

Ohio's FUTURE

**BUDGET OF THE STATE OF OHIO****FISCAL YEARS 2020 - 2021**

Support for Prevention and Early Intervention

Expand Access to Prevention Resources

Effective prevention services give people resources for coping with life stresses and decrease the likelihood of developing substance use problems, mental illness or both. To that end, OhioMHAS proposes the following FY 20-21 investments in prevention strategies that support Governor DeWine's priorities by promoting healthy relationships at home, at school and in the community. Specific uses for this funding include the following:

K-12 Prevention Education. OhioMHAS will direct \$18 million towards ensuring all schools can provide children with evidence-based prevention education in all stages of their education.

In partnership with the Ohio Department of Education, OhioMHAS will help build resiliency in children and reduce risk factors that contribute to development of behavioral health conditions. This critical investment will provide quality prevention services in every school, to every child, in every grade, so that we can protect future generations of Ohioans from addiction and mental illness. In addition, the Ohio Department of Education will be investing \$2 million to train teachers and school personnel on the models and tenants of prevention.

Empowering Families and Communities. OhioMHAS will invest \$8 million in the FY 20-21 biennium to help reduce stigma associated with behavioral health and equip Ohioans with skills needed to implement healthy prevention and intervention approaches in their own homes and personal relationships.

Family and friends are the front line of prevention. Promoting protective factors in families and empowering peers to support one another in making healthy choices reduces stigma and increases protective factors against behavioral health problems. OhioMHAS will build on the work of various partners in the private sector who are already developing creative prevention materials to launch a series of statewide multi-media campaigns.

Strengthen Intervention Services

Ohio START. OhioMHAS will provide \$12 million over the biennium to expand Ohio START. The program is currently in 34 counties. Our investment will help bring this important program to 30 additional counties.

Ohio START (Sobriety, Treatment, and Reducing Trauma) is an intervention program that provides specialized victim services, such as intensive trauma counseling, to children who have suffered victimization with substance abuse of a parent being the primary risk factor. The program also assists parents of children referred to the program with their path to recovery from addiction. OhioSTART is helping families avoid disruptive and costly out-of-home placements and helps keep families together.

Maintain Current Investments

The Investing in Ohio's Future budget maintains GRF and non-GRF funding for programs that are currently providing prevention and intervention services. Some examples of current programming that will continue in FY 20-21 include:

Early Childhood Mental Health. The Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) initiative is aimed at promoting healthy social and emotional development (i.e., good mental health) of young children (birth to six years). It focuses on ensuring these children thrive by addressing their behavioral health care needs, which increases their readiness for school and later academic success. This is accomplished by building protective factors in young children's lives and increasing competencies and skills of parents and early childhood providers.

Specifically, the Whole Child program embeds 70 credentialed professionals, known as Early Childhood Mental Health Consultants, across the state to provide on-site consultation in early learning settings and targeted schools. In addition to consultation services, this program provides training to early learning professionals. The total annual state investment towards this work is \$5 million, with OhioMHAS funding \$2.5 million. For more information about Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health program please visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/Supports/Children-Youth-Families/Early-Childhood>.

Community Coalitions and Youth Led Prevention. OhioMHAS supports community coalitions, which are effective means of promoting grassroots alcohol, tobacco, drug and suicide prevention across disciplines at the local level. Effective coalitions involve all segments of a community working together to establish new or build on existing efforts to promote health and wellness. The work also creates local champions who can help to embed these public health messages more deeply into their community. In addition, OhioMHAS will continue support for the Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network (OYLPN). The OYLPN is a network of youth-led substance misuse prevention providers and youth across the state who are committed to the cornerstones of youth-led prevention, peer prevention, positive youth development and community service. For more information about prevention coalitions, please visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/Prevention/Coalitions>, and for more information on OYLPN, please visit: <https://preventionactionalliance.org/connect/ohio-youth-led-prevention-network>.

Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP). The primary purpose of the UMADAOPs is to provide culturally appropriate prevention services to African-American and Hispanic/Latino American communities in Ohio. Prevention services strategies include information dissemination, education, problem identification and referral, community-based process and environmental strategies outlined by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP). OhioMHAS will continue funding for 11 UMADAOPs and one specialized program component in northwest Ohio to provide additional services to Hispanic residents. For more information on Ohio's UMADAOPs, please visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/Prevention/Urban-Outreach-Program>.