

THE  
**STEPPING UP**  
I N I T I A T I V E



THE OHIO  
PROJECT

## NATIONALLY

**2 MILLION**

PEOPLE WITH MENTAL  
ILLNESS ARRESTED  
ANNUALLY

INMATES IN JAIL WITH  
MENTAL ILLNESS DO  
NOT GET THE HELP  
THEY NEED

**75%**

HAVE CO-OCCURRING  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
DISORDER

**MOST RELEASED  
WITHOUT SERVICES**

## LOCALLY

**30%**

OF OHIO'S INMATES HAVE  
MENTAL ILLNESSES

**ALL 78**

COUNTY JAILS HAVE  
BECOME DE-FACTO  
INPATIENT PSYCHIATRIC  
FACILITIES

**THEY OFTEN  
STAY LONGER**

**MORE  
RECIDIVISM**

## GET STARTED

**ACCESS THE  
STEPPING UP  
TOOLKIT**

RECEIVE A VISIT WITH  
YOUR COMMUNITY  
LEADERS FROM THE  
STEPPING UP TEAM

PARTICIPATE IN A FREE  
READINESS  
ASSESSMENT WITH AN  
EXPERT TEAM

**RECEIVE FREE  
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

**Stepping Up is a national movement to reduce  
the number of people with mental illness in jails.  
Ohio has joined this movement.**

The movement was launched by the Council of State Governments Justice Center, the National Association of Counties, the American Psychiatric Association Foundation with support from the U.S. Justice Department Bureau of Justice Assistance. In Ohio, the initiative is funded by the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation.

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