

Up to the Minute

OACBHA UPDATE

July 8, 2009—Advocacy Message Takes to YouTube

Many behavioral health advocates took part this week in a video message to express their fervent wish that the General Assembly fully fund mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction prevention and treatment services.

Every Ohioan is impacted by substance abuse or mental illness- either their own or that of a friend, family member, co-worker, or classmate. Drug overdose deaths in Ohio now outnumber those who die in auto accidents, and in the past six months, the number of murder/suicides has doubled. It is also a fact that the onset of alcohol/drug abuse and mental illness occurs in our young people, and as the economy struggles, more people become stressed and depressed, causing the need for mental health and alcohol/drug addiction services to increase.

The Governor's budget framework would cut community-based mental health services by 34% and addiction services by 30%. With these funding cuts, an already shredded community alcohol, drug abuse, and mental health service system will completely unravel, and the safety net will be decimated.

If you would like your recorded message added to the OACBHA YouTube videos, please send your brief taped message electronically to ehenrich@oacbha.org. NOTE: OACBHA reserves the right to edit submissions before posting.

Click on the links to watch behavioral health advocates in action:

YouTube Links

OACBHA YouTube Channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/oacbha>

OACBHA CEO, Cheri L. Walter - <http://www.youtube.com/user/oacbha#play/all/uploads-all/0/YwPAEKIYjnw>

Columbiana County

Pat Baumgarner - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7GMclkolwYg>

Maureen Boals - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=69-YQnEeVVc>

Sherry Pierson - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j2L1DqVyEas>

Cuyahoga County

Bill Denihan - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XUTkbNbS3Sg>

Miracle Serrano - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kr3PrrX8koA>

Cathy Rospotynski - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvLi0eiNm4E>

Chris Kerr - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZnGFaWMaQMk>

Rev. Charlotte Noble - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HGJMzD0elv0>

Richard Fulbert - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1WxqdLzn08k>

Jonathan Sheldon - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D69vGfrECNs>

Joanne Cook - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhpcMN6UcpE>

George McPherson - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAbpc_MlffQ

Joan Leeb - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U5_62Rfo5W8

Christina Lofton - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fOEbQkG_EaI

Medina County – NAMI

Richard and Marlene Paterson - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HemIsGndasM>

Ohio Citizen Advocates

Donna Conley - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yJ_kH1-j_0

Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation

Carolyn Givens & Dean Turner - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjx5AXA7Zv0>

Richland County

Joe Trolan - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVjSadJvVAU>

Mary Kay Pierce - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms46oAQ_qnk

Washington County

Ron Rees - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XSHnW6cY65A>

Dell Nicholas - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XnFtqltb4W4>

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