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State Awards \$6.2 Million in Alcohol/Drug Prevention Grants to 13 County ADAMH Boards

(Columbus, OH – April 11, 2011) The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) announces community grants totaling more than \$1.8 million per year for the next three years from the federal Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) to 13 Ohio county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards. Originally funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention in 2009, SPF-SIG is designed to help communities build culturally-competent, sustainable local infrastructure necessary to reduce the incidence of alcohol, illicit drug or prescription drug abuse among 18-25 year olds.

The 13 ADAMH board grantees were selected by ODADAS in a competitive process, following a two-year infrastructure development and planning stage at the state level. Phase One of the project has included needs assessment, capacity development and planning to begin implementation, which is the community level funding in Phase Two.

The County ADAMH Boards will administer funds on behalf of their counties' community coalitions. Coalitions are steering groups made up of law enforcement, faith-based organizations, the private sector, medical professionals, provider agencies, and young adults. Total allocations to the 13 grantees will average more than \$1.8 million a year for the next three years.

"The work accomplished through the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant will be of tremendous benefit to the state of Ohio, its young adults, families, and local needs," remarked ODADAS Director Orman Hall. "The SPF-SIG process will allow communities to identify their unique needs and to pinpoint the risk and protective factors and resources that can be leveraged to reduce alcohol and other drug consumption levels."

The SPF-SIG process focuses on community needs assessment and development of environmental strategies known to be effective in substance abuse prevention. These strategies may include policy changes, legal climate, societal norms, media coverage, and access to alcohol/drugs, as opposed to the direct delivery of services to consumers. SPF-SIG funding will extend through June 30, 2014, with independent evaluation ongoing.

For more information on the SPF-SIG grant, visit: <http://1.usa.gov/eRUYEX> or the SPF-SIG link on the ODADAS website: <http://bit.ly/ifErrA> .

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**ODADAS Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant
Grant Recipients and Contacts**

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Seneca/Sandusky/Wyandot Counties - \$514,500 over 3+ years

Contact: John Gase, 419-448-0640, mhrsbssw@bright.net

Butler County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board - \$514,500 over 3+ years

Contact: Karen Murray, 513-867-4064, kmurray@adasbc.org

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Portage County - \$435,058 over 3+ years

Contact: Hal Farrier, 330-673-1756 ext. 204, half@mental-health-recovery.org

Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Stark County - \$499,217 over 3+ years

Contact: Jackie Pollard, 330-430-3944, jpollard@starkmhrsb.org

Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board - \$445,767 over 3+ years

Contact: Karen Scherra, 513-732-5407, kscherra@ccmhrb.org

Fairfield County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board - \$514,500 over 3+ years

Contact: Rhonda Myers, 740-654-0829 ext. 225, rhonda@ohiopps.org

Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board - \$475,146 over 3+ years

Contact: Kathie Chaffee, 330-424-0195, kchaffee@ccmhrsb.org

Mahoning County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board - \$446,765 over 3+ years

Contact: Brenda Heidinger, 330-743-9509, bheidinger@mahoningcountyoh.gov

Wood County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services - \$514,500 over 3+ years

Contact: Larry Mershman, 419-352-8475, lmershman@wccadamhb.org

Franklin County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services - \$513,281 over 3+ years

Contact: Nettie Ferguson, 614-222-3731, nferguson@adamh.co.franklin.oh.us

Hamilton County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board - \$514,500 over 3+ years

Contact: Linda Gallagher, 513-946-8646, lindag@hamilton.mhrsb.state.oh.us

Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County - \$484,500 over 3+ years

Contact: Elaine Georgas, 440-282-9920, georgas@lorainadas.org

Hancock County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services - \$350,573 over 3+ years

Contact: Annie Altman, 419-424-1985, aaltman@bhg.org