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).
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 or (937) 528-6074.

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.

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.
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.

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 Starner, 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.
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, 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

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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.

YWCA- Women of Influence
Five Rivers MetroParks- Self Care Training
Parity Inc.- Top 10 African Males
Living Dayton
Dayton Chamber- Talent 360
Dayton Business Journal- The Future of Healthcare