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Stepping Up: Leveraging Opportunities

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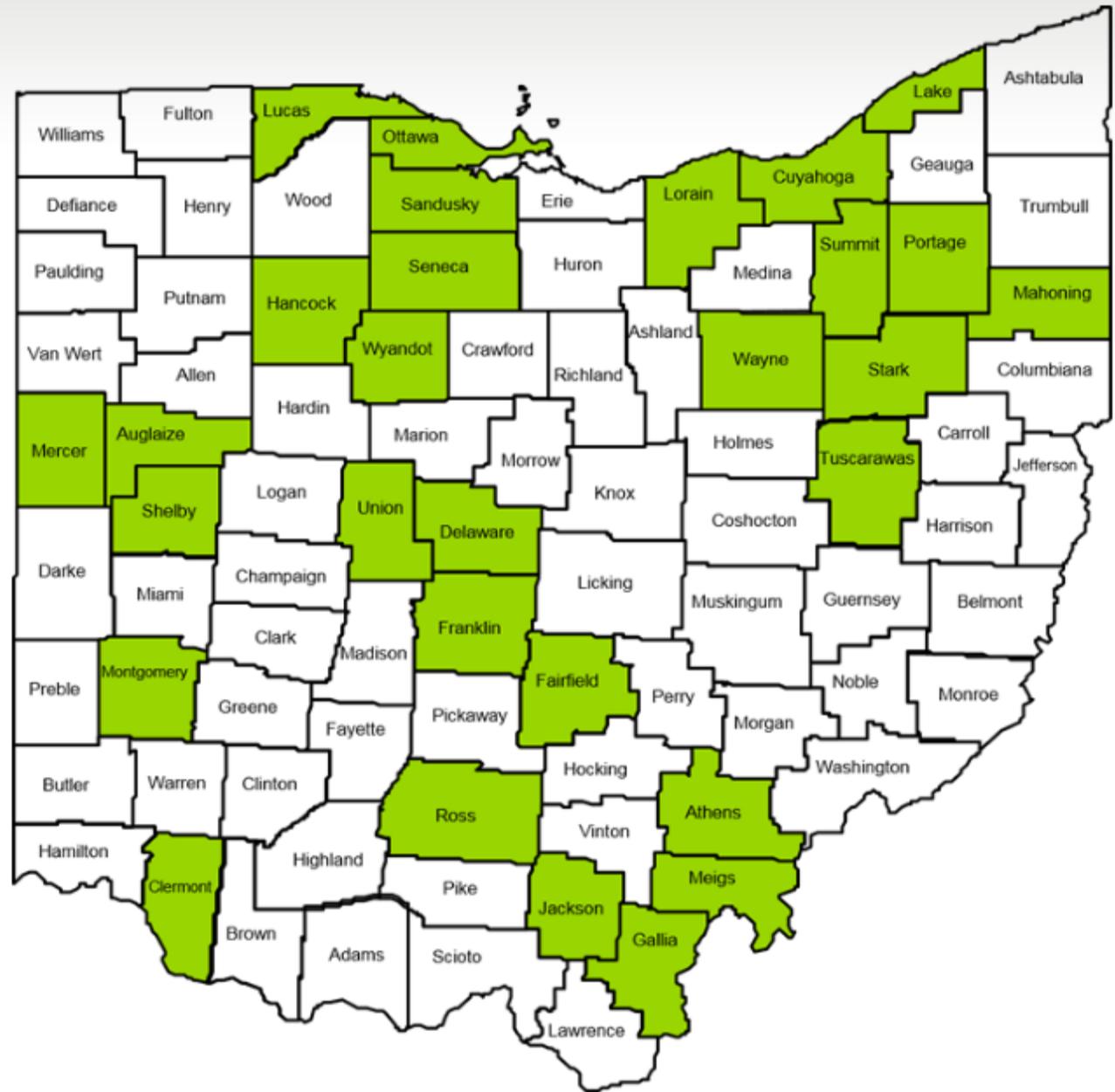
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Today's topics

- Stepping Up status
- Leveraging resources
 - OhioMHAS Community Innovations program
 - Specialized docket payroll subsidy
 - Other possible state opportunities
- Forthcoming technical assistance
- Stepping Up Ohio website

Participating Counties

Stepping Up
Ohio
counties: 28
have joined,
representing
57% of Ohio's
population
(over 6.5 million
people)



Leveraging Resources

- Existing competitive grants and/or first come, first serve subsidy opportunities
 - OhioMHAS programs
 - Department of Rehabilitation & Correction
 - Department of Public Safety
 - Other

Community Innovations

- OhioMHAS Objectives:
 - Divert appropriate individuals from jail and into behavioral health services
 - Identify and treat inmates with behavioral health needs while incarcerated
 - Promptly link them to behavioral health services upon release
- Community-specific interventions proposed & administered by ADAMH boards and county jails

Community Innovations

- 23 projects funded
- \$3 million/year for FY16 & FY 17

SFY 2016 Community Innovations
Criminal Justice Linkages Grant Recipients



Specialized Dockets Payroll Subsidy

- Provides \$5M in additional support for our certified specialized docket partners targeting participants with a drug addiction or dependency
- Funds can be used to defray a portion of the annual payroll costs associated with the employment of one new or existing specialized docket staff member by a court of common pleas, municipal, or county court – including juvenile and family courts that have a family dependency treatment court

Other agencies' community opportunities

- Department of Rehabilitation & Correction:
 - Probation Improvement & Incentive Grants (PIIG) and SMART Ohio grants for common pleas and municipal courts
 - Create or enhance existing community services
 - Examples include starting or supporting expansion of drug courts and other specialty dockets, and creating regional probation treatment services in rural areas, among others
 - For more information: <http://www.drc.ohio.gov/web/BCS.htm>
- Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Services:
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for local entities
 - Streamline justice funding to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions
 - More opportunities available at: <http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/grants.stm>

OhioMHAS coordinator

- Julie Spohn from OhioMHAS is our lead regarding technical assistance for specific communities
 - Help with identifying priority areas
 - All suggestions are optional
 - We can field questions & make additional referrals at any time

Technical assistance

Approaches (and examples):

- Statewide information available (by topic) to help all counties with planning & implementation
- Targeted assistance to individual counties
- Policy/operational infrastructure improvements: state-led with county assistance

Free assessment

- An on-site assessment is available to better understand the types of technical assistance that may be helpful
 - Data collection, financing, best practices, etc.
 - Melissa Knopp from Hocking College will be leading the assessment team

Ohio's Stepping Up website

- <http://mha.ohio.gov/steppingup>
 - Tool kits
 - Assessment materials
 - Community examples (Ohio & beyond)
 - Upcoming training, grant opportunities

Stepping Up Ohio website:



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Ohio Stepping Up initiative to reduce jail incarceration

Stepping Up is a national initiative targeted at reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. Without change, large numbers of people with mental illnesses (many with co-occurring substance use disorders) will continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in missed opportunities to link them to treatment, tragic outcomes, inefficient use of funding, and failure to improve public safety.

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is collaborating with other leading organizations and local experts to support the common goal. The initiative engages a diverse group of organizations, including those representing sheriffs, jail administrators, judges, community corrections professionals, treatment providers, people with mental illnesses and their families, mental health and substance use program directors, and other stakeholders.

Through its **Community Innovations** grants, which began in 2014, OhioMHAS took action to help counties reduce the number of criminal offenders with untreated mental illness and/or substance use disorders who continually cycle through county jails. Ohio Stepping Up will advance counties' efforts through additional components: 1) the Call to Action, and 2) a National Summit.

As part of the Call to Action, Ohio's county elected officials are encouraged to work with other leaders, people with mental illnesses and their advocates, and other stakeholders to pass a resolution in support of Stepping Up and commit to the six Stepping Up action steps. As of June 8, 2016, 23 Ohio counties (26.1 percent of Ohio's 88 counties) serving almost 52 percent of the state population have passed resolutions in support of Ohio Stepping Up.

[Stepping Up Together: Ohio Counties Meet for The Stepping Up Summit](#)



Related Materials

- [Stepping Up Overview](#)
- [Stepping Up Toolkit](#)
- [Six Questions County Leaders Need to Ask](#)
- [Publications, Tools, and Resources](#)

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[How to get started with Ohio Stepping Up](#)

National Website: <http://stepuptogether.org/>

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THE PEOPLE

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Foundation
Research. Education. Impact.

NACo
National Association of
County Officials

JUSTICE CENTER
The Council on State Governments
Collaborative Approach to Public Safety

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National Initiative to
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