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## LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HELEN JONES-KELLEY



Ready. Set. GO! 2023 is off to a great start and we are delighted to share so much exciting news with you. In this newsletter you will find multiple stories about how the work we are doing at Montgomery County ADAMHS is receiving recognition at the state and federal levels. We were honored to serve when called to assist at the location of a devastating train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. Our Familiar Faces initiative has captured the attention of [SAMHSA](#), earning our community a seat at the table of a national learning collaborative that will share best practices around data sharing for our most vulnerable citizens. Best of all, we welcomed three new board members to the ADAMHS Board!

We are committed to learning, growing, and serving our community each day. To learn more about our work, and the impact we are making in Montgomery County, we invite you to watch our [Year in Review](#).

*Helen E. Jones-Kelley*

## ADAMHS STAFF ANSWER THE CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN EAST PALESTINE, OHIO

ADAMHS staff provided mental health support for the residents of East Palestine following the February train derailment. All staff who traveled to East Palestine received training from the National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). Team members worked alongside Columbiana County mental health professionals in the

FEMA health clinic. "The people living in this community continue to fear for their health and safety," said Tina Rezash Rogal, Director of Strategic Initiatives and Communication for Montgomery County ADAMHS. "It is a privilege to support them during this time and connect them to services as they work through the emotions of what has happened in this close-knit community."



## CRISIS SERVICES EXPANDING IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY

It's been a full year since the launch of a new way to deliver crisis mental health services to the residents of Montgomery County. This new system includes a Crisis Call Center, a Mobile Crisis Response Team, and a Crisis Receiving Center. The 2022 data shows the great need for these services in our community.

**12,024**

Calls to the Crisis Call Center

**606**

Mobile Crisis Response Calls

The Crisis Receiving Center will open in April 2023 inside Elizabeth Place and provide 24/7 in-person crisis services to residents of Montgomery County.

If you, or someone you love, is experiencing a mental health crisis, call the Crisis Call Center at 833-580-2255 (CALL).



## NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR ADAMHS FAMILIAR FACES INITIATIVE

Stakeholders from across Montgomery County are continuing the conversation around the Familiar Faces initiative. Familiar Faces are individuals who are seen across our system of care. These places include homeless shelters, hospital emergency departments, mental health providers, and the justice system.

The Familiar Faces initiative aims to identify these individuals and create care plans that support the individual with necessary services, avoiding costly hospital stays or incarceration.

Due to our efforts, Montgomery County ADAMHS was recently chosen to participate in a learning collaborative at the federal level. SAMHSA will guide our work in the Familiar Faces initiative with best practices for information sharing gathered from across the country. ADAMHS was one of only five organizations chosen to participate in the GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation learning collaborative.

Read our press release in the media section of our website.



### ADAMHS WINS GRANT FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

You may be seeing yellow messages all over Montgomery County. ADAMHS won a \$50,000 media grant to promote the "Life is better with you here" campaign. This campaign is designed to reach Black youth, since death by suicide numbers are rising with this population. Look for the bright yellow messages at gas stations, on billboards, in movie theaters, in the Dayton Mall, on television, and on YouTube. [Click here](#) to see the commercial.



### PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT- A.L.L. CLUB OPEN HOUSE SET FOR MARCH 30TH

A.L.L. Club aims to serve youth and young adults between the ages of 14 and 22, who are seeking mental wellness, surviving trauma or exploring recovery from substance use. A.L.L. Club focuses on allyship, leadership and life skills, but most importantly, it provides a place for youth to belong and experience community with others who uniquely understand and share their journey. A.L.L. Club will be held Monday through Friday. Youth ages 14-17 are welcome to attend between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., and young adults ages 18-22 are welcome to attend from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. A.L.L. Club is held at the new GESMV West Campus Community Services Center, located at 735 E. Main Street, Trotwood, OH 45426. An Open House will be held on March 30th from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

A.L.L. Club opens on April 3rd, 2023. Referrals are currently being accepted.

For more information, please contact Dawn Day at [d.day@gesmv.org](mailto:d.day@gesmv.org) or (937) 528-6074.

### PREVENTION AFF UPDATE

The Application for Funding cycle for Prevention and Early Intervention closed on March 17, 2023. ADAMHS staff will be reviewing applications and notifying applicants in the coming weeks.



## LEADERSHIP DAYTON CLASS PROJECT

In partnership with ADAMHS, the Leadership Dayton Class of 2023 has chosen a class project focusing on community mental health. All 48 members of the class will participate in Mental Health First Aid training designed to equip them to better manage the mental health challenges of our community and the businesses in which they work. This training is an evidence-based program administered by the National Council for Mental Wellbeing that teaches individuals how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges. It will be offered at no charge by Montgomery County ADAMHS.



The class will also participate in On Our Sleeves training provided by Dayton Children's Hospital. On Our Sleeves is a national movement to break the silence surrounding children's mental health. The mission is to provide every community in America access to free, evidence-informed educational resources necessary for breaking stigmas about child mental health and educating families and advocates.

For more information about Leadership Dayton, visit [Chamber's Leadership Dayton announces Class of 2023 - Dayton Chamber](#).

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY PREVENTION COALITION ON THE MOVE

The Montgomery County Prevention Coalition (MCPC) is making headlines with a top award! The MCPC has been chosen to receive the 2023 PreventionFIRST! Mary F. Haag Coalition of the Year Award.

"The award honors notable progress in the development of a coalition using evidence-based practices, including the Strategic Prevention Framework model and CADCA's Seven Strategies For Community Change. A coalition that receives this award has demonstrated significant movement toward either long-term sustainability, reduction of substances impacting youth, adults, and the community at-large, and/or significantly improved prevention capacity within its coalition," said Amanda Conn Starnier, Chief Program Officer for PreventionFIRST!

The MCPC will be recognized at the PreventionFIRST! Annual Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 21. at the University of Cincinnati



The MCPC hosted its first substance-free event on February 25 at Biltmore Towers. The Community Winter Festival featured live music, a hot cocoa bar, free food, and lots of games and activities for kids. "It's important for all of us to have opportunities to get together in social settings that do not include substances. We had so much fun with everyone who attended and look forward to planning more great substance-free events in the future," said Colleen Oakes, Manager of the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition.

[Click here](#) to read more about the tremendous work happening in our community from this 300-member all-volunteer coalition.



## ADAMHS PARTNERS WITH THE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATIONS

As businesses continue to look for ways to grow their workforce, ADAMHS remains a proud partner of the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program. By joining this recovery-friendly program, employers are reimbursed for qualifying drug testing, supervisor and employee training, and Substance Use Policy (Second Chance Agreement) development and review. Not only do employers receive reimbursement, but they also receive a wealth of information on the programs, services, and training that ADAMHS offers.

To learn more about the BWC SURWSP, please visit: [Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program | Bureau of Workers' Compensation \(ohio.gov\)](#). Or contact Tina Rezash Rogal at [trezash@mcadamhs.org](mailto:trezash@mcadamhs.org), 937-853-4347.

## INTRODUCING NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Montgomery County ADAMHS welcomes three new board members! We welcome Dr. Victor McCarley, Katherine Emrick, and David White to our board. We are also pleased to announce that retired Dayton Police Chief James Newby was appointed Chair of the Board beginning in January. For a complete list of board members, [click here](#).



## ADAMHS YEAR IN REVIEW



The team at Montgomery County ADAMHS worked hard in 2022 to meet the needs of our community. We invite you to grab a cup of coffee or tea, sit back, and reflect on the good work that was done and the hope for building a brighter future together. Thank you to all who partner with us in this work.

[2022 ADAMHS Year in Review - YouTube](#)

## #ADAMHSISEVERYWHERE

Helen Jones-Kelley was honored to speak at and participate in the ribbon cutting of the new Goodwill Easterseals West Campus Service Center. The center is located at 735 E. Main Street in Trotwood. For more information, [click here](#).



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