

OhioMHAS Funds Dedicated to First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Projects

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is pleased to announce that seven agencies providing services in seventeen counties have been awarded SAMHSA Block Grant funds in the amount of \$1,629,288 to develop or expand programs for individuals experiencing their first episode of psychosis. The First Episode Psychosis (FEP) programs target individuals ages 15-35 who are within two years of their initial symptoms of psychosis. In total, the programs are projected to serve approximately 300 individuals in this fiscal year.

The following represents the agencies and the counties:

- Catholic Charities in Cuyahoga County;
- Coleman Professional Services in Portage, Stark, Allen, Auglaize and Hardin counties;
- Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services in Hamilton, Clermont and Butler counties;
- New Horizons in Fairfield County;
- The Nord Center in Lorain County;
- Six County, Inc. in Muskingum, Guernsey and Morgan counties; and
- The Zepf Center in Lucas and Wood counties.

Projects are encouraged to model their programs after the National Institute of Mental Health sponsored “Recovery After an Initial Schizophrenia Episode (RAISE)” research project. This includes implementing Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) teams that are multidisciplinary, immediately available when there is a need and are recovery-oriented. The teams may offer individual therapy, family education and support, medication management, case management, supportive education and/or employment and peer support.

For questions about the projects please contact Kathy Coate-Ortiz, project lead. Kathleen.Coate-Ortiz@mha.ohio.gov. Additional information will be available soon on the OhioMHAS website (<http://mha.ohio.gov/>).

Resources:

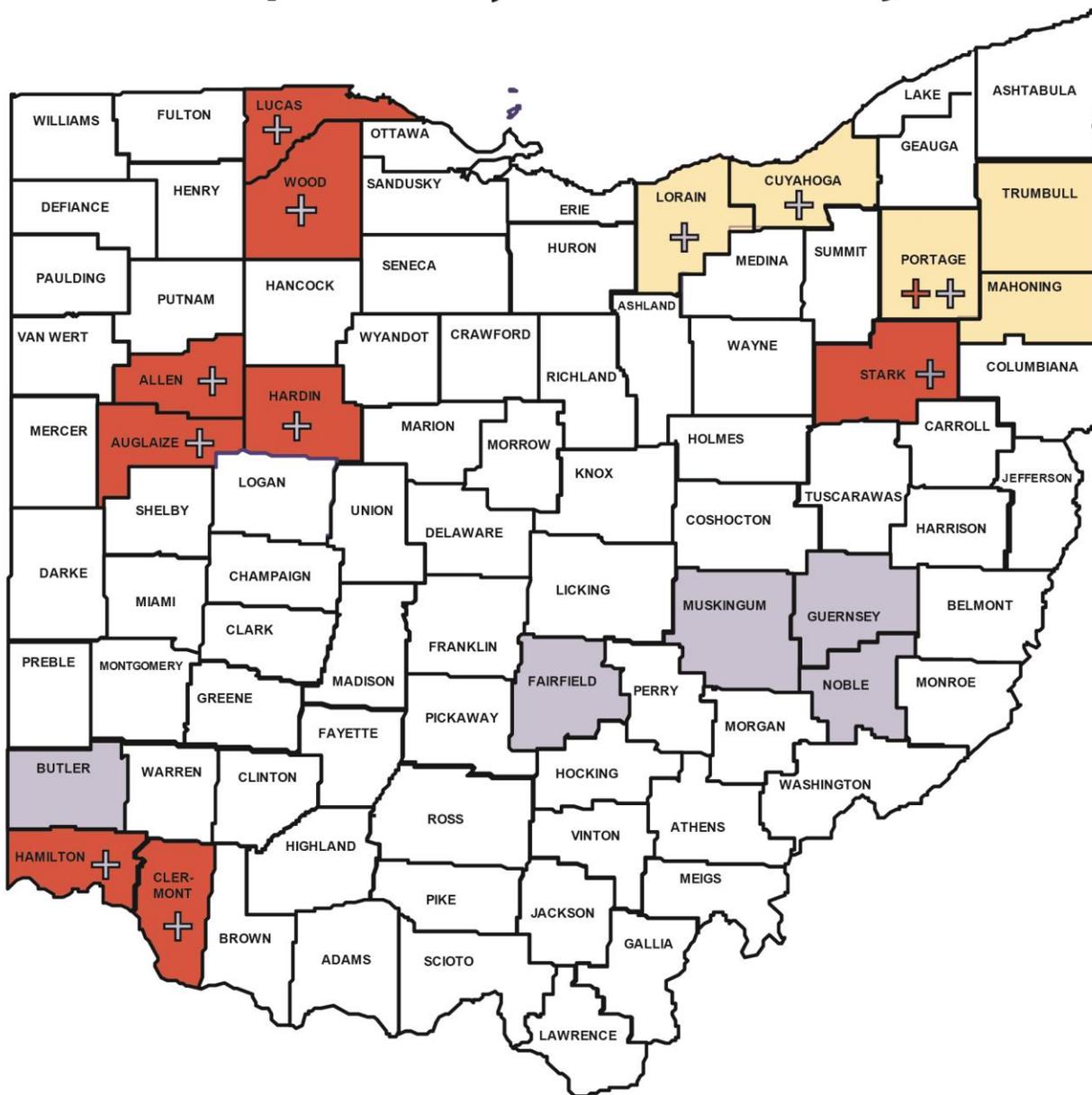
National Institute of Mental Health Coordinated Specialty Care:

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/schizophrenia/raise/coordinated-specialty-care-for-first-episode-psychosis-resources.shtml>

National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors:

<http://www.nasmhpd.org/content/early-intervention-psychosis-eip>

First Episode Psychosis (FEP) Projects



 FEP Projects Existing Prior to SFY 2015

 OhioMHAS-Funded Projects SFY 2015-16

 OhioMHAS-Funded Projects SFY 2017