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Fairfield County ADAMH Board allocates \$785,000 to schools for prevention services

LANCASTER, Ohio, April 21 — The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board has increased its commitment to \$785,000 to support prevention programs and services in Fairfield County schools. ADAMH is offering school district superintendents funding allocations proportional to their most current enrollment figures to choose from a menu of 15 school-based prevention programs provided by several of ADAMH’s Network of Care Agencies, including Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc.; New Horizons Mental Health Services; OhioGuidestone and the Recovery Center.

“We have increased how much we are spending on school-based prevention, because we value the mental wellbeing of Fairfield County’s youth as well as the roles school districts play in students’ developing lives,” says ADAMH Board Executive Director Rhonda Myers, MA, MSW, LISW-S, “and our goal is to distribute behavioral health services to all schools in an equitable manner across the entire county.”

To better meet the unique needs of Fairfield County school districts, this year’s funding process is very different than previous. ADAMH Prevention Coordinator Toni Ashton, MEd, LSW, OCPC, adds, “In the past, schools were not involved. We gave funding to our providers and the providers contacted the schools to see what services they wanted, if any. Some schools received no services and other schools received a lot. Now, schools can select what programs they want.”

School districts have until April 16, 2021, to submit their school-based prevention program preferences to the ADAMH Board that will then create contracts with each of the agencies.

For the complete menu of school-based prevention programs available, visit <https://fairfieldadamh.org/school-based-prevention-programs/>.

The Fairfield County ADAMH Board is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of mental health, addiction and recovery services in Fairfield County. ADAMH promotes wellness and recovery from mental health and substance use disorders by providing a continuum of care consisting of prevention, recovery and community support services for those affected by substance use disorders and/or mental health disorders in Fairfield County. For more information, visit www.fairfieldadamh.org.

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