

# MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES RENEWAL LEVY

For Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties

## NOT A NEW TAX

### VOTING

- ➔ Register By: **Monday, October 7**
- ➔ Early Voting: **Tuesday, October 8**
- ➔ Election Day: **Tuesday, November 5**

## Important Information

- ◆ This is a **RENEWAL**, not a new tax.
- ◆ The community has generously supported its renewal since the levy first passed in 1985.
- ◆ This levy costs \$10 a year for a \$100,000 home.
- ◆ Nearly half of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board's funding comes from the local levy.
- ◆ Levies funded \$5,299,042 in services and programs for 2023. This 10-year levy brings in 32% of local funding.
- ◆ The MHRSB funds services in 33 school districts.
- ◆ Due to community support, lives are being changed. Keep us moving in the right direction.
- ◆ We have a 24/7 Crisis Center to serve the community day & night.
- ◆ The local HOPEline crisis line is available 24/7: **1-800-567-4673 (HOPE)**
- ◆ Serving the mental health and substance use needs for the residents of Allen, Auglaize, and Hardin Counties.

## The Board's Role

**Empowering Mental Health & Recovery Since 1968** — at the heart of our mission lies a legacy of support and empowerment.

For over five decades, the Mental Health Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) has been dedicated to the residents of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties.

Our three pillars, Prevention, Treatment and Recovery, form the cornerstone of our commitment.

Prevention involves empowering residents in need with knowledge to safeguard their mental well-being. When treatment is required, MHRSB provides access to tailored resources. Recovery is our ultimate goal — ensuring residents get the help they need.

Together, we are dedicated to empowering residents with the tools and assistance for their path to recovery.



# Your support of mental health & recovery services is changing lives. *Let's keep going!*

## Pillars at the MHRSB

### Prevention

Expanded Naloxone distribution with Project Dawn operated by Allen County Public Health by distributing 1,797 kits in 2023.

Expanded school-based funding through providers Key to Recovery Services, Health Partners of Western Ohio, and SAFY.

Invested in Notify text alert service for community health events like overdose spikes, Narcan distribution, & more. Sign up for the service by texting **START** to **888-701-2578 (ALRT)**.

### Treatment

Funds crisis intervention services for individuals.

Secured 2.2 million dollars in state and federal funding for an Extended Stay Unit at the We Care Regional Crisis Center, to break ground in 2024.

Secured 1.3 million dollars in federal funding to work with families impacted by child/parent domestic violence, to be operational in 2025.

Partnered with SAFY of Ohio to deliver intensive family services.

### Recovery

Supports the Guardianship Board to provide guardianship services to individuals with behavioral health and developmental disabilities lacking a legal guardian.

Helped local substance use recovery homes obtain Ohio Recovery Housing Certification.

Supports peer recovery centers for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness and addiction.

Funded housing for individuals with severe and persistent mental illness.

## Workforce Development

Social services industry is understaffed by 47% across the nation.

Your local Board is taking proactive steps to limit shortages across all three pillars (Prevention, Treatment, Recovery) in our local system of care.

Started We Care Heroes for employees of local behavioral health providers to help in furthering their careers through funding assistance for items like course tuition, books, and more.

A consultant is working on community-wide recruitment, and helping local employees benefit from Student Loan Forgiveness programs.

Partnered with local Ohio Means Jobs to provide behavioral health college students with paid work experience to increase interest in local communities.

Summer Career Pathways is in its 6th year and is a 3-week program for high schoolers to earn money and learn about mental health careers.