

August 2026



Dear Friends of Envision Partnerships,

As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with gratitude for what we have accomplished together and optimism for what lies ahead.

At Envision Partnerships, we believe meaningful progress happens when people, organizations, and communities come together around a shared vision. Through new partnerships, expanded programs, strengthened relationships, and a steadfast commitment to the people and communities we serve, we have made important strides toward our mission.

This year brought significant accomplishments across Envision Partnerships. We expanded work in each of our prevention pillars (Substance Misuse, Violence, Problem Gambling, Suicide) to reach more than 13,000 individuals while continuing to strengthen the impact of our work through continuous quality improvement, evaluation, and attention to detail.

Our annual newsletter is our highlight reel for the past year's accomplishment. I hope you enjoy reading about how we continue to innovate, strengthen partnerships, create measurable impact, invest in our team (staff and volunteers), advance key initiatives, and celebrate important milestones and accolades.

The word "partnership" is at the heart of who we are. This year, we held our 1st Friend-raising Breakfast to share our history and let our fabulous team leads share their passions with the group.

Our accomplishments this year would not have been possible without the trust, collaboration, and commitment of our partners. We are grateful to the organizations, funders, community leaders, volunteers, clients, and advocates who continue to believe in what is possible when we work together.

We have seen firsthand that the strongest solutions are built collaboratively. By listening to the people closest to the challenges, bringing diverse perspectives to the table, and combining resources and expertise, we can create opportunities for lasting change.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the entire Envision Partnerships team. Their dedication, creativity, resilience, and compassion are the foundation of everything we accomplish. I am equally grateful to our partners and supporters for walking alongside us and helping turn ideas into action.

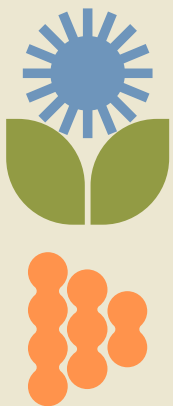
The past year reminded us that progress is possible when we envision a better future—and work together to build it.



With gratitude and optimism,

Lori

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



Annual Newsletter

JULY 2025 - JUNE 2026



SCHOOL-BASED SERVICES

3,274 Students from Kindergarten to 12th grade were served this year!

572 K-12th grade students were evaluated after Envision Groups

1,299 6th-12th graders were evaluated after Botvin's Life Skills Training

2,579 hours of education provided in 37 schools



88% of all involved students found their Envision facilitator to be helpful!

99% of middle and high school students would recommend Envision Groups to a friend!

HELPFUL STAFF



OUR REACH

13,271 total individuals served in all prevention services and strategies!

Our cost per person is an average of \$60.77

For every dollar we spend on behavioral health prevention, \$5 is saved in treatment costs (NIDA)

In Butler County, that equates to a cost savings of over \$10 million due to the investment of our funders and community supporters.



Of the middle and high school students that reported using alcohol or other drugs, including vaping products, 68.2% of those students decreased use overall, and 45.9% decreased to abstinence!

HEALTHY TEENS



A Walk to Remember 2025

The Walk to Remember event, organized by the Butler County Suicide Prevention Coalition, was designed to bring those together whose lives have been affected by suicide. It encourages them to come together, find connection, and share hope. This year, there were 148 attendees.

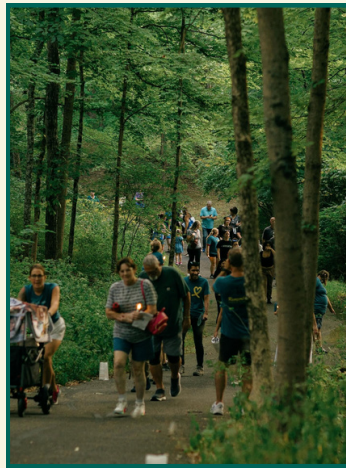


Excellence in Leadership Award

Our Special Projects Coordinator, Kristina Latta-Landefeld, MS, OCPS, won the Excellence in Leadership Award this year! The award was presented by NAMI Butler County, and she was nominated by Cara Brown.

Women of Excellence Award

Our President and CEO, Lori Higgins, M.Ed., LSW, OCPC, won the Women of Excellence Award this year! The award was presented by the West Chester · Liberty Chamber Alliance. She also celebrated her 40th year at Envision Partnerships!



MRML On Demand!

The Minimize Risk, Maximize Life course is now On Demand! In this course, you will learn evidence-based practices that help reduce your risk of alcohol-related health issues and improve your overall wellbeing.

Course Features:

- 1 Hour
- Computer-Based and Self-Paced with Interactive Activities
- Downloadable Resources
- \$35/Person
- Certificate of Attendance Awarded upon Completion

New!

We are proud to announce that Envision Partnerships is now a part of the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Substance Use Prevention and Recovery (SUPR) Program Vendor Directory!



Bureau of Workers' Compensation

Did you know...

9,378 bags have the potential to remove 422,000 pills from causing harm to kids, pets, and the environment.

DETERRA[®] drug deactivation system

Deterra bags were created to provide a safe way to dispose of medications at home or in clinical settings.

9,378 Deterra drug deactivation and disposal bags were distributed by Envision Partnerships to 32 different locations this year!

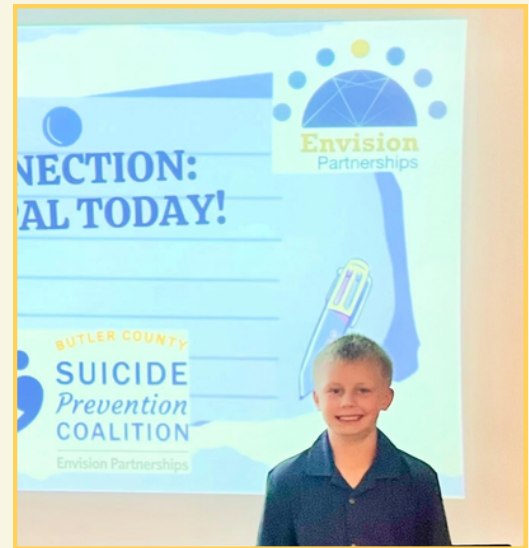
Wow!





Joy Conference 2026

The Joy Conference, an event organized by The Older Adult Task Force of the Suicide Prevention Coalition, provides resources to individuals 50 and older, and provides the opportunity to make connections, get inspired, and have fun! This year, there were 95 individuals in attendance!

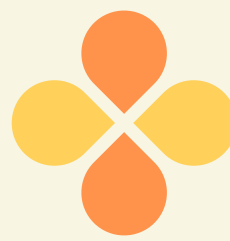
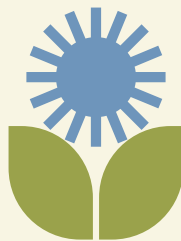


Envision Partnerships' Manager of Mental Health Promotion, Kristen Smith, OCPS, presented on the Pen Connection project, which:

- Connects older adults with younger community members through letter writing.
- Provides an opportunity to learn new skills and share memories.
- Promotes connection with someone new.



The youngest member of the Pen Connection presented on his experience with the program. He and his pen pal learned so much from each other, and his interest in writing increased as a result of the program.



Camper Testimonial

"Camp has helped by showing my dad's addiction isn't my fault and it never will be, and that I have people out there that can relate with me and how I can help them and they can do the same thing for me."



Envision Partnerships collaborates with schools and community organizations throughout Butler County to support children and teens affected by family substance use. Through a continuum of evidence-based programs - including Celebrate ME! Groups, Camp Mariposa, and Youth Mentoring - young people receive the tools and support they need to navigate adversity.

These programs provide early intervention, strengthen healthy coping skills, build resilience, and foster positive relationships with trusted adults and peers. By offering support in schools, camps, and mentoring relationships, Envision Partnerships helps youth improve their emotional well-being and create healthier, more hopeful futures. Current funding allowed us to serve 208 youth, teens, family members, and caregivers this year.



Thank you to our funders!



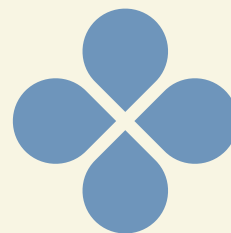
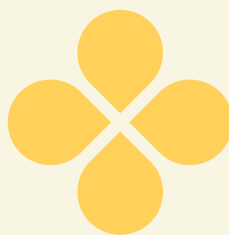
Department of
Behavioral Health



Healthy Hamilton Neighborhood Games

The Healthy Hamilton Coalition hosted the 2nd Annual Neighborhood Games. Thanks to funding from the Hamilton Community Foundation through a grant to the Hamilton Health Department for the games and LEVY funds from the Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board, we were able to give away toys to keep kids active all summer long. The kids were offered footballs, badminton, beach balls, hacky sacks, volleyballs, jump ropes, frisbees, and more!

Hamilton City Schools, the Hamilton Parks Conservancy, 17STRONG! and Great Miami Valley YMCA were additional major partners. We held four events at parks across the city where the Big Blue Food Truck was also serving lunch. This optimized our reach to serve 282 kids up to 17 years old!



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!



"By working together, we can make
a difference."

Lori Higgins, President & CEO

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- Butler County Family & Children First Council (ReCast)

\$50,000 - \$99,999

- Ohio Department of Youth Services

\$25,000 - \$49,999

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- Butler County Family & Children First Council (One OH)

\$5,000 - \$24,999

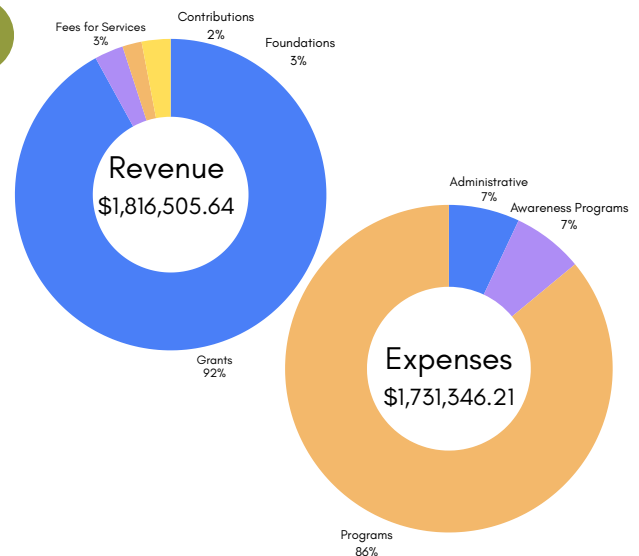
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- Problem Gambling Network of Ohio
- Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation
- Butler County Juvenile Court
- Deaconess Foundation

\$1,000 - \$4,999

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SUICIDE PREVENTION EVENTS

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