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***Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor speaks during today's Start Talking! press conference hosted by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.***

## >>> **Start Talking! Launches Business Focus at Ohio Chamber Event**

It began one year ago with a simple challenge to parents and teachers: Start Talking! Today, the Kasich Administration touted the first year successes of its statewide Start Talking! youth drug prevention initiative, which is inspired by research that shows youth are up to 50 percent less likely to use drugs when parents and adults talk with them about substance use and abuse.. Ohio Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and members of Gov. John R. Kasich's Cabinet were joined by leadership from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, business leaders from around the state and a host of other supporters as they also unveiled a new component of the initiative – Start Talking! BIZ (Business Impact Zone) – a collection of tools and resources specifically designed to help Ohio businesses address substance abuse and addiction in the workplace.

[Read the press release](#)

[Read the Start Talking! 2014 Annual Report](#)

[View the Start Talking! Business Impact Zone \(BIZ\) webpage](#)

## >>> **Community Collaborative Resources Project Detail Released**

As a part of the Mid-Biennium Review ([House Bill 483](#)), \$20.1 million was set aside to fund addiction and mental health recovery supports, with an emphasis on crisis and housing to fill gaps in the continuum of care in consultation with board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services. Through a process conducted in conjunction with the local boards, project collaborators, and system stakeholders, projects were identified in a variety of categories of need across the state. A [summary of the projects](#) has been posted to the web.

### **In the News**

(1/15/15) *WNWO-TV24* [1-Year of Efforts to Prevent Drug Addiction](#)

(1/12/15) *Chillicothe Gazette* [Start Talking! reaches thousands in first year](#)

(1/11/15) *WKSU 89.7* [Stark County to offer mental health counseling via text messages](#)

(1/10/15) *Canton Repository (Editorial)* [Crisis Text Line offers several advantages](#)

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