



OACBHA Statement on SFY 2020-2021 Biennial Budget

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We applaud Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and the members of the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate for passing a biennial budget that prioritizes the needs of individuals and families impacted by mental illness and addiction throughout Ohio. The investments in crisis and prevention services, along with the focus on student wellness and success and the overarching prioritization of services and supports for youth, provide Ohio's communities with opportunities to truly make a difference in the lives of all Ohioans for generations to come.

We look forward to working with the Administration and the Legislature to implement this budget and collectively leverage resources for community-based mental health and substance use disorder services and supports. 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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