

IMPACT REPORT



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board of
mental
health
and
recovery
services

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Fiscal Year
2025



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Hope has
a number.



Call
988

You are not alone.

Always available 24/7
Always confidential

Note from the Executive Director



**Christine
Lakomiak**

Executive Director

State Fiscal Year 2025 has been a remarkable year of progress and partnership. I am deeply grateful to the Geauga County Commissioners for their leadership in voting to establish a Suicide and Overdose Fatality Review Board.

What truly touches my heart is witnessing our community come together so beautifully. One of the most meaningful projects to come from the fatality reviews is our partnership with township trustees and the Geauga Park District. Side by side, we sprinkled Signs of Hope throughout our parks, offering the comforting message: “Hope has a number. Call 988. You are not alone.”

Working together, our Board and staff accomplished so much. We reduced our Board from 14 to 9 members to strengthen governance, delivered NOVA trainings, updated our disaster policies and procedures through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act grant, refreshed our Strategic Plan to guide our future impact with clarity and purpose, and proudly earned the 3-Year Culture of Quality Certification by meeting over 150 standards of excellence.

These achievements reflect the power of collaboration and our shared commitment to the people of Geauga County. If you’re struggling, reaching out for help is brave; call, text, or chat 988.

Thank you for your continued trust—together, we are building a stronger, more resilient community.

Supported By:



With appreciation and optimism,

Christine

Meet our FY 2025 Board of Directors



Pictured from left to right: Kathy Johnson, Patricia Varanese, Reba Dykes, Christine Lakomiak (executive director), Steven Oluic, James Lee Holden, Mary Ruth Shumway, Michael Petruziello, Douglas Lundblad (not pictured: Alberta Chokshi and Carolee Lesyk)

Steven Oluic, Ph.D., Board Chair

Alberta Chokshi, Vice Chair

Michael Petruziello, Treasurer

James Lee Holden, Secretary

Reba Dykes

Kathy Johnson

Carolee Lesyk, Ph.D.

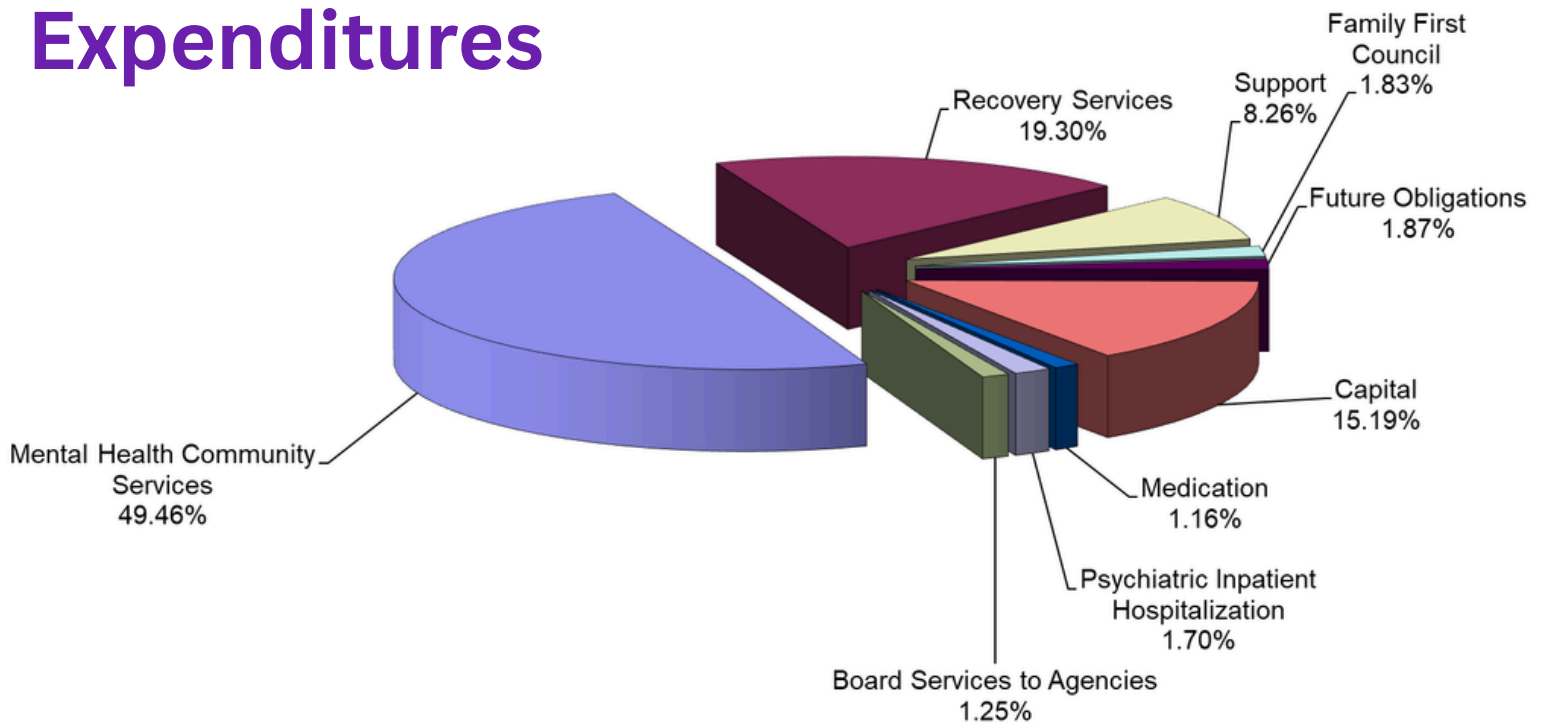
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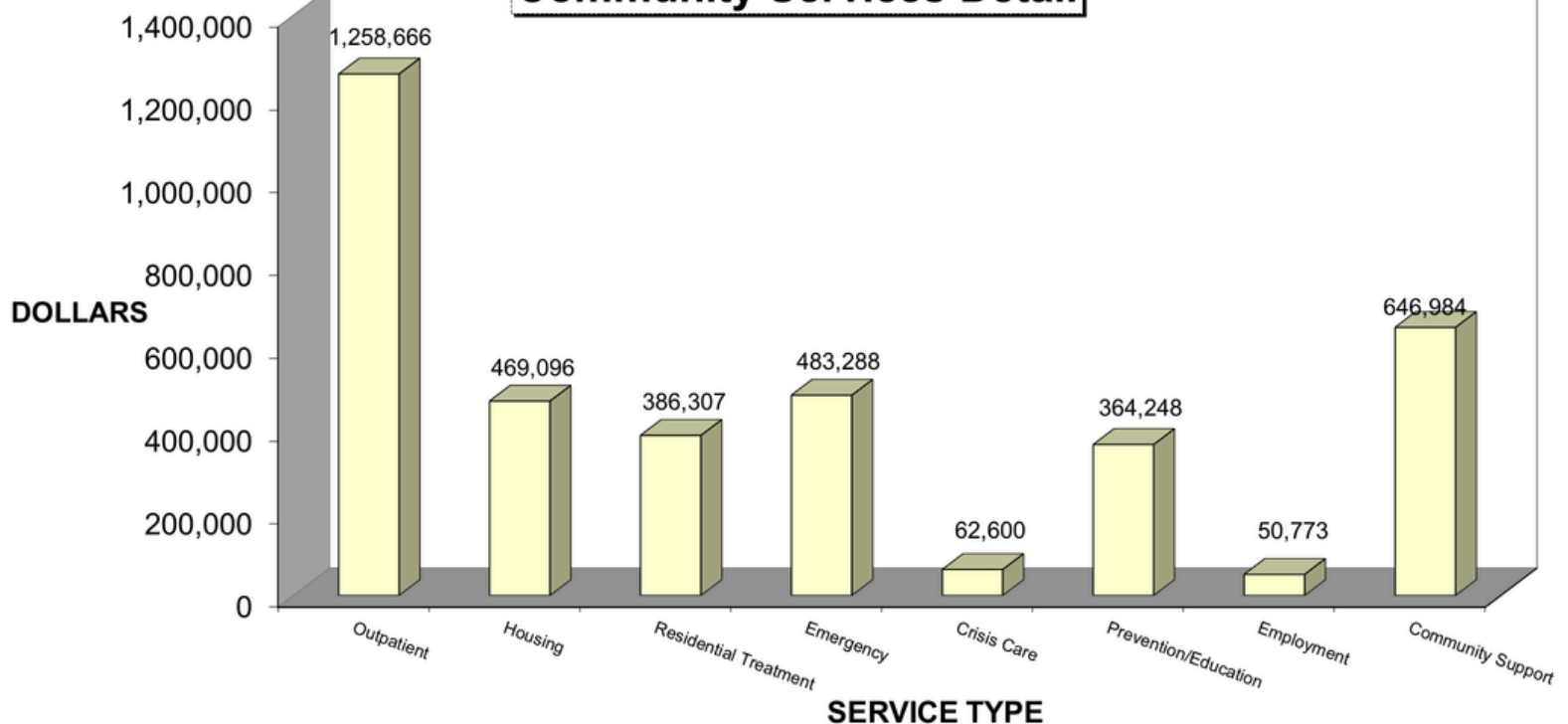
Patricia Varanese

Financial Highlights in FY 2025

Expenditures

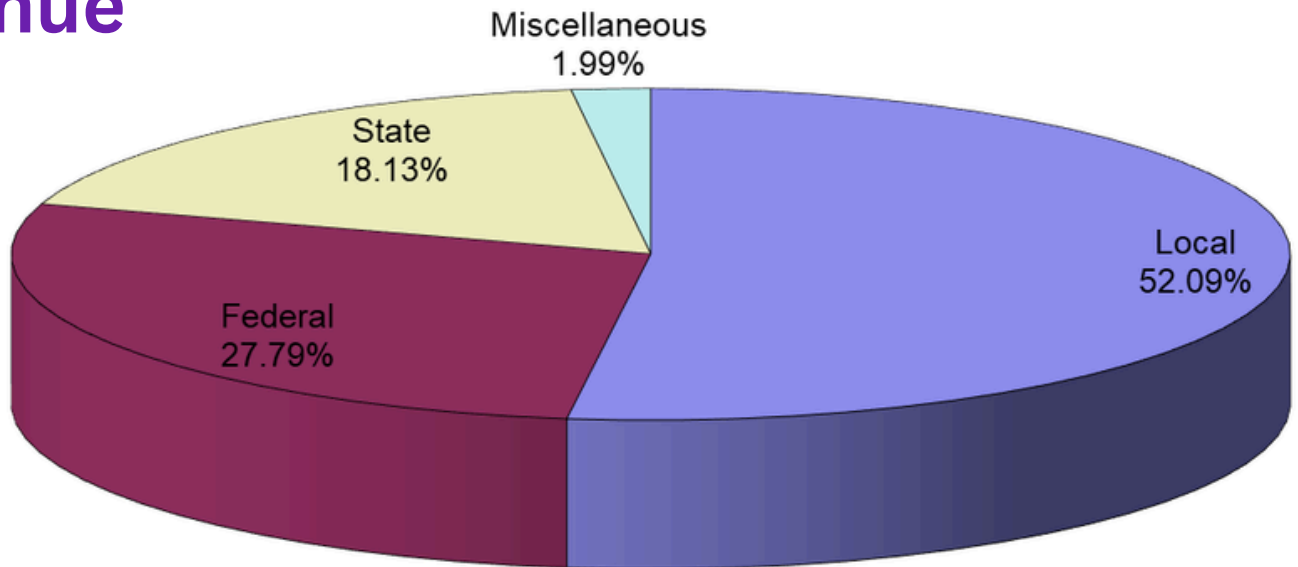


Community Services Detail



Financial Highlights in FY 2025

Revenue



Programs

Prevention & Education

Youth Led Prevention
Violence Free Dating
Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance

Inpatient Services

Crisis Stabilization
Psychiatric Hospitalization
Crisis Beds

Emergency Services

Copeline
Crisis Intervention

Housing

Residential Support
Residential Treatment
Therapeutic Foster Care
Community Residence
Transitional Living Center
County Youth Center
Recovery Housing

Outpatient Services

Assessment
Counseling
Community Support
Day Treatment
Medication Monitoring
John Murray Clubhouse
Early Childhood Education

Employment Services

Job Placement
Job Coaching
Employment

Financial Highlights in FY 2025

State FY 2025 Expenditures

Program	Amount
Mental Health Community Services	\$3,721,962
Recovery Services	\$1,452,159
Support	\$ 621,287
Family First Council	\$ 137,500
Future Obligations	\$ 140,646
Capital	\$1,143,187
Medication	\$ 87,188
Psychiatric Inpatient Hospitalization	\$ 128,124
Board Services to Agencies	\$ 93,860
TOTAL	\$7,525,913

State FY 2025 Sources of Revenue

Funding Source	Amount
Local	\$3,920,428
Federal	\$2,091,128
State	\$1,364,245
Miscellaneous	\$ 150,112
TOTAL	\$7,525,913

Prevention & Crisis Services



6,234 INDIVIDUALS SERVED

Outcomes

2,078
Served in
Prevention
Programming

8,472
Crisis Hotline
Calls
Answered

1,278
Accessed
Crisis
Services

Transitional Living Center (TLC) Expansion

Increased Number of Beds

The expansion project includes an increase in the number of beds from nine to sixteen. Every resident is assigned their own bedroom where design choices have been implemented to meet the needs of the resident's level of risk, while also balancing privacy and control over their personal environment.

Enhancements to the Space

With the increased square footage, the TLC has undergone significant enhancements to its living space, allowing for more comprehensive support and care for all residents. Additions such as a family reunification lounge, a quiet/sensory room, expanded kitchen, and a staff respite room are just a few of the thoughtful improvements made to this state-of-the-art residential crisis facility.

78%

Increase in the number of beds

100%

Of all beds are reserved for Geauga County residents

112%

Increase in square footage



Employee Spotlight



Danette Richards, MPA
Accounting & Grants Specialist

Danette joined the Geauga Board in January 2025 as the Accounting & Grants Specialist. She holds a Master's degree in Public Administration and brings over 28 years of experience in public service, including behavioral health and social services. In her role, Danette supports financial operations and grant management, helping ensure fiscal stewardship and compliance.

Outside of work, Danette enjoys spending her free time with her husband of 23 years, John. They are blessed with four children—Mark, Miranda, Gabriel, and Luke—and their fur baby, Finn. Her interests include camping, reading, gardening, and taking walks.

Culture of Quality Certification



**The Geauga County
Board of Mental Health
& Recovery Services
earned the 3-Year
Culture of Quality
Certification!**

Public Affairs/Education/Community Relations/Policy/Advocacy
Risk Management and Insurance Governance
Board Health and Safety Ethics
Human Resources Mission and Program
Board Finance and Operation Additional Standards
Desk Audit Standards

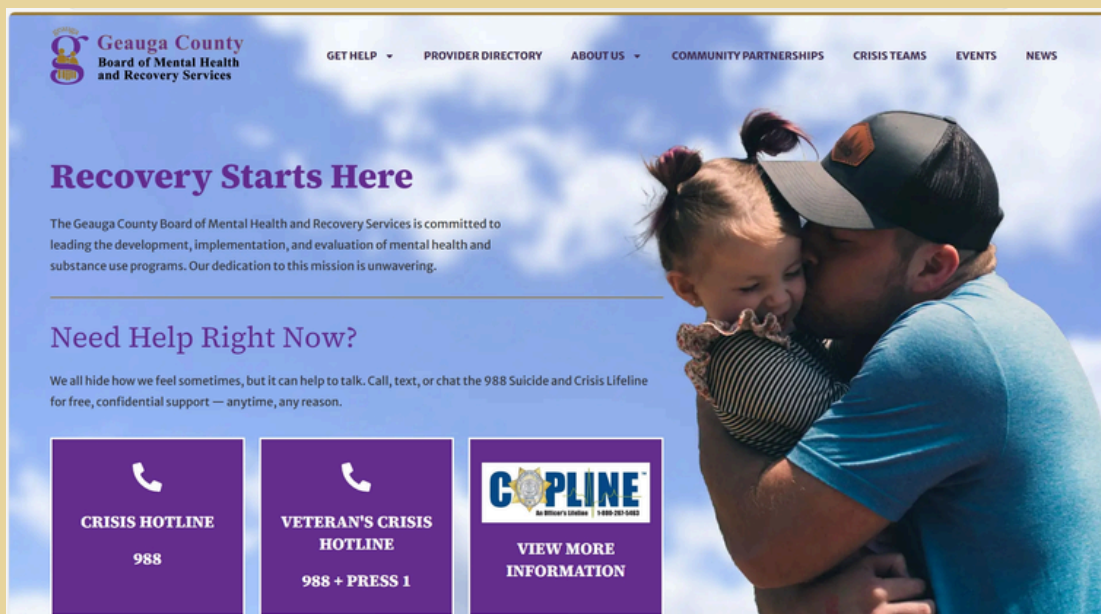
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New & Improved!

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Website Redesign and Enhanced Digital Engagement



This year, the organization launched a newly redesigned website to strengthen transparency, accessibility, and community engagement. The updated site features a modern, user-friendly design with streamlined navigation, making it easier for stakeholders, partners, and community members to quickly access critical information, resources, and services.

Enhanced functionality—including mobile optimization, improved accessibility features, and clearer pathways to programs and data—ensures the website meets the diverse needs of users across the region. Collectively, these improvements have expanded the organization's digital reach, improved information sharing, and reinforced our commitment to clear communication and public accountability.

Geauga County Strengthens Crisis Services



Future Plan

Leaders across Geauga County are strengthening lifesaving responses to mental-health crises by integrating 911 emergency dispatch with the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline through a collaborative partnership among the Geauga County Sheriff's Office, Ravenwood Health, the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, and the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services. Rolling out in phases over the next 12–18 months, the initiative will allow dispatchers to seamlessly connect callers to 988 crisis counselors, deploy Ravenwood's mobile crisis teams alongside deputies when appropriate, and ensure law enforcement and clinicians work together so individuals receive the right help at the right time. County leaders say the effort positions Geauga as a model for rural communities, reduces the burden on deputies during behavioral health emergencies, enhances safety for clinicians, and improves outcomes through coordinated response, shared training, faster referrals to care, and public education on when to call 911 versus 988.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE

Ohio

**Veterans
Crisis Line**



**DIAL 988 then
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PARTNERS

Catholic Charities

<https://ccdoble.org/counties/geauga>

Family First Council

<https://geaugaffc.org>

Family Pride of Northeast Ohio

<https://familyprideonline.org>

Geauga County LOSS Team

<https://friendsgeaugalossteam.org>

Lake Geauga Recovery Centers

<https://lgrc.us>

NAMI Geauga

<https://namigeauga.org>

Ravenwood Health

<https://ravenwoodhealth.org>

Red Tulip of Geauga County

<https://redtulipproject.com>

Signature Health

<https://signaturehealth.com>

Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance

<https://torchlightyouthmentoring.org>

WomenSafe, Inc.

<https://womensafe.org>