



Athens-Hocking-Vinton
Alcohol, Drug Addiction &
Mental Health Services Board

ODBH PROGRAM REVIEW

Enhancing the System of Care for Youth and
Families in Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties





Population Focus

- Appalachian youth in Athens, Hocking, and Vinton Counties
- At-risk for or currently experiencing substance use disorders, co-occurring mental health conditions and multi-system involvement
- Rural counties that face persistent poverty, transportation barriers, and limited access to culturally appropriate services
- Includes justice-involved youth, re-entry populations, and families impacted by trauma and intergenerational adversity



Scope of Work

5 Programs

12 Deliverables

6 Quality Measurements

- Youth retention in services
- Youth satisfaction and engagement in programming
- Increase in knowledge, skills, leadership, coping, and resilience
- Reductions in youth recidivism
- Number of youth paired with mentors and peer supporters
- Family engagement metrics



Key Services

Agency	Key Services
ISBH	BH Respite services, caregiver relief, trauma-informed care
APP	Peer-led arts-based recovery, youth leadership, photography groups, youth peer supporter training
NAMI ATHENS	Youth advisory councils, peer support, mental health education, community events
HHC	After-school and summer enrichment, care coordination to evidence-based services, high school internships
HRS	Evidence-based behavioral health groups, family engagement, transportation and incentives



Programs

- 1) Youth Resiliency Arts Partnerships – APP
- 2) Youth Engagement and Advisory Panels – NAMI
- 3) Groups for Multi-System Involved At-Risk Children and Youth – HHC
- 4) Launching BH Respite at The Hive Youth Resiliency Center – ISBH
- 5) Enhancing System of Care - HRS



Deliverables

- Behavioral Health Services - substance use treatment and/or co-occurring
- Youth peer support provided by trained youth with lived experience supporting others in recovery
- Family peer support offered by family members with lived experience providing guidance and support to caregivers
- Mentoring services such as educational mentors, independent living coaches, recovery mentors, and youth leadership facilitators
- Youth Leadership Development and Community Engagement opportunities that allow youth to co-lead service planning, participate in evaluation efforts, and engage in advocacy initiatives that impact their lives and communities
- Youth peer support provided by trained youth with lived experience supporting others in recovery



Deliverables

- Supported Education and Employment services that help youth succeed academically, explore career paths, gain work experience, and transition into the workforce
- Care Coordination using team-based planning centered on youth and family goals
- Interpretive and translation services social and recreational activities
- Independent living skills
- The cost of childcare while families engage in treatment and support services
- Educational and technology-related expenses such as laptops and internet access



Accomplishments: ISBH

JANUARY

Convened hiring a BH Respite Worker

FEBRUARY

Successfully onboarded BH Respite Worker and received first youth referral - marking the beginning of service engagement and implementation

MARCH

Fully implemented BH Respite and quickly reached full caseload capacity. Established a waitlist. Service delivery workflows, billing processes through OhioRISE, and program structure became fully operational, positioning the program for continued growth and sustainability.

APRIL

Hired a second provider to increase capacity. Expanded programming to include Saturday respite groups.

MAY PLANNING

Onboard 2nd respite provider, expand service capacity, refine SOPs, document practices, set productivity expectations



Accomplishments: APP

JANUARY

Hired 3 part time staff to facilitate summer youth groups in Athens, Hocking and Vinton counties, met with community partners and engaged with FCFCs

FEBRUARY

Completed draft communication and registration materials and confirmed partners. Finalized locations, schedules, and class instructors.

MARCH

Focused on referral development for summer youth programs, partner engagement, finalized facility contracts, purchased cameras, and identified equipment, furnishings and accessibility needs at each site.

APRIL

Staff training and onboarded teaching teams. Continued partner engagement to secure referrals and care coordination.

MAY PLANNING

Begin site prep, finalize curricula, field trip sites, and transportation.



Accomplishments: NAMI

OCTOBER-JANUARY

School outreach, Ending the Silence at 3 HS, Convened youth programming at libraries, Attended NAMI NexGen Kickoff, peer-ed event planning

FEBRUARY

Youth Advisory Council formed and routinely meeting.

MARCH

The Youth Advisory Council is up and running. Participants meeting locally and with the NAMI Ohio NextGen group when scheduled.

APRIL

Youth-led activities planned and implemented.

MAY PLANNING

Youth will participate in Youth Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse



Accomplishments: HHC

JANUARY

Gathered input from partners (schools, juvenile courts, CPS, FCFC) about the strengths of previous groups provided and suggestions for improvement and identified gaps.

FEBRUARY

EBT Curriculum purchased and distributed to relevant staff. County leads began review with staff. Planning in place for summer groups with goal of finalizing and opening for referrals by end of March

MARCH

Art group was started in Athens County. Planning convened for spring activities in Vinton and Hocking counties.

APRIL

Activities completed with youth during spring break in all three counties.

MAY PLANNING

Referrals for summer groups will be contacted and arrangements made for starting groups in June



Accomplishments: HRS

JANUARY

Planned activities began including the first No Drug Abuse group to encourage abstinence and recovery. Instituted provision of services to eliminate barriers to treatment.

FEBRUARY

Family Meal provided serving 26 and Drug Abuse Group held 4 sessions serving 18, both groups reported over 90% satisfaction.

MARCH

1st quarter substance use group completed with 100% satisfaction. 2 Family Group Nights held with good attendance.

APRIL

Family Group Night held with high attendance and positive feedback.

MAY PLANNING

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Served to Date

2449

Athens County Residents			Hocking County Residents			Vinton County Residents		Outside AHV Counties	
1995			311			140		3	
Age 0-4	Age 5-11	Age 12-14	Age 15-17	Age 18-20	Age 21-24	Age 25-44	Age 45-64	Age 65+	
1	31	1030	677	503	134	26	33	13	



All Programs

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GOAL

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