



Developing a Better Understanding

COUNTY HUBS TO COMBAT OPIOID ADDICTION

Counties throughout Ohio are launching local County Hubs to Combat Opioid Addiction as called for in the last biennial budget. These Hubs will help to expand and strengthen local efforts to eradicate Ohio's opioid epidemic. Through continued community efforts and building on the strengths of existing partnerships, local Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards will utilize their County Hubs to nurture and reinforce county and community efforts to prevent and treat addiction, including opioids; educate youth and adults about opioids, addiction, and recovery; promote family building and workforce development as ways of combatting the effects of addiction on communities; and encourage community engagement in efforts to address the opioid epidemic.

Every sector of society is impacted by addiction and this epidemic. It's going to take every part of every community to develop solutions to effectively address this problem. We need to collectively focus our community responses, from the individual to the public policy level, on meeting the needs of individuals and families impacted by addiction in Ohio. As the County Hubs to Combat Opioid Addiction are launched throughout the state, they will be collaborating with each other in an effort to identify and share successes. Together, we'll build a comprehensive focus on prevention, education, intervention, interdiction, treatment, and recovery. Through this work, we'll continue to bring hope to our communities and build the understanding that *Treatment Works, People Recover, and Recovery Is Beautiful*.

Ohio Revised Code 340.30 - County Hub Program to Combat Opioid Addiction

(A) There is hereby created the county hub program to combat opioid addiction. The purposes of the program are as follows:

- (1) To strengthen county and community efforts to prevent and treat opioid addiction;
- (2) To educate youth and adults about the dangers of opioid addiction and the negative effects it has on society;
- (3) To promote family building and workforce development as ways of combatting opioid addiction in communities;
- (4) To encourage community engagement in efforts to address the purposes specified in divisions (A) (1) to (3) of this section.

(B) The program shall be administered by each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services. If the service district a board represents consists of more than one county, the board shall administer the program in each county.

(C) Not later than January 1, 2020, each board shall submit a report to the department of mental health and addiction services summarizing the board's work on, and progress toward, addressing each of the program's purposes. The department shall aggregate the reports received from the boards and submit a statewide report to the governor and general assembly. The copy submitted to the general assembly shall be submitted in accordance with section 101.68 of the Revised Code.

Local County Hubs to Combat Opioid Addiction are designed to bring community partners and stakeholders together to discuss and develop innovative solutions for the opioid crisis ravaging the state. The local Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health (ADAMH) Boards are charged with convening the County Hubs in each of Ohio's 88 counties.



“The County Hubs to Combat Opioid Addiction will serve as a platform for community engagement, incubators for innovative ideas, and catalysts for community change as we collectively face the addiction crisis in our state. The positive impact that recovery from addiction can have on individuals, families, job growth, community safety, and overall economic development cannot be overstated. We know that Treatment Works and People Recover. Saving individuals and helping to open the door to recovery for those living in our state who need treatment services and supports is not only the right thing to do, it is the smart thing to do. Our communities will be stronger for it.”

~ The Honorable Scott Ryan, Ohio House of Representatives

Bringing Help, Bringing Hope.

Thank you

The first coordinated effort of the County Hubs throughout Ohio is to demonstrate our appreciation for all individuals, families, and professionals on the front lines of this fight throughout the state. With the *Bringing Help, Bringing Hope. Thank You* theme, we're expressing our thanks and our gratitude to the countless number of individuals who spend their days working tirelessly, in an often-thankless role, to help save lives. These individuals help those that they serve engage in treatment and achieve recovery, support children and families impacted by this disease, promote prevention activities, and build strong, resilient communities.