – FY 2019

Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention Assn. of Ohio
Buckeye Art Therapy Association, Inc.
Drug-Free Action Alliance
Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition
Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence
National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio
National Association of Social Workers
Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities
Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies
Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery
Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers
Ohio Counseling Association
Ohio Empowerment Coalition
Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association
Ohio Psychological Association
Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation
Universal Health Care Action Network of Ohio

Recovery Management

- Appropriate \$9M/Year total to finance 9 collaborative 16 bed acute substance use disorder Stabilization Centers
- Appropriate \$12M/Year for community-based withdrawal management services.
- Create mechanisms to identify and widely disperse best practices in acute and long-term recovery management strategies to local recovery-oriented systems of care.
- Incentivize collaboration among first responders, hospitals, and community-based providers and support their infrastructure needs for data-sharing and care coordination.
- Create strategies to support first responders to address their stress and burnout associated with reviving people from overdoses.

Crisis services

- Appropriate \$6M/Year to fund six (6) collaborative 16 bed Mental Health Crisis centers.

Behavioral Health Parity

- Enforce The Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA) to ensure that families can fully access their health insurance benefits to get healthcare for the early identification of, treatment for, and recovery from substance use disorders.

Recovery Support Services

Fund New Supportive Housing

- Appropriate \$10M/Year in GRF for matching grants to regional ADAMHs Boards and ADAMHs Board Consortia to enhance existing efforts to provide housing to individuals who are “hard to house”.
- Appropriate \$2.5M/Year in GRF to fund 380 Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program slots. These RSS slots act as supportive group housing vouchers for people with serious mental illness.

Peer Support Services

- Require MHAS to provide policy direction and funding to develop a continuum of peer support services.

Child and Adolescent Inpatient Services Capacity Expansion

- Appropriate \$45M/Year (all funds) to support Ohio MHAS' to development of a net increase of 100 fully staffed inpatient psychiatric service beds for children (under age 12) and youth (age 13-18).

Incentivize Community Innovation and Collaboration

- Incentivize local collaborative efforts to reduce the number of individuals with serious mental illness in jail by doubling the amount of MHAS Community Innovations Grant dollars from \$1.5 million to \$3 million in each year of the biennium to support community innovation. Communities that pass a Stepping Up resolution and/or participate in a Sequential Intercept Mapping exercise will be given priority.

Prevention

- Invest \$6M/Year in community-based prevention services in every county in Ohio to organize community efforts at the local level.
- Invest \$11M/Year to support evidence-based prevention services in every public elementary, middle, and high school in the state of Ohio.
- Embrace the prevention of substance use and mental illness as a health service and therefore require the use of trained and certified personnel when indicated for the delivery of an evidence-based practice and where required by Ohio law and rule.
- Ohio must rely on research to inform our prevention service delivery.