



A Letter From The CEO:

Dear Friend of EP,

There has never been a better year to embrace our motto that Prevention is OUR Superpower. This is a collective OUR – as it takes all of us to make change happen and support youth and families. We have had to reflect and prioritize and dig deep into our toolbelts to realize our greatest superpower is COURAGE.

No cape required – just sheer determination to continue our mission, further our purpose and make good things happen. We in the prevention field have spent decades clearing the kryptonite. A challenge motivates us to action and this year has been filled with unexpected funding ones.

And when it gets tough we step up and step forward. Our evidence-based programs, practices and policies show real change and our community stakeholders and partners actively join in the fight for good to prevail and our community to continue to be served. Our partnerships with so many of you actually makes all of you superheroes too.

This year's report will show that the we never let our foot off the gas. We reached more individuals than ever before, built our volunteer base and picked up a few recognition awards in the process. This was an outstanding programming year that shows the need for more prevention services not less.

Prevention services save money and save lives. Thank you for believing in a better world that is safe, healthy and drug-free. Our collective powers can make a difference. If you are not yet involved and would like to join us in this mission, please contact me anytime. Prevention work has many facets and a special place for everyone and every talent.

We are excited as the new fiscal year began with many community events and we have rolled right into our school programming. We look forward to sharing our successes and promise to keep empowering our communities by promoting positive behavioral health.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori".

Lori Higgins, M.Ed., LSW, OCPC
President & CEO





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NEWSLETTER



HEALTHY TEENS

Despite peer pressure and other influences on teens, when they participate in our programs, we see positive results!

- **97%** report delaying use of any drug
- **50%** of those who reported using substances at the start of our programs, stated that they had quit



Did you know?

We provided **3,216** hours of prevention education & early intervention to youth

Our partners include **50** different organizations & school districts

90% of middle & high school students would refer a friend

We saved Butler County over **\$10 million** in future social services!



ALL AGES

We serve people across the lifespan! Just in this past year, we engaged:

2,569 Children
8,191 Teens

3,372 Adults
1,928 Older Adults



WINNING!

Our partners think our staff are pretty great. Check it out by the percent who rate us "Excellent or Good":

- **100%** Easy to work with
- **100%** Communication
- **100%** Quality of service



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She's Crazy: Mental Health & Other Myths is an edutainment event written and performed by three women with personal experiences, featuring song, humor, and personal stories, with the goal of reducing stigma. The event was coupled with a community conversation about mental health from various perspectives, including a college student and local provider.

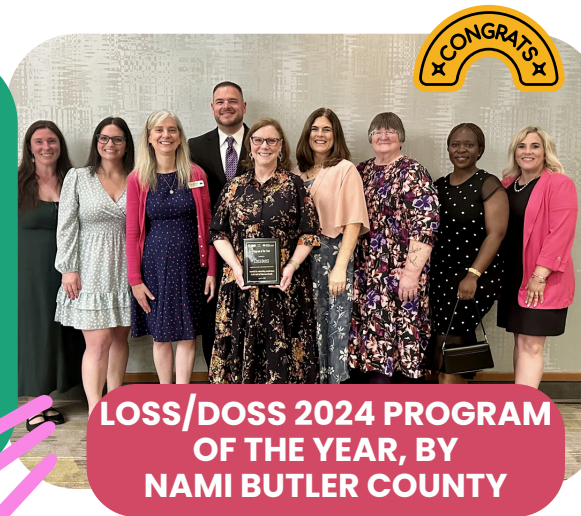
A partnership including the Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board, General Health District, Miami University, Fitton Center for Creative Arts, and Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services resulted in bringing this unique event that educated, entertained, and engaged.

MENTAL HEALTH PROMOTION

The Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors/Drug Overdose Survivor Support (LOSS/DOSS) team's mission is to provide healing support to the bereaved by suicide and drug overdose.

Postvention is prevention:

In addition to supporting healing, the goal is to reduce the increased risk of suicide and drug overdose by the survivors. A LOSS/DOSS volunteer can help to shorten the time a survivor seeks help from 4 ½ years to 45 days!



LOSS/DOSS 2024 PROGRAM OF THE YEAR, BY NAMI BUTLER COUNTY

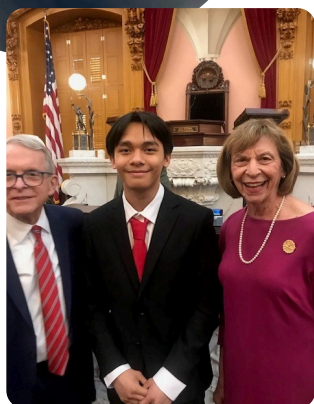


Agents of Change members are teens from across Butler County who lead prevention efforts with support from Adult Allies. They took their advocacy efforts to the next level this past year by:

- Advocating at a city council meeting for fewer marijuana dispensaries to be placed in a community
- Planning & implementing a youth town hall in Middletown, advocating for more mental health resources, adding diversity & inclusion efforts, & more substance misuse education in their schools
- Participating in an Ohio Youth in Government weekend, where they were voted to take on different roles and met with Ohio's Governor and First Lady, Mike and Fran DeWine.



YOUTH ADVOCATE



17STRONG!, Hamilton's resident-led movement that celebrates and unites each of the city's unique 17 neighborhoods, honored Envision Partnerships with the Non-Profit of the Year award at their annual summit this spring.



17STRONG AWARD



16,060 people received one or more of our prevention services.

This includes presenting at state, national, and international conferences this year!

Minimize Risk ~ Maximize Life has four goals:

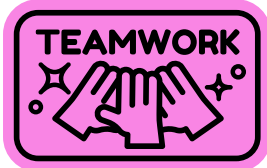
- Increase adult low-risk drinking
- Decrease high-risk drinking for adults
- Decrease problems from high-risk alcohol use
- Increase understanding of low-risk drinking to share with others

It is now available as an on-demand course!

**MINIMIZE RISK
MAXIMIZE LIFE**
www.lowriskdrinking.com
PLEASE THINK RESPONSIBLY

By the numbers

- 10 facilitator cohorts from around Ohio
- 88 counties covered (that's 100%)
- 100 facilitators can deliver MRML
- 4,060 attended the MRML low-risk drinking class!



2023-2024

3,831

English bags distributed

66

Spanish bags distributed

17

Display box locations

2024-2025

5,232

1,389

26

70% increase in bag distribution



We created a social marketing campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of improper drug disposal. The threat to kids & pets is large~ more poison control centers have been called because of easy access in the home.

Over 50,000 Kids & 100,000 Pets are Poisoned Yearly.

PREVENT ACCIDENTAL POISONING!

FREE Medication Disposal Bags Available at Butler County Libraries



OPIATE PREVENTION



YOU BETCHA!

Gambling availability, accessibility, & normalization has increased rapidly. Youth & emerging adults-roughly ages 18-25- are highly vulnerable to ads & inducements, as well as increased gamblification of video games popular with these age groups. We are leading the way in addressing this emerging health issue.

- Butler County Problem Gambling Action Coalition was started with the Butler County MHARS Board
- We received a national Agility Grant to develop an educational program for emerging adults.
- Staff presented at the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio's annual conference & a national think-tank style event called the Emerging Adults Gambling Summit, and at *Youth Gambling: Is Prevention Keeping Up?* conference in Oslo, Norway.

By the numbers:

- 2,105 Youth educated in 144 classrooms & community settings
- 603 Adults educated through 26 presentations over the past year



COMMUNITY MEDIATION



Mediation and Problem Solving (MaPS) is a new extension of our Youth & Family Mediation Program that has been around for 30+ years. MaPS provides a safe, confidential space to address issues like youth-to-youth conflict, truancy, challenges at school, and family conflict.

Participants work through a trained mediator to address the issue and underlying circumstances, resulting in a plan that they come up with together. We are looking to continue expansion beyond Fairfield and Middletown this year.

Past year highlights:

- **73%** of students reported improved grades
- **78%** of students said they were better at regulating emotions
- **80%** of school personnel reported less student-to-student conflicts
- **78%** of school personnel reported improved behavior



HEALTHY HAMILTON



The inaugural **Healthy Hamilton Neighborhood Games** was a true coalition event. Held over two weeks in June at parks across the city, over 500 youth & adults played games that were heart-pumping fun. Six games-soccer kick, hula hoop, jump rope, badminton, disc golf, and obstacle course-combined a little skill, some fitness, & a lot of fun.

City of Hamilton's Health Department took the lead within the coalition by organizing & contributing grant funds & human resources to make this first year such a success. Other major coalition partners included City of Hamilton Department of Neighborhoods, 17STRONG!, Hamilton Parks Conservancy, Great Miami Valley YMCA, Hamilton City Council & City Schools.



If you would like to get more involved, please reach out!

- Join a coalition
- Volunteer at an event
- Donate to a program
- Request a speaker
- Become a Camp Mariposa mentor
- Join the LOSS/DOSS team
- Refer for MaPS services
- Become a mediator



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\$250,000 or GREATER

- Butler County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Services Board
- Ohio Department of Behavioral Health

\$100,000 – \$249,999

- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services – CDC
- Butler County Family & Children First Council (ReCast)

\$50,000 – \$99,999

- Ohio Department of Youth Services

\$25,000 – \$49,999

- Butler County United Way
- Butler County Family & Children First Council

\$5,000 – \$24,999

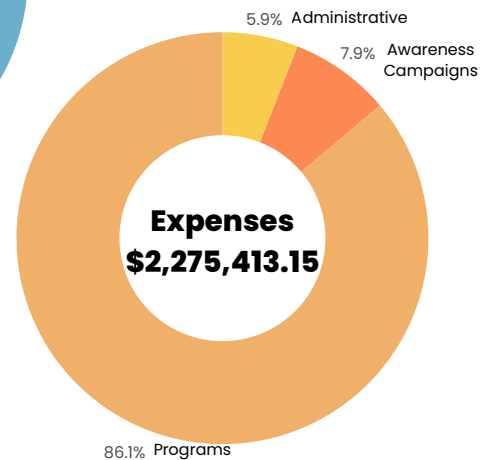
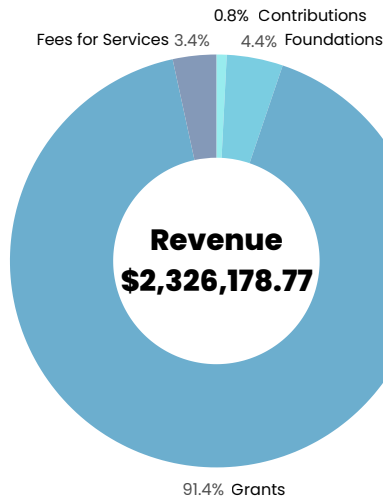
- National Council on Problem Gambling
- Problem Gambling Network of Ohio
- Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation
- Prevention FIRST
- Prevention Action Alliance

\$1,000 – \$4,999

- Butler County Juvenile Court
- Cincinnati Public Library
- City of Hamilton
- Marlene Esseck
- Lenora Payne
- Joseph Strong

\$1 – \$999

- Fairfield Schools
- Middletown Safety Council



WALK TO REMEMBER EVENT & OTHER SUICIDE PREVENTION

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*over \$250.00