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## **Nine Ohio Counties Awarded Funding to Help Prevent Underage Drinking, Reduce Prescription Drug Misuse Among Youth and Young Adults**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today awarded funding to nine counties to help prevent underage drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse among youth and young adults. Champaign, Coshocton, Hardin, Holmes, Mercer, Seneca, Tuscarawas, Warren and Wayne counties will each receive \$80,000 to implement Ohio’s Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success (SPF-PFS) initiative.

Ohio’s SPF-PFS initiative is a five-year grant awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAMHSA/CSAP) and administered by OhioMHAS. Sub-grantees will be expected to establish community stakeholder teams to select evidence-based programs, practices, policies and strategies that address the prevention or reduction of consequences of underage drinking for persons aged 12 to 20, and the reduction of prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25.

“Ohio’s PFS will help build an integrated public health infrastructure that more efficiently leverages prevention resources to support the alignment of prevention priorities from multiple systems at the community and state levels,” OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck said. “This initiative will enhance the capacity of the local community infrastructure by developing workforce capacity, which will lead to an increased use of evidence-based programs, practices, policies, and strategies to ensure that Ohio’s rural and Appalachian populations have equitable access to culturally competent prevention services.”

Grant funds may be renewable for up to two additional years, dependent on the availability of federal funds and on demonstrated progress toward outcomes.

Learn more about Ohio’s SPF-PFS initiative at: [www.pfs.ohio.gov](http://www.pfs.ohio.gov).

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**Ohio Strategic Prevention Framework – Partnership for Success**  
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