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## Communication Department

### FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION IN OHIO

*More than \$1 Billion Invested Annually in Ohio Communities*

Governor John R. Kasich's work to fight drug abuse and addiction began even before he took office and, over the last seven years, Ohio has put in place one of the nation's most aggressive and comprehensive approaches to fighting opiate addiction and drug overdoses. Under the governor's leadership, Ohio has developed a responsive, comprehensive and community-centered plan of action – an approach based on four strategic pillars: Treatment and Recovery, Prevention, Education and tougher, more effective Enforcement aimed at the drug traffickers and pill-mill operators who are injecting this poison into our communities.

Ohio is investing more than \$1 billion each year to help communities battle the scourge of drug abuse and addiction at the local level. Because of this strong commitment, Ohio communities have access to significant funding to help them address treatment, prevention and law enforcement. Those resources include:

- Helping communities purchase the life-saving drug naloxone
- Investing in specialized drug courts that link offenders with treatment
- Providing safe, stable housing to help drug-addicted Ohioans recover
- Increasing funding for individuals needing addiction and behavioral health treatment
- Enforcing Ohio's drug laws to prevent the illegal distribution of powerful synthetic opioids

A Multi-Faceted Approach	FY17 (Actual)	Programs and Services
Health Care for Ohioans with Drug Addiction/Behavioral Health Issues	\$762,948,490	Addiction Treatment, Community Mental Health Services, Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment, Behavioral Health Counseling/Therapy, Mental Health Assessment Services, Crisis Intervention, Pharmacologic Management Services, and Emergency Services/Coverage of Naloxone
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	\$118,326,234	Prevention, Treatment for people not covered by Medicaid (e.g., inmates), Recovery Housing, Peer Support and Naloxone
Programs in Ohio's Correctional System	\$42,284,045	Treatment, Monitoring, Housing and Supervision
Department of Public Safety	\$13,223,525	Drug Interdiction, Crime Lab Drug Analyses and Education and Prevention
Medical Board	\$5,365,643	Licensee Education and Enforcement of Prescribing Standards
Pharmacy Board	\$4,954,426	Enforcement, Investigations and Drug Monitoring
Bureau of Workers' Compensation	\$1,004,000	Preventive and Enforcement Activities
Department of Youth Services	\$2,599,339	Substance Abuse Education, Prevention, Treatment, Counseling and Drug Courts
Department of Health	\$3,397,350	Drug Overdose Prevention and Intervention
Department of Job and Family Services	* \$140,899,141	Administrative and Placement Costs for Children Services
Adjutant General	\$4,078,319	Drug Interdiction Efforts
Higher Education	\$308,000	Research
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>** \$1,099,388,512</b>	<b>Assistance to Fight Drug Abuse and Addiction</b>

\*JFS total includes local spending that cannot be separated from state spending; \*\*Grand total does not include Ohio Highway Patrol, Attorney General, Ohio Supreme Court and Third Frontier funding.

**BOTTOM LINE:** Ohio continues to provide tools and resources to local communities to help combat addiction and drug abuse. It is imperative that communities collaborate with those on the frontlines of this battle and put these available resources to work in their neighborhoods. The evil we're fighting continues to take on a changing face, making it essential that communities have a determined, community-based sense of commitment and a shared purpose to make progress.

