



10 FREE RESOURCES

Joining the Stepping Up Ohio initiative unlocks a wealth of resources for counties committed to improving the outcomes for mentally ill persons in the criminal justice system.

1 **Welcome letter** with links to resources and information to guide Stepping Up implementation.

2 **Town Hall meeting in your county** to present the initiative and its goals, led by Retired Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton and Thom Craig, Director of Mental Health Programs, Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation.

3 **A changed approach to jails and mental health issues.** Assistance with forming a Stepping Up Committee to begin to reduce the number of persons with mental illness in jails and prisons.

4 **Stepping Up Steering Committee.** Ability to pass on requests, concerns, ideas and needs to the statewide Steering Committee for Stepping Up.

5 **Regular opportunities emailed to your county,** including information on grants, trainings and projects to grow the Stepping Up movement in your county.

6 **Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services support,** including funding opportunities, technical assistance during implementation and a website with a page for your own county.

7 **Support from the Ohio Attorney General Task Force on Criminal Justice and Mental Illness.** This group is comprised of 10 subcommittees, all working to move Stepping Up forward.

8 **Information about Assisted Outpatient Treatment** for civil commitment. Includes a Judges Guide to commitment law and an Implementation Guide for community and treatment providers.

9 **Assistance with Veterans.** Information about Veterans Justice Outreach Specialists, access to a Veterans in the Courts newsletter, information about free legal assistance through Operation Legal Help Ohio, how to join the VA service to identify veterans who are arrested by matching their VA Database profile.

10 **Stepping Up Conference.** An invitation to the team to attend the September 28, 2017 conference, held in Columbus, Ohio.