



**Mental Health
Recovery Board**
Serving Warren & Clinton Counties

**FY2025
ANNUAL REPORT**

Fiscal Year 2025





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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Community Members, Stakeholders, and Partners,

I am pleased to share the FY 2025 Annual Report for Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties. The year has been one of growth, resilience, and deepened community impact as we continue our mission to support a healthier community by investing in a robust system of mental health and substance use disorder services.

Behind every number in this report is a family member, a neighbor, a coworker, or a friend. In FY2025, more than 2,900 individuals received services through our provider network—a 31% increase over the previous year. At the same time, average wait times for care decreased from 16 days in FY2024 to 14 days in FY2025. While there is still work to be done, this progress reflects positive momentum in improving timely access to care.

MEASURABLE OUTCOMES

We remain focused not only on access, but also on outcomes that provide positive results:

- 60% of clients demonstrated measurable clinical improvement this year, an increase from 55% in FY2024.
- Admissions to transitional housing increased by 33%, providing more individuals with a stable, supportive environment as they move back into the community from a hospital or institutional setting.
- FY25 also saw the closing of Solutions Community Counseling after decades of service in the community. Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services expanded their services in Warren and Clinton County, working closely with the Board and Solutions to ensure access, maintain workforce, and streamline client care. MHRB is grateful for the care and support of both agencies during this process.

RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP

The local levy approved by voters in 2021, combined with state and federal funding, makes this work possible. Through careful fiscal management, these resources are strategically invested across prevention, crisis intervention, outpatient treatment, and recovery support services. We anticipate seeking levy renewal in November of 2026 and remain committed to transparency, accountability, and measurable community impact.

INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

Looking ahead, collaboration and innovation remain central to our work. In partnership with four neighboring boards, we are preparing to open the Transitional Living of South-west Ohio in FY26. This 16-bed facility will provide a full array of services to support an individual's transition back to the community, leading to more successful outcomes.

We also continued work with CHES Health on the online prevention tool and phone app for individuals in treatment to have a 24-hour connection to support

LOOKING AHEAD

As we move into FY 2026, our priorities remain clear: improve access, strengthen quality, and ensure long-term sustainability for evolving community needs. Mental health and recovery services strengthen families, workplaces, schools, and neighborhoods. When individuals thrive, our entire community benefits.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff, provider partners, Warren and Clinton County Commissioners and stakeholders, and community members who support this important work. Most importantly, we thank the individuals and families who trust us to walk alongside them in their recovery journeys.

Sincerely,



Amy Fornshell

Amy Fornshell, Executive Director
Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties

FY2025 YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

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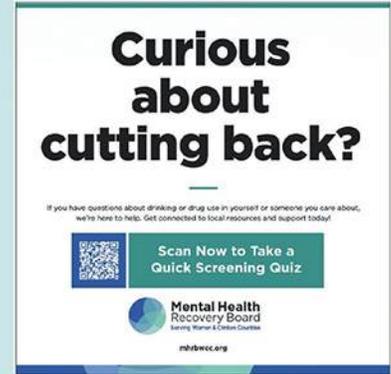
PROMOTION

OUTREACH CAMPAIGNS

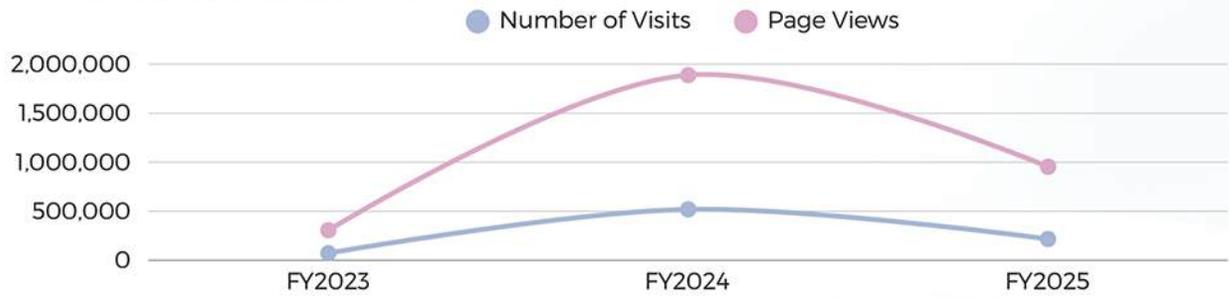
- **Find Help, Find Hope** - increase understanding of behavioral health resources
- **988 campaign** - National Mental Health Crisis Hotline
- **CHES App Tool Promotion** - self-evaluation of individual relationship with alcohol and/or drugs

SOCIAL MEDIA MONTHLY OBSERVANCES

- Mental Health Month (May)
- Overdose Awareness Month (August)
- Substance Use Prevention Month (October)



FY25 WEBSITE STATISTICS



PREVENTION

6,101 early childhood youth



across **421 classrooms** were supported with classroom management skill building. These services utilized evidence-based strategies to ensure all children can be served in a childcare center despite behavioral health challenges.

665 parents



were reached with education, coaching, or skill-building programs to help their journey of raising kids.

1,793 community members

across almost **200 trainings** received prevention education on topics including low-risk drinking, stress management, suicide prevention, and medication safety.

9,364 students across 13 schools

participated in skill-building projects and lessons. The lessons used evidence-based curriculum and focused on substance use prevention, suicide prevention, healthy relationships, and life skills such as resiliency and kindness.

PREVENTION HIGHLIGHT

The **Warren County Suicide Prevention Coalition (WCSPC)** had their official kick-off meeting in June 2025 after several months of planning. MHRB supports the coalition via the Coalition Coordinator role.

WCSPC is driven by a variety of sectors coming together, such as community members, school staff, and professionals, who are dedicated to preventing suicide and promoting hope.



ACCESS TO CARE

AVERAGE OUTPATIENT WAIT TIMES (IN DAYS)

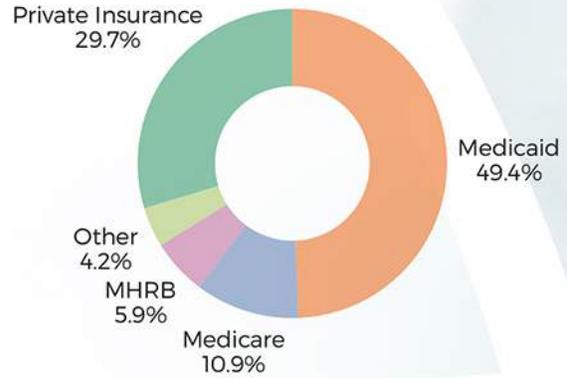


ACROSS 6 PROVIDERS, WAIT TIMES ARE AS QUICK AS 2 DAYS, NO LONGER THAN 19 DAYS.

MHRB is committed to making behavioral healthcare accessible and affordable for all Warren and Clinton County residents. The **Sliding Fee Scale** enables adults and children who are **uninsured or underinsured** to receive behavioral healthcare services **at no cost or at a reduced rate**. All eligible insurance plans - including private insurance, Medicare and Medicaid - are billed first. MHRB then covers any remaining eligible costs.



INSURANCE PAYOR SOURCE



CRISIS HOTLINE CALL DATA



CRISIS HOTLINE
In mental health crisis? Call 988. Over the past five years, the Crisis Hotline has received an average of **3,245** calls annually. In FY25, the total number of calls increased to **3,405**- this reflects a gradual **8.8% increase** over the last three fiscal years. Of the calls in which the caller's county of residence was identified, **41%** came from **Clinton County**, and **59%** came from **Warren County**.

CRISIS

MOBILE CRISIS TEAM

The Mobile Crisis Team of professionals responds in real-time to mental health crisis in the community with de-escalation, support, and stabilization. In FY25, there were **469** crisis interventions carried out by the Mobile Crisis Team, which is a **16% decrease** from FY24. The average response time from end of phone contact to arrival was **31 minutes**.

FY25 Mobile Crisis Hospitalizations



FY2025 YEAR BY THE NUMBERS

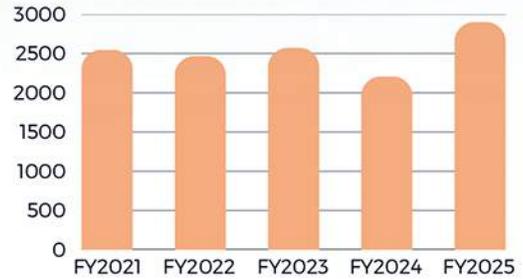
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

OUTPATIENT TREATMENT



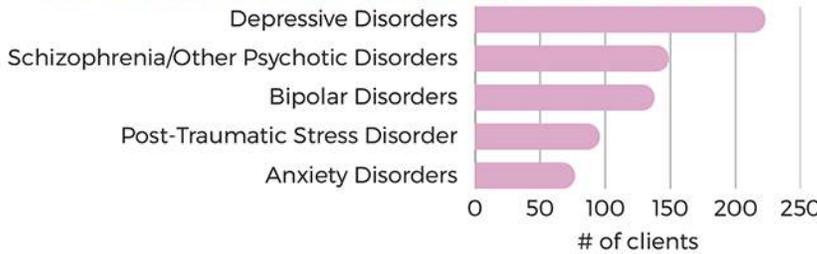
Over the last five fiscal years, an average of **2,540** patients from Warren and Clinton counties have received treatment. In FY25, **2,902** individuals were served across all the behavioral health providers contracted by MHRB, marking a **31% increase** from the previous year.



93% of client requests received services

60% of clients evaluated with an outcome tool demonstrated overall **clinical improvement** in their scores

TOP 5 DIAGNOSES OF MHRB PAID CLAIMS



- **2,470** Problem Gambling Screenings were conducted over the fiscal year.
- **43** clients had a positive screening.

HIGHLIGHT: TRANSITIONAL LIVING OF SOUTHWEST OHIO (TLSO)

Throughout FY25, MHRB planned a **new 16-bed Crisis Stabilization Center**. This project represents a strong regional collaboration among several mental health and recovery boards. The nearly **\$5.6 million project** received funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, Brown County State Capital dollars, and cash matches from the regional boards. Transitional Living of Southwest Ohio (TLSO) is a short term residential facility for adults experiencing a mental health crisis. TLSO provides **step-up and step-down care** for community members stepping up to higher levels of support, and for those stepping down from psychiatric hospitalization or other intensive services. Supporting those transitioning between levels of care aims to reduce risk of hospitalization or relapse and support recovery. TLSO will officially open in FY26.



Transitional Living
of Southwest Ohio

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT)

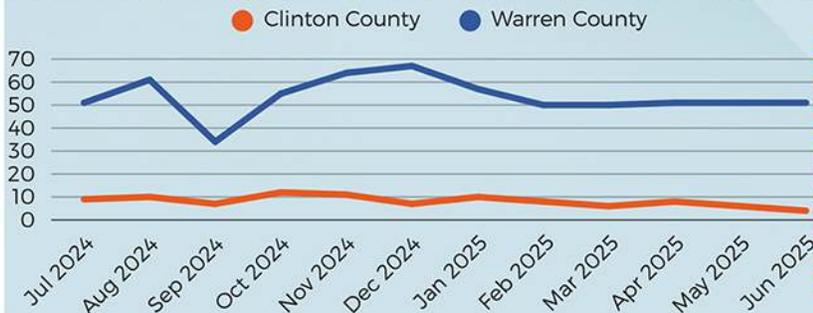
The CIT training ensures that people experiencing a behavioral health crisis are approached with **de-escalation, understanding, and access to appropriate care**. In FY2025, we held **2** training sessions and trained **24** law enforcement officers, parole officers, probation officers, and deputy clerks in the model, which helps those teams as they serve and protect our communities.

SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS (SPMI)

About **915** residents per quarter received SPMI case management services in FY25. Based on the patient's level of need, **daily** visits may be provided to ensure appropriate care and support. An average of **152** individuals per quarter received intensive case management services, and an average of **17** individuals per month were admitted to the regional psychiatric hospital.



NUMBER OF INMATES SEEN BY JAIL PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES



"MHRB's investment in the jail is a **hidden gem**. This is a huge, concentrated, high risk population." Warren County Sheriff's Office

COURTS



49% of Warren County clients and **59%** of Clinton County clients were connected to MHRB providers or other community services for further support.

Certified recovery courts and specialized dockets have been designed to provide participants with connections to care and wraparound services. There are a total of **4** recovery courts across Warren and Clinton counties. **Mental Health Probation Officers in Clinton County** served an average of **105** clients per quarter and **Warren County** served an average of **60** clients per quarter.

2,013 students



across **94 groups** received NAMI's End the Silence program, which helps middle and high school aged youth learn about the warning signs of mental health conditions and steps to get help for themselves or a friend

33% increase in transitional housing admissions



from FY24 to FY25, to assist individuals in their recovery for up to 90 days as they are leaving hospitalization, institutional settings, or need a more stable environment in the community. **11** of these admissions were from Warren County and **25** were from Clinton County.

Over 300 individuals

were engaged in peer-to-peer programming or family-to-family support groups to support participants and their loved ones in their recovery.



81 people

on average per quarter were in Permanent Supportive Housing, which serves those who have a mental health diagnosis that is considered to be a Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI). This housing is considered to be long term with no designated end time.



JUSTICE

RECOVERY

FY2025

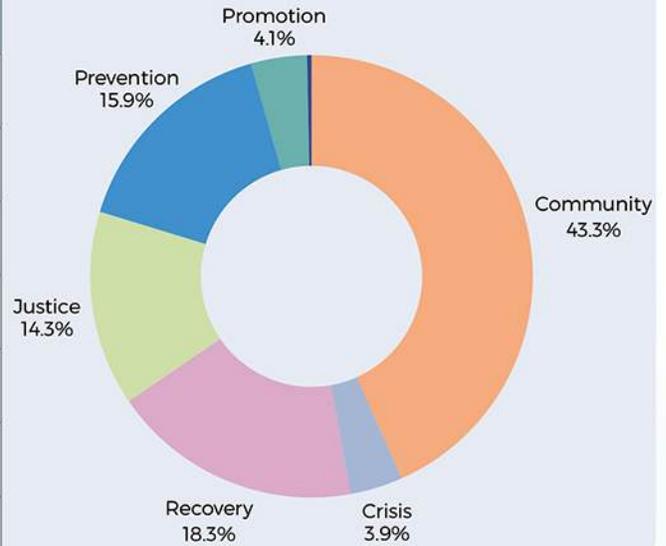
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FINANCIALS

CONTRACT EXPENSE DISTRIBUTION

Service Plan	Amount	Percent
Community	\$6,779,463	43.3%
Recovery	\$2,858,604	18.3%
Prevention	\$2,483,204	15.9%
Justice	\$2,233,703	14.3%
Promotion	\$641,214	4.1%
Crisis	\$605,645	3.9%
Other	\$49,104	0.3%



FY2025 MHRB FINANCIAL SUMMARY



Revenue	
Local Levy	\$7,454,608
State Mental Health	\$5,870,017
State Substance Use Disorders	\$578,774
Federal Mental Health	\$311,080
Federal Substance Use Disorders	\$1,478,342
Grants & Other Revenue	\$5,471,919
Fiscal Agent	\$11,349
TOTAL REVENUE	\$21,176,089

Expenses	
Board Admin	\$1,029,395
Board Operated Services	\$1,293,653
Capital	\$381,763
Contract Services	\$15,009,723
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$22,714,534



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MHRB IN THE COMMUNITY

MHRB is mandated to plan, fund, monitor, and evaluate the behavioral health system serving our two counties. But we also strive to educate and inform stakeholders and community members across our region about the work we do, and how it benefits where we live, work and play. That's why each year we take our work to community events and functions taking place across Warren and Clinton Counties. You can visit with our team, ask questions about how to access services and programs when you see us at things like National Night Out, NAMI Walks, Lebanon's Healthy Living Market, and much more.



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PROVIDER AGENCIES CONTRACTED

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MHRB STAFF –FY2025

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If you're interested in serving on our **Board of Directors**, please contact our office at **(513) 695-1695**.



Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties (MHRB) is the local board of mental health and addiction services (also called an ADAMHS board). Established in 1969, MHRB is one of 50 boards across Ohio serving the needs of residents who seek help for behavioral health disorders.

Governed by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 340, MHRBWCC plans, funds, monitors, and evaluates services and programs for people seeking help to recover from mental health and/or addiction issues.

- MHRBWCC works with community stakeholders such as clients, family members, provider agencies, and members of the community to plan the system of care so that it is cost effective, high quality, and culturally competent.
- MHRBWCC provides funding to this system through a local levy, federal and state allocations, grants through partnerships with both public and private entities.
- Through regular reviews and agency audits, MHRBWCC looks at how provider agencies are doing on service and program delivery to ensure quality and effectiveness.
- MHRBWCC looks at various statistics and outputs that we require from the agencies with which we contract, and make necessary changes to make sure all clients are receiving quality care.



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MISSION STATEMENT:

Mental Health Recovery Board Serving Warren & Clinton Counties supports a healthier community by investing in a system of mental health and substance use disorder services for the people of our counties.



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