

SUD COE: Engaging People in Conversations About Change
Geauga County Board of MH & RS Office 13244 Ravenna Road Chardon, OH 44024

Thursday, April 23, 2026



9:00 AM – 12:15 PM (Registration Begins @ 8:30 AM)



Register Here: <https://case.edu/socialwork/centerforebp/events/id/1503/engaging-people-in-conversations-about-change-chardon-oh-geauga-county-only-04-23-2026>

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Continuing Education Units (CEUs): 3.0 for Cnlr, LPN, Psych, RN, SW, OCPD

Event Description: Free 3.0-Hour In-person Training for GEAUGA COUNTY, OHIO ONLY

Motivational Interviewing is a collaborative, person-centered form of guiding to assist individuals in identifying and accessing their intrinsic motivation to change behaviors. It is both a philosophy and a set of strategic techniques that is evidence-based with a broad range of applications. No skill or strategy is more important for engaging people in conversations about change than expressing accurate empathy through listening well.

Participants will learn the characteristics of high-quality listening, both internal (through curiosity and understanding) and external (through mirroring or reflecting). Finally, participants will learn about and practice the core, person-centered skills of Motivational Interviewing and methods to exchange information with respect for the person's autonomy. The Center for Evidence-Based Practices incorporates exercises and case examples specific to the unique practice settings of participants to promote knowledge transfer and skill application practice.

Participants Will:

- Define high quality listening and accurate empathy and its role in the engagement process.
- Identify and explain the inner and outer components of engagement and the process of communication.
- Demonstrate and practice 2-3 types of reflections to enhance deeper listening skills.
- Describe OARS Person-Centered Skills.
- Discuss considerations for offering information and advice in a MI-consistent manner.

Who Should Attend

Organizations that are interested in and/or in the process of delivering and/or implementing treatment services for individuals with substance use disorders. Examples of those who should attend include the following:

- Program managers and supervisors
- Counselors
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Chemical Dependency Professionals
- Case Managers
- Medical Professionals (Physicians, Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Physician's Assistants)
- Peer Support/Recovery Coaches
- Quality Improvement (QI) specialists