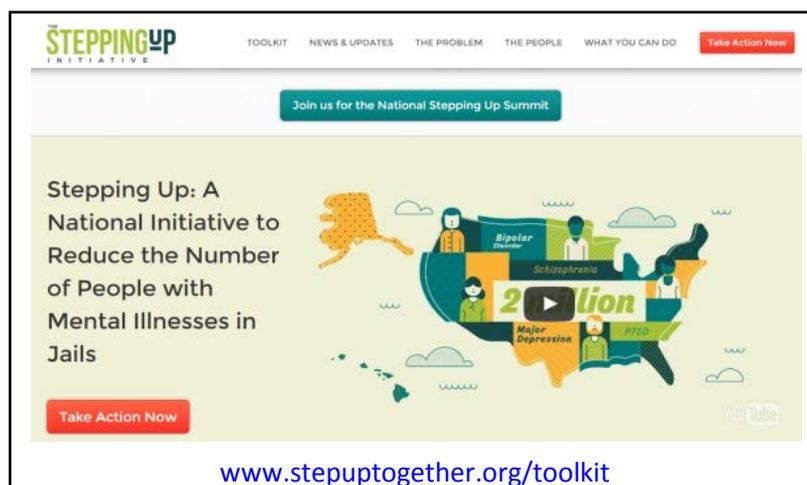


Getting Started with Stepping Up Ohio

Thank you for joining the national **Stepping Up** initiative and demonstrating your commitment to reducing the number of people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders in jail. State leaders are also stepping up and launching a statewide effort in partnership with the Council of State Governments Justice Center to provide additional opportunities that are specific to participating counties in the State of Ohio. Ohio is one of only a handful of states promoting this statewide approach.

Here are four ways your county can benefit from Stepping Up Ohio:

- 1. Access the Stepping Up toolkit** – Make sure you're signed up to receive Stepping Up announcements at <https://stepuptogether.org/take-action>. By signing up, you will receive a link to the Stepping Up toolkit, which includes written planning guides, training webinars, and relevant publications. Drawing on this assistance, counties can create actionable plans to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.



- 2. Take part in a free assessment to determine what you have and what you need in your county** – An expert team of assessors are available to conduct a phone discussion and on-site review of current practices that can help your county prioritize areas to tackle in your plan to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jail. To participate, email Melissa Knopp at knoppm@hocking.edu. This opportunity is made possible through the generous support of the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation.
- 3. Receive free technical assistance to move your plan forward** – Stepping Up Ohio participants will have access to resources that provide guidance and updates on learning opportunities, peer exchanges, and other technical assistance.

To learn more about Stepping Up Ohio and the opportunities available through this initiative, please contact Project Coordinator Melissa Knopp at knoppm@hocking.edu.