



OACBHA Statement on Biennial Budget

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We applaud Governor DeWine and his Administration for introducing a biennial budget that prioritizes services and supports for Ohioans impacted by mental illness and/or addiction. Along with the RecoveryOhio recommendations, this budget proposal clearly shows that Governor DeWine is focused on helping individuals, families, and communities. The Governor and his leadership team identified the key issues of concern and are working to ensure that all Ohioans have access to prevention, treatment, and recovery support services in their communities. The investments in crisis services, the promotion of community-based services, and the inclusion of prevention activities across the lifespan are critical investments in Ohio's future. We know that treatment works and people recover. Now we must continue working on all fronts to enhance access to programs and services throughout our state that make recovery a reality for individuals and families in need.

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