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LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, HELEN JONES-KELLEY



It's back to school time, and fall events are in full swing. At Montgomery County ADAMHS, we are laser focused on meeting the needs of our community through yet another season of change. We are changing, too! I hope you will enjoy the fresh, new look of our quarterly update as we strive to share an in-depth personal story of how our work is impacting lives, followed by shorter stories that highlight the breadth and depth of our reach. We ask you to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn for regular updates and to watch for invitations to join us for some of our fall events. If you see us in the community, snap a photo and make sure to use our new hashtag #ADAMHSiseverywhere. We are everywhere and it's an honor and privilege to serve those in our community. We are deeply grateful for your trust and support.

Helen E. Jones-Kelley



Meet Anthony

Anthony's life is a story of overcoming the barriers that come with addiction. He began experimenting with drugs at 9 years old and his addiction worsened over time. After turning 18, his life began to spiral out of control with multiple time periods in jail. With his case manager's help and his determination to change his life, Anthony found a path to employment and ultimately toward giving back to the community. He is now a Certified Peer Supporter in the Miami Valley assisting clients get acclimated back into society by helping them find housing and employment. Anthony is currently attending Sinclair Community College for Addiction Services and Mental Health and is working to earn his LCDC to lead groups and work as a clinician. There were many roadblocks along his path because of his criminal background but that did not stop Anthony. "It was pretty heartbreaking but I didn't give up".

You can watch and listen to Anthony's full story [here!](#)

PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES

CRISIS NOW

The Crisis Now hotline, launched in January of 2022, has already received more than 5000 calls.



Clinicians may send a mobile crisis response team to the individual experiencing the crisis if in-person care is needed. In the coming months, RI International (the creator of this national model) will open a Crisis Now Receiving Center where individuals can receive treatment and be connected to services from inside Elizabeth Place on Edwin C. Moses Boulevard. If you or someone you know is experiencing a mental health crisis or substance use disorder, call Crisis Now at 833-580-2255 (CALL).

RETAILER'S CARE

Retailers CARE (Creating a Responsible Environment) is an initiative that focuses on helping retailers reduce tobacco, alcohol, and lottery signage outside of the stores. The heavy concentration of these ads is found within zip codes with high health disparities.



For more information, visit retailerscare.com



AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

GOODWILL EASTERSEALS MIAMI VALLEY COMMUNITY PARTNER AWARD

Goodwill Easterseals presented ADAMHS staff with the 2021 Community Partner Award.



"ADAMHS works diligently to understand the mental health needs and struggles of the community and encourages creative and innovative ways to meet those needs," said Goodwill Easterseals President & CEO, Lance Detrick. Thank you for this wonderful recognition!

ADAMHS BRINGS HOME FOUR AWARDS FROM THE NATIONAL NACO CONFERENCE

The National Association of Counties (NACo) presented Montgomery County ADAMHS with four achievement awards at the conference in Colorado in July. Awards include recognition for the Positiv.ly app designed to improve the mental health of students, the opening of OneFifteen, ADAMHS emergency response to the tornadoes of 2019, as well as an award for a mural sponsored by the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition to bring awareness to deaths by suicide.



WELCOME ADAMHS BABIES!



COLLEEN & CHARLIE



DANIELLE & THEO



AMY & JOSEPHINE

ADAMHS TRAINING

NOVA ADVANCED TRAINING

ADAMHS has hosted several trainings annually for The National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA). These sessions provide skill-based training to victim advocates and crisis responders. In August,



several ADAMHS staff members attended an advanced level training to enhance their skills,

techniques and protocols for providing crisis intervention to traumatized individuals.

TRAINING CALENDAR

[Click here](#) to view the list of trainings ADAMHS is currently offering.

Applications for Funding

Montgomery County ADAMHS is currently accepting applications for funding through 4:00 pm on September 23, 2022, for Treatment & Supportive Services.

To learn more about the process and how you can apply [click here](#).



A WONDERFUL SURPRISE

In June, our staff was surprised with a delicious treat and wonderful note from Officer Denise Smith of the Moraine Police



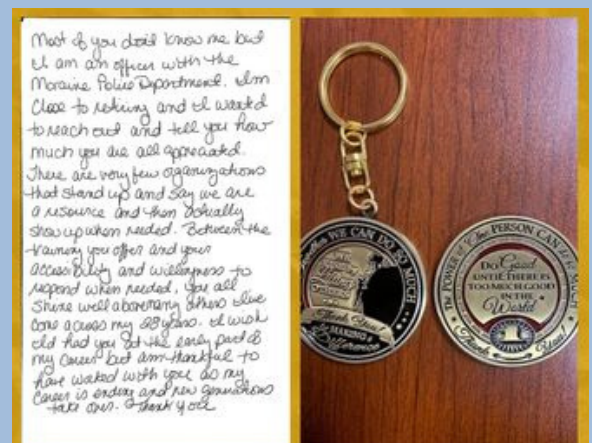
Department. In addition to this surprise, Officer Smith stopped by to present ADAMHS employees with a very meaningful gift. Officer Smith is one of our CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) trained officers with the Moraine Police Department and will soon be retiring after 28 years of service. During her visit, she shared



that **she wished the type of trainings and resources that ADAMHS offers would have been available at the beginning of her**

career and that she is very grateful for her involvement with ADAMHS, the collaborations we create, and how we make a difference in the lives of others.

Officer Smith purchased Challenge Coins and Challenge Coin Key Chains for the employees at ADAMHS as a token of her appreciation for all that we do to make a difference in the lives of others.



STAFF RECOGNITIONS

HELEN JOINS THE BIZWOMEN POWER 50 AGAIN!

Congratulations to Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley for being recognized by the Dayton Business Journal on the Bizwomen Power 50 list for the 3rd consecutive year. We are grateful for her leadership in our community.



Way to go, Helen!

KIMBERLY GETS AN EXCLUSIVE CERTIFICATION

Director of Treatment & Supportive Services Kimberly Farrier has joined an exclusive group of people who are now certified by CIT International. The Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) program is a partnership between law enforcement and behavioral health professionals to improve community responses to mental health crises. Kimberly currently leads the ADAMHS CIT training program, providing learning and training opportunities to law enforcement jurisdictions across the county.



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