



"Our mission is sharing hope and caring to achieve recovery from mental illness, alcoholism, and drug addiction."

Information for the Community January 2012

About MHRS

Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren & Clinton Counties (MHRS) is the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) board that plans, funds, monitors and evaluates services and programs for residents with serious mental and emotional disorders and/or substance addictions.

(513) 695-1695

www.mhrsonline.org/

Provider Agencies

[Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers](#)

[New Housing Ohio, Inc.](#)

[National Alliance on Mental Illness - Warren County](#)

[Mental Health America of Southwest Ohio, Inc.](#)

[Women's Recovery Center](#)

State Mental Health Cuts: The Continuing Crisis

In November 2011 the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) released *State Mental Health Cuts: The Continuing Crisis* as a follow up to a report on the same subject conducted earlier in the year. The authors found that states have cut more than \$1.6 billion in general funds from their state mental health agency budgets for mental health services since FY2009, a period during which demand for such services increased significantly. These cuts led to significant reductions in both hospital and community services for vulnerable individuals with serious mental illnesses.

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Today, with demand for public mental health services extremely high, especially at a time of severe economic distress, the crisis in mental health care continues.



The impacts are felt throughout society as people go without the treatment they need.

Increasingly, emergency rooms, homeless shelters and jails are struggling with the effects of people falling through the cracks due to lack of needed mental health services and supports.

In contrast, some states increased their state general fund appropriations for mental health in FY2012. However, these increases do not mitigate the damage that has been done by cuts to the infrastructure of services for people living with the

[Talbert House: Warren Outpatient Services](#)

Crisis Line
1-877-695-NEED
(6333)

Quick Links

Each month MHRS will pass along links to additional resources on specific topics

AoD and Youth

<http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov>

Website sponsored by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism which includes alcohol abuse information for college and high school administrators, parents and students.

Suicide and Bullying

<http://www.ojdp.gov/pubs/234205.pdf>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (a division of the U.S. Department of Justice) publication entitled "Bullying in Schools: An Overview" which examines the connection between bullying, truancy, student achievement, and student engagement in schools.

National and State Entities

[NAMI Ohio](#)

[National Alliance for the Mentally Ill \(NAMI\)](#)

[Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities](#)

[Ohio Department of Mental Health](#)

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most serious mental illnesses.

Modest increases in state general fund mental health spending fail to compensate for the loss in federal Medicaid revenues that hit states due to reductions in federal Medicaid rates implemented at the end of June 2011.

Ohio, by example, has shifted state general fund mental health dollars to Medicaid recipients, leaving many non-Medicaid recipients with a serious mental illness without services. This will have a ripple effect on many who do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot afford services on their own.

NAMI offers a series of policy recommendations including:

1. Protect and strengthen mental health services and restore spending cuts
2. Improve data collection and outcomes measurement for mental health services
3. Preserve access to acute care and long-term care services

To view a PDF of the report [click here](#).

MHRS Seeks Community Feedback Via Anonymous Online Survey

In an effort to improve local services, the Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren and Clinton Counties (MHRS) is seeking feedback from the community. The brief online survey seeks information regarding gaps in services, unmet needs, access issues, overall satisfaction and additional service-based questions.

Individuals who utilize MHRS-funded services, their family members, referral sources and community members are invited to complete this anonymous survey.

"Community feedback is an essential part of our strategic planning and operations to assure we're providing the highest quality care within our budget means," said MHRS Executive Director Brent Lawyer. "This survey is an important tool in our process and we encourage participation."

The survey has been designed by Wright State University's Center for Urban and Public Affairs (CUPA).



County and MHRS Complete Land Swap Deal

The Warren County Commissioners and MHRS have swapped ownership of properties located at 210 W. Main Street, Lebanon, (Corwin House) and 212 Cook Road, Lebanon, (where the MHRS administrative offices currently stand).

"It's a win-win for both parties," said Brent Lawyer, executive director of Mental Health and Recovery Services. Lawyer said that the mental health board had owned its administrative offices at the intersection of Cook Road and Justice Drive, but not the land where it sat until now. The county said Corwin House would be used as an auxiliary office for the county engineer's office, which is outgrowing its current location on Markey Road.

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