

Mahoning / Trumbull Counties
Strong Families Safe Communities:
Helping Ohio's Children & Youth in Crisis

Project Presentation

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Mahoning and Trumbull Counties built upon their history of collaboration to enhance each county's system of care and improve the care coordination and crisis stabilization for families in our valley who have children and youth with intensive intellectual / developmental disabilities or behavioral health needs

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Focus on Family Support, Mentoring, and Risk Reduction

- 🚩 Outreach is delivered throughout communities to increase awareness of local services and supports and to connect families to supports before crisis occurs.
- 🚩 Youth Peer Support Specialists and Parent Peer Support Specialists are matched with students and parents.
- 🚩 Youth MOVE Chapters have been established to provide mentoring and advocacy.
- 🚩 Families have greater opportunities to utilize respite services to avert or reduce crisis situations.
 - Individual respite services are being delivered.
 - Scheduled group respite activities are taking place through a variety of venues.

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Collaborative partners

- Mahoning County Mental Health and Recovery Board is Project Lead and Fiscal Agent
- The Mental Health and Recovery Board, Board of Developmental Disabilities, Youth MOVE Chapters and Family and Children First Council in **each** county provide guidance and oversight through a steering committee.
- Mahoning County Family and Children First Council is the Project Coordinator and is also responsible to schedule, advertise, recruit volunteers and supervise group respite events
- The Arc of Ohio Northeast Branch provides outreach to the community as well as assists with the recruitment and on-going training of Peer Support Specialists.
- Alta Care Group and Homes for Kids, both of which are Trauma Informed, employ and support the Parent and Youth Peer Support Specialists, as well as provide respite services

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Start up Challenges

Peer Support Specialist Training

Implementing Equitable Two County Individual Respite Services

Scheduling Community-wide Group Respite Events

Duplication of Available WrapAround Resources

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Peer Support Specialist Training held April 7 – 21.

Referrals from Mahoning County for Individual Respite given priority until balance achieved.

Reallocate funding for WrapAround to Individual Respite

Coordinator hours reallocated and early scheduling of Community-wide Group Respite Events

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Success



Peer Support Specialist positions are fully staffed. Four additional individuals would like to complete the PSS training.

Youth MOVE in each county is active

Individual Respite Services are full capacity

Attendance at Community-wide Group Respite events are exceeding what expected. Initial events – 150 Average 250+ Most recent – 444

Utilizing WrapAround resources across the state to meet training and supervision needs

On-going training for peer support specialists on track

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