

Envision Partnerships 2023-2024 HIGHLIGHT REEL



Our History 60 years of building healthy communities

1960s

A few years after the American Medical Association declared alcoholism a disease, the 501(c)3 non-profit, Alcoholism Council of Butler County, Ohio, Inc. was formed to advocate for treatment and provide community education on alcoholism and alcohol abuse.

2010s

Four agency prevention staff write and publish *Minimize Risk, Maximize Life* to fill the gap in adult alcohol prevention. The agency changes its name to Envision Partnerships and Problem Gambling and Suicide Prevention pillars added.

The Alcoholism Council of Butler County begins small scale inpatient treatment and rehabilitation operations in Hamilton. The Council also began offering workshops on alcoholism in industry settings.

1970s

2000s

The Council received a large grant for tobacco prevention from the State of Ohio Tobacco Settlement. The agency builds and moves into an office at 2935 Hamilton Mason Road

1980s

Youth led prevention is initiated. Inpatient treatment was shifted to hospitals, and outpatient services, drunk driving diversion, and the Employee Assistance Program were added. Name changed to the Alcohol and Chemical Abuse Council of Southwestern Ohio.

1990s

The Council shifts the focus towards prevention and education only, discontinuing outpatient treatment. The first annual Substance Abuse Awareness week is observed, and continues for many years to come.

Growth from 2020 to now:

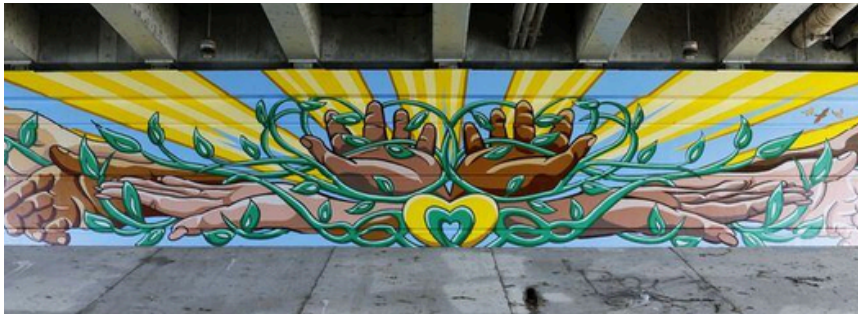
13,208 Consumers 15,872

16 Staff 23

\$1.5 Mil Budget \$2.3 Mil



Heart of Hamilton Mural



On June 29th, the Healthy Hamilton Coalition unveiled the new “Heart of Hamilton” mural, located under the High-Main Bridge along the river after three years of planning.

The river has long been considered a quintessential spot in the community, providing recreation for all, a refuge for the unhoused, and an overall picturesque spot along the bike path. Cincinnati-area artist Dave Rickerd’s design was chosen from several applicants due to the imagery of the design that reflected the feelings of hope and transformation.



Over **30 community volunteers** joined the efforts of transforming under the bridge. Volunteers added their paint strokes and left their mark in Hamilton, helping to create a beautiful, united space. This mural project is **one of seven community-based strategies**. Changing physical spaces has given this space new meaning: **hope, growth, creativity, and recreation.**



Youth Microgrants

The Healthy Hamilton Coalition partnered with the 17STRONG! neighborhood group to **provide funds for student-led initiatives in the city**. Three Hamilton students used microgrants and other donations to lead **community clean-up days** in the German Village, Crawford Woods Park, and Hamilton High School. Another Hamilton student, inspired by the Fitton Family YMCA’s Young at Heart Program, used their funds to organize a **social gathering for older adults, the “Midnight Waltz.”** The idea behind the microgrants was to inspire students to make a change in the community, and these four students certainly delivered.



Agents of Change Youth Summit



Agents of Change is a **youth-led council** consisting of teens in **grades 9-12**. In Butler County, Agents of Change addresses substance use and mental health challenges in the community. Agents of Change are provided with training and experiences that help their mission. This year, Agents of Change hosted the **2024 Butler County Youth Summit**, themed **“Pursue You,”** where participants were linked with resources to help jumpstart their career paths.

- **94.2%** of participants said the summit made them feel more confident about their future
- **96%** of participants ranked the event as “Good” or “Excellent”

Mediation and Problem Solving



Mediation and Problem-Solving (MaPS) services provide an opportunity for student-to-guardian or student-to-student to share their voice and listen to one another's perspective on challenges such as truancy, school success, and conflict between students with a mediator who will help develop a strengths-based agreement to help reach their goals.

Between September 2023 and June 2024, **44 MaPS sessions** took place with **70 youth and guardians**, with the goal of improving resiliency among youth and their families.

97% of responding school personnel reported the conflict had **improved** some or a lot for the involved students.

School MaPS

MaPS has become an essential part of **Middletown Middle School** and **Crossroads Middle School**. More schools to be added.

Community MaPS

Envision Partnerships has recently designated a new space for community MaPS to occur so that **non-court-involved** families will no longer have to go to juvenile court for mediation.

As of June 2024, 9 individuals have been trained or are in the process of being trained to become MaPS mediators, through online and in-person trainings.

Suicide Prevention

Launch of LOSS/DOSS



In 2024, **The Local Outreach to Suicide Survivors/Drug Overdose Survivor Support Team (LOSS/DOSS)** was created to connect the newly bereaved to community mental health resources, individual survivor support, and grief group support. Recruiting, interviewing, and training volunteers commenced in January 2023 and continued through February 2024. LOSS/DOSS has **17 fully trained volunteers** who tirelessly provide support to those touched by suicide and drug overdoses.

As of June 2024, the Butler County LOSS/DOSS is the **75th** team across 19 states and 6 countries

Want to Volunteer?

Interested in providing compassion to those touched by suicide or unintentional drug overdose? Email Jennifer at JMacLean@EnvisionPartnerships.org to learn about opportunities and responsibilities of volunteers and to get dates of upcoming information sessions!



First coalition awards given at member appreciation event



Older Adults Taskforce

According to data from the Butler County Coroner's Office, **more individuals aged 65+ are dying by suicide than in past years**. The Suicide Prevention Coalition launched the **Older Adults Taskforce**. Working with Butler County EMTs and the Midpoint Library, **over 2000 resource cards for older adult suicides** were created. Distribution of these resource cards began in June 2024.

Youth Suicide Prevention

Working with students on suicide prevention is at the core of what we do. Over **500 students were taught Signs of Suicide** in early intervention groups; another **2000 were reached through classroom Lifelines training**. This year, Lifelines was taught in **seven locations, two more than previous years**. There was a **22% increase** in students served.

Spanish Speaking Population



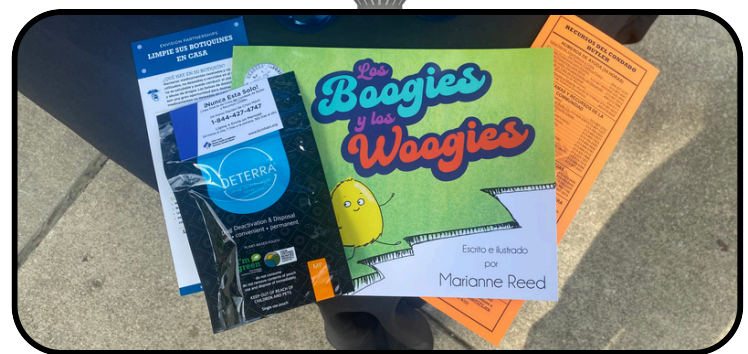
Last summer, Envision Partnerships was accepted into a state pilot program: **Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards** as a **Catalyst for Prevention**. Participating in this program allowed EP to form an agency Change Team that makes recommendations and takes action to diversify staff and service provisions.

Activities this year include:

- Translation of forms and evaluation tools from English to Spanish
- Offering an introductory Spanish class and cultural lessons to all staff members
- Promote the Spanish Medication Disposal Displays throughout the county
- Translation of social marketing materials, such as Safeguard Youth, from English to Spanish
- Offering early intervention groups in Spanish in schools

Las actividades de este año incluyen:

- Traducción de formularios y herramientas de evaluación del inglés al español
- Ofrecer una clase introductoria de español y lecciones culturales a todos los empleados.
- Promover las exhibiciones de eliminación de medicamentos en español en todo el condado
- Traducción de materiales de marketing social, como Safeguard Youth, del inglés al español
- Ofrecer grupos de intervención temprana en español en las escuelas



Spanish Mediation and Prevention

Several mediators have been trained to provide Mediation and Prevention Services (MAPs) for Spanish Speaking Communities. These mediators have also helped to create the Spanish versions of associated paperwork.

Varios mediadores han sido capacitados para brindar Servicios de Mediación y Prevención (MAP) para comunidades de habla hispana. Estos mediadores también han ayudado a crear las versiones en español de la documentación asociada.

Success Story

Kim Lytle, J.D., OCPA, Director of School & Juvenile Court Programs

A student who started with Kim in 3rd grade was referred to the group due to concerns related to anger and negative behaviors. The student continued with groups from elementary to high school and actively participated in EP's after-school girls' group. Through these groups, Kim could connect with the student and understand the impact of her life experiences and traumas on her life. While working with the student, Kim witnessed her transformation into a mature young woman, and she is still in contact with her after graduation. Kim and the student frequently stay in touch, sharing success stories in college and life. The student has continuously expressed her gratitude for the group and now works as a mentor at our Camp Mariposa, supporting other youth with similar experiences.

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