# **MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION**

# RECOVERY RESOURCE GUIDE

**HANCOCK COUNTY, OHIO** 

We All Can Help Someone

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS



Compiled by the Hancock County Community Coalition on Addiction updated May 2025



hancock county community coalition on addiction

HANCOCK COUNTY

**Crisis Hotline** 

1-888-936-7116

# A digital version of the Recovery Resources Guide is available at yourpathtohealth.org

This resource is revised on a periodic basis. If any information provided in this resource is incorrect or has changed, please contact ADAMHS at 419-424-1985 or adamhs@yourpathtohealth.org.

If you are in need of translation or interpretive services, please contact ADAMHS via the contact info above.



Para el listado más actualizado de recursos locales y grupos de apoyo, visite hancockhelps.org



# **Additional Resources:**

SAMHSA National Helpline • 1-800-662-HELP (4357) findtreatment.gov
Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services • mha.ohio.gov
Opiod Response Network • opioidresponsenetwork.org
Ohio Substance Use Disorder Center of Excellence •
case.edu/socialwork/centerforebp/ohio-sud-coe
Relink National Resources Website • relink.org

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

#### TREATMENT

- 4 Good Samaritan Law; Quick Response Team Information
- 5 Hancock County ADAMHS Board Contract Agencies
- 6-8 Ohio Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Treatment Providers
- 9 NW Ohio Detox Centers
- 10 Family Resource Center Emergency Response Services Youth & Adult
- 11 Warning Signs of Alcohol & Substance Use
- 12 The Steady Path Stabilization Center
- 13 Overdose Risk Information
- 14 Suicide Warning Signs

# **RECOVERY & SUPPORT**

- 15 Companion, Connections support apps
- 16-17 How to Help Children through the Trauma of Witnessing an Overdose
- 18-19 Paths to Recovery
- 20 I Am Somebody Podcast
- 21-22 FOCUS Recovery & Wellness Community/The Loft
- 23 FOCUS Recovery Guide Information
- 24 Maternal Opiate Medical Support MOMs Program/Medicaid
- 25-26 NAMI Hancock County Education & Support Programs
- 27 CRAFT Classes for those with Loved Ones Struggling with Addiction
- 28 Welcome to a New Life

# HARM REDUCTION

- 29 Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone)
- 30 Safe Works Syringe Service of Hancock County

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 31-32 What is Addiction? What is Recovery? / Language Matters
- 33 Medication Collection/Transportation Resources
- 34 Gambling/Gaming Prevention Information
- 35 Hancock County Community Coalition on Addiction
- 36 Emergency numbers

# **OHIO'S 911 GOOD SAMARITAN LAW**

# **Seek Help and Save a Life**

The 9-1-1 Good Samaritan law provides immunity from minor drug possession offenses for qualified individuals that make a good faith effort to obtain emergency medical assistance during an overdose.

Who will be a qualified individual, and what are minor drug possession offenses? Qualified individuals are individuals that: seek assistance for another individual that experiences a drug overdose; experience a drug overdose and seek assistance; and experiences an overdose and become the subject of another person seeking medical assistance.

What are the responsibilities of qualified individuals to receive immunity? Qualified individuals must comply with peace officers and get a behavioral health screening within 30 days of the overdose.

# Confidential help for opiod overdose survivors Quick Response Team (QRT)

If you or someone you love has experienced an overdose, we're here and we can help.

The Hancock County QRT Team is a service that works with law enforcement to respond to non-fatal overdose survivors to engage them in treatment.

To connect with a member of the QRT Team, call/text 419-273-6050.



# MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Narcan is available through Hancock Public Health by calling

567-250-5151

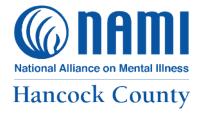
# **Suicide and Crisis Lifeline of Ohio**

988

**We All Can Help Someone** 









# **Family Resource Center**

Mental health and substance use services for adults and youth.

Call: 419-425-5050 Visit: www.frcohio.com

# **FOCUS Recovery and Wellness Center**

Mental Health, Substance Use and Trauma

**Recovery Support Services** 

Call: 419-423-5071 Visit: www.focuswc.org

# **NAMI Hancock County**

Mental Health Support, Education, and Advocacy for Adults and Youth

Call: 567-301-2101

Visit: www.namihancockcounty.org

#### **Ohio Guidestone**

Mental Health and Substance Use Services for Adults and Youth

Call: 419-422-7800

Visit: www.ohioguidestone.org

# WE ALL KNOW SOMEONE IN NEED. REACH OUT, OFFER SUPPORT, AND STAY CONNECTED.



Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services

Call: 419-424-1985

Visit: www.yourpathtohealth.org

# **MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION TREATMENT PROVIDERS**

**OUTPATIENT** care involves health or mental health care within the community. What this generally will look like is you will go to a provider for your visit, which might include seeing a prescriber for medication, a nurse for a check-up, or another professional for counseling or help. They work with you to create your recovery plan.

**INPATIENT** care means you are admitted to a hospital on a doctor's orders. In general, inpatient care typically involves a short hospital stay, but it can be long-term depending on your needs.

**MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT)** is the use of FDA-approved medications, usually in combination with therapeutic and recovery supports, for the treatment of opioid addiction or substance use. Doctors prescribe a medication based on the patient's specific medical needs and other factors.

**RESIDENTIAL** treatment (sometimes called rehabilitation) is a healthcare facility that provides therapy for mental health and/or substance use.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT** includes services that provide education, outreach, and individualized care to you, your family, and other important supports in your life so you can learn to manage your symptoms and live as independently as possible. Services include life skills development tools, education about mental illness and medications, development of community supports, and coordination of individualized treatment and other services.

The following is a partial list of mental health and substance use disorder (addiction) treatment facilities in Northwest Ohio. This list is a reference tool, not an endorsement. Please notify ADAMHS of any inaccuracies. 419-424-1985 adamhs@yourpathtohealth.org \*Signed shared treatment philosophy document

# **Treatment Options in Findlay, Ohio**

# MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

#### \*Family Resource Center

Outpatient Medication Treatment Residential Community Support frcohio.com 419-425-5050 1941 Carlin St, Findlay (services for youth and adults)

#### \*OhioGuidestone

Outpatient Medication Treatment Residential (men only) Community Support ohioguidestone.org 419-422-7800 1624 Tiffin Ave., Suite D, Findlay

# **Treatment Options in Findlay, Ohio**

# MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT SERVICES

# \*BLANCHARD VALLEY HEALTH SYSTEM

# **Orchard Hall Hospital**

bvhealthsystem.org 419-423-5239 1900 S. Main St., Findlay

# **Psychiatric Center of Northwest Ohio Outpatient**

bvhealthsystem.org 419-429-6480 1610 Fostoria Ave., Findlay

# **Promedica Physicians Behavioral Health Outpatient**

promedica.org 419-424-2011 1100 E. Main Cross Suite 159, Findlay

# SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER SERVICES

#### \*Findlay Recovery Center Detox Hospital

findlayrecoverycenter.com 419-664-5237 1800 Manor Hill Rd, Findlay

# **Findlay Treatment Services Medication Clinic**

# **Outpatient Medication Treatment Community Support**

pinnacletreatment.com 419-434-1431 2121 Tiffin Ave, Findlay

# **Spero Health Outpatient Medication Treatment Community Support**

sperohealth.com 419-745-9852 1645 Tiffin Ave, Findlay

# PRIVATE MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE COUNSELING SERVICES IN FINDLAY

# **Stepping Stones Counseling Center**

206 W. Lima St., Findlay 419-422-7970 steppingstonesfindlay.com

# **Lighthouse Counseling**

301 E. Sandusky St., Findlay 419-423-9133 lighthousecounseling2000.com

# **Sophos Wellness Center**

500 N. Main St., Findlay 419-889-7807

# **Mind Body Health Associates**

124 E. Front St., Findlay 567-525-3311 mindbodyhealthassociates.com

# **True North Therapy**

1100 E. Main Cross St., Suite 155, Findlay 567-301-2037 truenorthfindlay.com

# **Moving Forward Counseling**

1655 Tiffin Ave., Suite D, Findlay 567-229-2053 movingforwardcounselingservices.com

# **Treatment Options in Northwest Ohio**

# MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES

# Arrowhead Behavioral Health Outpatient Hospital Hospital Residential

arrowheadbehavioral.com 800-547-5695 1725 Timber Line Rd., Maumee

# **Coleman Professional Services Outpatient Residential Community Support**

colemanservices.org 419-229-2222 799 Main St., Lima (Allen County)

Locations: Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Jefferson, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull

# **Harbor** Outpatient Nursing Home Residential Community Support

harbor.org 419-352-5387 1010 North Prospect, Bowling Green

Ubicaciones: Bowling Green, Perrysburg

# **Health Partners of Western Ohio Ambulatory Mat**

hpwohio.org 877-516-4149 329 N. West St., 2nd Floor, Lima

Locations: Allen, Hardin, Seneca, Clark, Defiance, Williams, Lucas

# **Pathways Counseling Center Outpatient Community Support**

pathwaysputnam.org 419-523-4300 835 N. Locust St., Ottawa

# St. Rita's Medical Center - Mercy Health Outpatient Hospital

mercy.com 419-227-3361 730 W. Market St., Lima

# **Zepf Center Outpatient Nursing Home Residential Community Support**

zepfcenter.org 419-373-6560 219 S. Church St., Bowling Green

Locations: Bowling Green, Toledo

# SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT SERVICES

#### **Driver's Intervention Program**

Addiction Resource Center info@arc.com 937-767-0178

# Joshua Treatment Center Outpatient Nursing Home Residential Community Support

Program to Awareness of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse in Urban Minorities of Lima 1-866-712-4401

# \*Midwest Recovery Center Detox Outpatient Mat Community Support

midwestrecoverycenter.com 833-654-1029 7540 New West Rd., Toledo

# **Ohio Treatment Center Outpatient Individualized Care**

419-216-2888 115 W. State St., North Baltimore (Wood County)

# **MEDICAL WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT (DETOX) SERVICES**

If you live in Hancock County and need detox services, go to the Blanchard Valley Hospital Emergency Room for medical evaluation and screening. If you have any questions about detox services, call 567-429-8416.

All agencies listed below also provide alcohol withdrawal management.

# **NORTHWEST OHIO DETOX CENTERS**

Facility	Location	Phone	
Blanchard Valley Hospital (Emergency Medical Stabilization)	Findlay	567-429-8416	
Arrowhead Behavioral Health	Maumee	419-891-9333	
St. Rita's Alcohol Detox	Lima	855-438-5681	
Coleman Stabilization Center	Lima	567-242-6112	
Erie County Community Health Center	Sandusky	419-624-3353	
Community Linkage (medically managed withdrawal syndrome program)	Lima	567-242-6047	
New Vision Detox	Bowling Green	419-546-0484	
Joshua Treatment Center	Holland	567-703-9064	
Midwest Recovery Center	Maumee	833-654-1029	
Unison Health (including crisis stabilization)	Toledo	419-936-7800	
University of Toledo Medical Center	Toledo	419-383-5695	

# **EMERGENCY RESPONSE SUPPORT SERVICES**

PROVIDED BY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER - Updated 1/6/25

# MRSS: MOBILE RESPONSE & STABILIZATION SERVICES A PROGRAM FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES EXPERIENCING A CRISIS

When you call 1-888-418-6777, the professional on the line will help you in the moment. If it fits the guidelines for a mobile response, our Mobile Responder will reach out promptly. They will do these four things:

- DE-ESCALATE THE CRISIS
- PROVIDE EDUCATION & CREATE AN ACTION PLAN
- ASSESS SAFETY & PROCESS THE CRISIS
- PROVIDE ONGOING SUPPORT FOR UP TO 4-6 WEEKS

MRSS services are avaiable to all Hancock County families Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm.

Family Resource Center Youth Services: 1941 Carlin St., Findlay, OH 45840

# HIDOA

# **CRISIS INTERVENTION & STABILIZATION SERVICES**

A SERVICE FOR ADULTS EXPERIENCING A CRISIS

Are you experiencing a critical incident or stressful event that is overwhelming and beyond your means of coping and problem-solving?

Do you feel helpless, hopeless, alone, or uncertain about how to move forward?

Call the Crisis Hotline 1-888-936-7116 and ask to be connected with a crisis worker. This worker will offer immediate support, help to de-escalate the crisis, assess for safety and imminent risk, develop a plan of action, and reduce general distress.

These services are avaiable to all Hancock County adults Monday-Friday, 8am-8pm.

Family Resource Center Adult Services: 1941 Carlin St., Findlay, OH 45840





# **EMERGENCY SUPPORT AVAILABLE 24/7**

Hancock County Crisis Hotline: 1-888-936-7116, Crisis Textline: 741-741 In an emergency situation, always call 911.



₹ ② @FAMILYRESOURCECENTERNWO • WWW.FRCOHIO.ORG • 419-425-5050

# **WARNING SIGNS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

# **Alcohol Abuse**

- Abdominal pain
- Confusion
- Drinking alone
- Episodes of violence with drinking
- Hostility when confronted about drinking
- Lack of control over drinking
- Being unable to stop or reduce intake
- Making excuses to drink
- Nausea and vomiting
- Need for daily or regular alcohol use to function
- Neglecting to eat
- Not caring for physical appearance
- Secretive behavior
- Shaking in the morning

# **Sustance Abuse**

- Cycles of being unusually talkative, "up" and cheerful, with seemingly boundless energy
- Increased irritability, agitation, anger
- Unusual calmness, unresponsiveness, or looking "spaced out"
- Apathy and depression
- · Paranoia and delusions
- · Abnormally slow movements,
- speech or reaction time,
- confusion and disorientation
- Sudden weight loss or weight gain
- Cycles of excessive sleep

HAVE YOU EVER
THOUGHT ABOUT THE
IMPACT ALCOHOL CAN
HAVE ON YOUR HEALTH?



SCAN to complete a free, anonymous survey to get a better understanding of your alcohol use.

# YOU ARE NOT ALONE - COME JOIN US!

We would love to see you and share our journey as families of those with loved ones who struggle with substance use. This is your time for self-care. I think that you will feel relief if you have been feeling alone or overwhelmed. These meetings offer a safe space to share, listen or just sit with others who understand what you are going through.

Together we support, educate and share experiences and resources. For more information contact Hancock ADAMHS at: 419-424-1985 or adamhs@yourpathtohealth.







professional support in a home-like setting. This 11-bed facility offers around-the-clock care for people who may be having a hard time at home or who are moving in or out of the hospital

AVAILABLE FROM THE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM. IT OFFERS SOMETHING BETWEEN THE EMERGENCY ROOM AND HOME, BETWEEN JAIL AND HOME, AND BETWEEN INPATIENT CARE AND HOME."- COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER

- Diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental illness and
- Agreeable to voluntary admission and to become an FRC client
- Age 18 and over
- Willing to participate in treatment recommendations and programming
- A resident of a county within the NWO Collaborative
- · Able to complete Activities of Daily Living and selfadminister medication

<sup>\*</sup>TSP does not accept self referrals. Clients must be referred from a partner organization.

# **KNOW YOUR RISK FOR AN OPIOID OVERDOSE**

Provided by the Medication-Assisted Treatment Collaborative of Hancock County

# Who is at Risk for an Opioid Overdose?

Individuals using opioids for longterm pain management and individuals using heroin.

# Others at Risk Include the Following:

- Opiate-dependent
- Stopping MAT treatment (suboxone, vivitrol, methadone)
- Discharged to emergency medical care after opiate poisoning
- Experiencing reduced tolerance due to:
  - trying to stop using on their own
  - withdrawal management (detox)
  - release from jail or prison
  - relapse of recovery
- Injecting opiates
- Using prescription opiates in higher doses than prescribed
- Using opiates in combination with other sedatives such as
  - Alcohol
  - Benzodiazepines ("benzos")
- Using opiates with conditions such as:
  - Hepatitis C, HIV
  - Liver disease
  - Lung disease, COPD
  - Depression

# Low Tolerance = High Risk

Tolerance develops when someone uses an opioid drug regularly. Their body becomes used to the drug and needs a larger or more frequent dose to continue to experience the same effect. The brain adapts to the exposure, allowing the person to use more or a stronger dose without the respiratory system failing.

# **Loss of Tolerance**

Loss of tolerance occurs when someone stops taking an opioid drug after long-term use. The longer a person is opioid-free, the more the brain will attempt to adapt back to its normal state.

When someone loses tolerance and then takes an opioid drug again, they can experience serious adverse effects. including overdose.

Most opiate overdose deaths occur in persons who have just gone through withdrawal or detoxed. Because withdrawal reduces the person's tolerance, those who have just gone through withdrawal can overdose on a much smaller dose than they used to take.

# What is M.A.T.? (Medicated Assisted Treatment)

Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) is the use of FDA approved medication, usually in combination with therapy and recovery supports, for the treatment of opioid addiction or substance use. Physicians prescribe a medication based on a patient's specific medical needs and other factors.

#### **Effective Medications Include:**

- Buprenorphine (Subutex, Suboxone)
- Naltrexone (Depade, Vivitrol)
- Methadonea

# How Do I get Help?

- Contact a substance use disorder treatment agency\*
- Visit hancockhelps.org to learn about current recovery groups & programming

\*See pages 3-4 of the Hancock County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Resources Guide

# **SUICIDE WARNING SIGNS**

# WARNING SIGNS FOR ADULTS

#### Save a life

The risk is higher if a behavior is new or has increased and if it appears to be related to a painful event, loss, or change.

- · Talking about or planning suicide.
- Showing anxiety or agitation. Behaving irresponsibly.
- Talking about being a burden to others.
- Talking about not seeing a way out or feeling unbearable suffering.
- Increasing alcohol or drug use.
- Saying they've lost hope or have no reason to live.
- Sleeping too much or too little.
- Being isolated or feeling lonely.
- Showing anger or talking about revenge.
- · Having extreme mood swings.

If you or someone you know is suffering or going through a crisis, we can help.

Call or text

988

Chat at 988lifeline.org or contact a mental health professional.

# WARNING SIGNS FOR YOUTH

# Save a life

Take action if you see any of these signs in your family or friends:

- Talking about or planning suicide.
- Having no hope for the future.
- Showing intense or overwhelming emotional distress or pain.
- Showing concerning and significant changes in behavior, especially if accompanied by the warning signs above, including:
  - Withdrawal or changes in relationships or social situations.
  - Changes in sleep (increased or decreased).
  - Anger or aggression that is uncharacteristic of the person or out of context.
  - Recent increase in agitation or irritability.

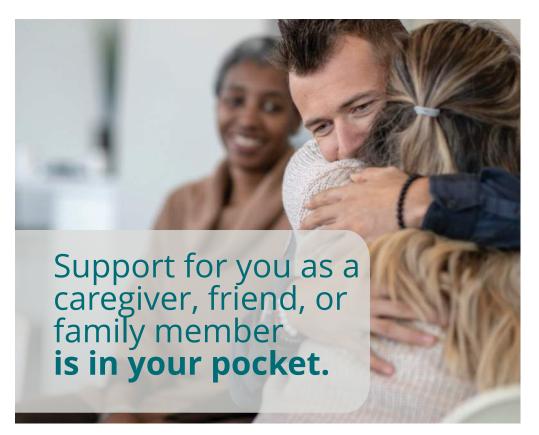
If you or someone you know is suffering or going through a crisis, we can help.

Call or text

988

Chat at 988lifeline.org or contact a mental health professional.

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS Chio.





SCAN TO ACCESS THE COMPANION APP

This FREE Resource is made available by: Hancock County Board of ADAMHS

The **Companion App** provides a supportive online community and valuable resources tailored for family members, friends, and caregivers of individuals with substance use disorder and common co-occurring mental health conditions.

# If you're in recovery for substance use, Including alcohol, it's essential to stay connected to those who support you.

One effective way to ensure 24/7 peer support is through the Connections smartphone app, offered at no cost by ADAMHS of Hancock County.

There is a separate
Connections app for adults
and teens. Sign up today by
scanning the QR code.
Check it out!





The Trauma of Witnessing an Opioid Overdose:

# How to Help Children

The signs of opioid overdose are scary!











Witnessing the overdose of a loved one can have lasting effects on children. They cope in different ways and need honest information. Look for signs of trauma and get professional help

For more information visit: u.osu.edu/toolkit.



# CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OLD

#### WHAT THEY MAY SAY & DO



- Repeated Questions
- Crying
- · Changes in eating & sleeping
- Acting younger
- Looking for missing caregiver
- · Not understanding the situation

#### WHAT THEY THINK & FEEL



# **HOW TO HELP**

- Keep things as normal as possible
- Respond to the child's needs
- Acknowledge child's feelings
- Draw pictures
- Extra playtime & attention

# CHILDREN 3-5 YEARS OLD

# WHAT THEY MAY SAY & DO



- Clinging to family members & adult friends
- Toddler behavior (thumb sucking, bed wetting)
- Crying
- · Throwing tantrums
- Fighting
- Separation & other increased fears
- Pretending everything is fine

#### WHAT THEY THINK & FEEL



#### **HOW TO HELP**

- Consistent care
- Tell stories & show pictures of the loved one
- Correct fantasies/denials with simple explanations
- Be patient when child replays overdose event
- Be ready for moodiness & acknowledge child's feelings

# **CHILDREN** 6-9 YEARS OLD

#### WHAT THEY MAY SAY & DO



- Anger & aggression
- **Fighting**
- · Mood swings
- Withdrawal
- Stomach aches & headaches
- Self-blame
- Desire to reunify with deceased
- School problems
- · Focus on death

# **CHILDREN** 9-13 YEARS OLD

#### WHAT THEY MAY SAY & DO



- Resentment
- Guilt
- Crying
- Anger & aggression
- School problems & acting out
- Fear

- Isolation
- Anxiety
- Repetitive thoughts
- · Physical complaints

# **CHILDREN 14-18 YEARS OLD**

#### WHAT THEY MAY SAY & DO



- Resentment
- Guilt
- Depression
- Anger & acting out
- Fear
- · Possible self-harm
- Avoiding feelings
- Anxiety
- Withdrawal
- Physical complaint
- Possible substance

# use

#### WHAT THEY THINK & FEEL



#### HOW TO HELP

- · Keep youth involved in family problem solving
- Be flexible but maintain consistent limits
- Be open & patient
- Be aware that youth may act out or engage in risky behavior

#### WHAT THEY THINK & FEEL



#### **HOW TO HELP**

- Let the child determine when to express feelings & process the event
- Let the child decide how to tell others (at school, activities, friends, etc.)
- Encourage activities
- Maintain contact with others

# WHAT THEY THINK & FEEL



#### **HOW TO HELP**

- · Keep youth involved in family problem solving
- Be flexible but maintain consistent <u>limits</u>
- Be open & patient
- Be aware that youth may act out or engage in risky behavior

# **PATHS TO RECOVERY**

"Recovery is a process of change through which people improve their health and well-being, live self-directed lives, and strive to reach their full potential" (SAMHSA, 2023). One's recovery journey is highly personal and unique and can include a variety of different paths aligned with the four core dimensions of recovery: Health, Home, Purpose, and Community.

# Health

Overcome or control disease(s) or symptoms, and make informed, healthy choices that support physical and emotional well-being.

# **Medication Treatment**

Many illnesses and disorders have medicinal treatment options. Substance use is no different. MAT is a valid path to recovery for some and should not be dismissed as simply swapping one addictive substance for another. MAT can help people manage addiction to help maintain recovery.

# Physical and Emotional Well-being

Fitness and nutrition are essential factors for restoring physical and mental health. Exercise can be a method to offset stressors, aid in relaxation, improve sleep quality, and increase the ability to manage stress. Adequate nutrients and hydration give the body energy to help build and repair organ tissue, strengthen the immune system, and reduce the risk of relapse.

Stress management and meditation involve recognizing the signs of stress, thereby minimizing the long-term consequences of chronic stress on the body. Some options for dealing with stress include relaxation techniques such as exercise, proper nutrition, yoga, and spirituality.

# **Home**

Have a stable and safe place to live. Recovery housing in Hancock County is designed to help those seeking recovery from a substance use disorder rebuild their lives and rejoin the community.

# **Purpose**

Performing meaningful daily activities, such as work, school volunteering, family care, or creative endeavors, and having the independence, income, and resources to participate in society.

Creative expression can help connect people at all stages of life or during recovery with that inner healing voice. Common methods of artistic expression include drama, dance, music, creative writing, visual arts, and photography.

# PATHS TO RECOVERY

# **Community**

Have relationships and social networks that provide support, friendship, love, and hope.

# **Anonymous groups**

Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.), Heroin Anonymous (H.A.), Cocaine Anonymous (C.A.), and Narcotics Anonymous (N.A.) are nonprofit fellowships of people struggling with substance use who use strength, hope, and fellowship to help one another seek and maintain abstinence. The only requirement for participation in each group is a desire to stop using that particular substance. There are no membership fees or dues. A.A., H.A., and N.A. are not affiliated with any sect, denomination, political party, organization, or institution. These groups provide a recovery process and peer support networks that work together to meet your needs. Learn more at area53aa.org, heroinanoynmous.org, www. ca.org, and www.na.org

# Other groups and tools

Celebrate Recovery offers people the opportunity to participate in group fellowship where love and hope combine with the pursuit of God's purpose for our lives at no cost. Participate in identifying feelings of pain, recognizing habits, and addressing blocks. Learn more at: www.celebraterecovery.org

Smart Self-Management and Recovery Training (SMART) is a global community of mutual support groups. Participants find and develop the power within themselves to change and lead fulfilling and balanced lives guided by the science-based 4-Point Program®. More information at: www.smartrecovery.org

**Spirituality** can help us connect with a community, give us a sense of purpose and grounding, or help us feel humbled as part of something larger. When we feel challenged, overwhelmed, or even excited about a new direction we are about to take, having a spiritual foundation can help us find meaning and achieve overall well-being.

**Technology** can be a useful recovery tool for mental illness or substance use. Mobile apps are currently available to connect you with a community, create a plan, track recovery time, and save money. Other tools can help monitor habits, nutrition, sleep, and overall well-being, and create a daily mood diary.

988 LIFELINE



In the event of a crisis, please call the crisis line at

888-936-7116

For additional information on local services,
visit HancockHelps.org.
Additional online resources are available
at hazelden.org, samhsa.gov,
samhsa.gov/gains-center,recoveryanswers.org

#### our mission:

"i am somebody" is a podacast to aid in destignatizing our communities societal standards & perception of prevention & recovery through the storytellers recovery journey.

zone:	judge free		
location:	findlay, oh		
podcast:	iamsomebody you		
the why:			
USE YOU	R VOICE		

be a ce

in the "i am somebody" podcast

in partnership with:

topics of discussion: mental health substance use



connect with us today:

509 West Trenton Avenue Findlay, OH 45840 419-423-5071 iamsomebody@focusrwc.org



trauma



FOCUS supports individuals and families impacted by mental health, addiction and/or trauma related issues. We support people to find health, home, purpose, and community in their lives. FOCUS is here to provide support, resources, and connection as people discover and maintain their pathway to recovery and wellness.

# **Mission**

FOCUS provides a holistic community supporting purpose and wellness through recovery.

# **Services**

- Recovery Housing
- Connection to Recovery Options
- Self-Help Strategies
- Peer-Driven Support Groups
- Peer & Family Resource Connection
- Educational Classes
- Community & Social Support
- Advocacy & Civic Engagement
- Adult & Youth Services

# A Chance for Change

At any given moment, anyone has the ability to say, "This is not how my story is going to end." Recovery is a unique and personal process. The support, hope, and encouragement that people receive at FOCUS is tailored to each person's unique experiences, interests, and needs. FOCUS helps support people as they build lives of recovery.

# Community

There are roles for family, friends, and advocates at FOCUS. In addition to the support that people may need, there are opportunities to volunteer.

- Leading support groups & classes
- Event planning & fundraising
- Recovery Guide Program
- Maintenance & improvement projects

# YOUTH CENTER

# THE LOFT

A Program of Focus; Recovery and Wellness Community

The Loft is a welcoming space for youth navigating challenges related to mental health, substance use, and trauma. Built on lived experience, peer connection, and trust, the Loft offers daily groups, creative outlets, and access to community partnerships such as NAMI Hancock County, Family Resource Center, and Open Arms.

This is not just a youth center—it's a space where young people are seen, supported, and encouraged to shine.



# What to Expect

- Peer support from OMHAS-Certified Peer Support **Specialists**
- Engaging activities that foster creativity and resilience
- A safe, affirming space that celebrates all backgrounds
- Opportunities to connect with outside resources
- Operating off the Youth Thrive framework to uplift youth voices

	OUR I	PILLARS	
Home	Health	Purpose	Community
Establish the feeling of belonging	Improve all aspects of wellness	Find and engage in your purpose.	Find and feel a part of your community.

Monday - Friday 3 to 6pm (June - Aug 12pm to 6pm) 😝 🧿 🗗



the





Are you a person or family member in recovery who wants to volunteer?

# Become a Recovery Guide!

A Recovery Guide is a volunteer who supports and promotes recovery by helping people remove barriers and build recovery capital. Basically, Recovery Guides are people who want to help others find and maintain recovery. Recovery Guides share their knowledge, strength, and hope to help people find their own strengths and pathway to recovery.

# What does a Recovery Guide do?

A Recovery Guide may be matched one-onone with a participant in the program and commits to spending at least one hour a week with that participant.

The Recovery Guide and the participant work together to help the participant begin or maintain their recovery.

Recovery Guides also volunteer at FOCUS to interact with peers, lead classes, teach skills, or just listen. They are present throughout the community, providing peer-based support to those who need it.

# Who can be a Recovery Guide? Volunteers can be:

- Individuals with personal lived experience in recovery from a mental health/ substance use/trauma
- a family member of someone impacted by a mental health/ substance use/trauma.

Recovery Guides are individuals who have sustained recovery for themselves or their family. Recovery Guides are required to complete an application and training to gain the skills and knowledge needed to be a Recovery Guide.

# Why should I volunteer as a Recovery Guide?

Volunteering has many positive benefits! As a Recovery Guide, you would have the opportunity to:

- Learn new skills
- Share your knowledge and experiences with others
- Network within the community
- Develop personal and professional skills
- Give back to the community
- Have a positive impact in Hancock County!

# How do I get involved?

For more information, or to apply to become a Recovery Guide, call or stop by FOCUS. If you'd like to volunteer but don't think being a Recovery Guide is right for you, contact us. There are a hundred ways you can volunteer. We'd love to meet you! FOCUS provides peer-led support and resources to help people improve their health and wellness, live a self-directed life, and sustain their recovery.

# MATERNAL OPIATE MEDICAL SUPPORT (MOMS)



A collaborative community team for the Maternal Opiate Medical Support (MOMS) program has been developed to support the health, safety and well-being of infants and the recovery of pregnant women with opioid use disorders. A family of professionals at Blanchard Valley Hospital (BVH) will establish an individualized support plan for each patient to ensure a safe and stable environment for mother and infant.

The coordination of care will take place between obstetric providers (OB), outpatient medication assisted treatment specialists, outpatient mental health providers, the BVH Labor and Delivery department and the BVH Special Care Nursery (SCN). Experienced OB and SCN staff deliver quality of care during and after pregnancy.

If not already established, staff members can link patients with an OB provider who has privileges to deliver at Blanchard Valley Hospital and a medication assisted treatment specialist.

# Additionally, weekly MOMS meetings will provide education and resource information including:

- Learning how to have a healthy baby and pregnancy
- Enrolling in rewards programs
- Talking with healthcare professionals and tour maternity and special care nursery at BVHS
- Smoking cessation
- · Recognizing postpartum depression
- · Getting ready for your baby's birth
- Learning how to provide the best care for your baby
- · Accessing transportation assistance
- Finding the right resources in the community, such as baby supplies, food resources and more
- Obtaining education on Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

To refer a patient or have questions, please call the BVHS Clinical Navigator of the MOMS Program. **419.429.0170** 

# **OHIO MEDICAID**



Ohio Medicaid improves the health of Ohioans and strengthens families through quality care.

Ohio Medicaid covers:

- low-income individuals
- pregnant women, infants, and children
- older adults
- individuals with disabilities

#### **Ohio Medicaid benefits include:**

- preventive care
- medically necessary services
- behavioral health services
- alcohol & drug addiction treatment
- prescription medications and more

Call the Medicaid Consumer Hotline at (800) 324-8680 for help completing an application or other questions. Additional information is available at Medicaid.Ohio.Gov.

#### **OHIO BENEFITS**

Applying for healthcare online at Benefits.Ohio. Gov saves you time and starts you on the path to a better life. The Ohio Benefits portal will also connect you to other services you might need:

- · employment opportunities
- unemployment services
- · food and cash assistance
- support for pregnant women and infants
- child care
- energy assistance

#### **APPLY FOR HEALTHCARE:**

- online at Benefits.Ohio.Gov,
- by phone at (800) 324-8680, or
- in-person at your County Department of Job and Family Services.
- Find your local office at JPS.Ohio.Gov/County.

# PEERS

# NAMI Hancock County Education & Support Programs



# Peer-to-Peer

A free, 8-session recovery-focused educational program for adults who wish to establish and maintain wellness in response to mental health challenges.

Must be 18+ to attend.

# **Connection Support Group**

A free, peer-led support group for individuals living with mental health conditions.

Must be 18+ to attend.

# **Men's Connection Support Group**

A free, peer-led support group created as an outlet for individuals experiencing the stigma of being a male with mental health struggles. Must be 18+ to attend.

# Family-to-Family

A free, 8-session educational program for family, partners, friends, & significant others of adults living with a mental health condition. Must be 18+ to attend.

# **Family Support Group**

A free, peer-led support group open to individuals with a loved one living with mental health conditions. Must be 18+ to attend.

# **Basics**

A free, 6-session education program for caregivers of youth experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition. Contact us about this online program.

# **KidShop!**

A free, innovative, activity-based workshop to help children develop skills for improving mental health. Serves K-8th grade. Contact us for a parent interview.

# **YouthMOVE**

A free, youth-led program devoted to improving services and systems to support youth inclusion, mental wellness, positive supports, and healthy transition. Serves youth and young adults ages 14-21.

# **Youth Support Group**

A free and confidential support group for young people aged 14-21. Accessible in-person and virtually. Contact us for the zoom link.

Promoting mental health in Hancock County to build better lives through education, support, and advocacy.

305 West Hardin Street Findlay, Ohio 45840 www.namihancockcounty.org 567-301-2101



Partially funded by:



# SUNINIES

# Adult Mental Health First Aid

This course teaches people how to recognize signs of mental health or substance use challenges in adults ages 18 and older, offer & provide initial help, and guide a person toward appropriate care if necessary. This course introduces mental health challenges and teaches a 5-step action plan for how to help adults in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

# Youth Mental Health First Aid

This course teaches parents, family members, caregivers, school staff, peers, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or crisis. The course introduces common mental health challenges for youth, reviews typical adolescent development, and teaches a 5-step action plan to help young people in both crisis and non-crisis situations.

# In Our Own Voice

A free outreach program consisting of informational presentations about mental health conditions from people with lived experiences-providing personal testimonials, short videos, and time for audience questions and discussion.

**Craft Night** 

An opportunity for peers & family to connect with one another. We believe that mental health can be improved through nontraditional outlets. Materials are included. Registration required. Must be 18+ to attend.

**Daily Self-Care Activities** 

Come join us at NAMI Hancock County every weekday to practice self-care. Activities, include: Cards & Board Games, Walking Club, Art Studio, Journaling and Meditation, and Reader's Retreat! Open for all ages.

The Mindfulness Path

Find eleven meditation signs along the 1.2 mile 'Loop Trail' at Riverbend Park. Practice meditations, breathing exercises, and discover the benefits of nature.

# **Navigation**

If you or a loved one are experiencing challenges related to a mental health condition, our team can provide navigation services to help you find answers and support. Give us a call or stop by the office during our business hours.

Volunteer

Passionate about mental health? Looking for community service opportunities? Get involved with NAMI today!

The Grief Recovery Method

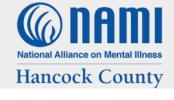
An 8 week program for adults to move beyond the pain caused by death, divorce, loss of trust, loss of career, loss of safety, and other losses. Contact us to register.

Narcissistic Abuse Support Group

A free, confidential support group for adults experiencing emotional abuse and manipulation in relationships with narcissists, or other toxic individuals.

Promoting mental health in Hancock County to build better lives through education, support, and advocacy.

305 West Hardin Street Findlay, Ohio 45840 www.namihancockcounty.org 567-301-2101





Partially funded by:



# Are you concerned about a loved one's substance abuse?

Stressed? Confused? Worried?

Not sure how to continue helping or if you're really helping?

Do you want to have a conversation about recovery with your loved one but don't know how to start?

# Take a CRAFT Class.

Learn new techniques and solutions to help guide your loved one toward recovery, build a healthy relationship, and improve their quality of life. This class will focus on the Community Reinforcement Approach and Family Training (CRAFT) method, created by Dr. Robert J. Meyers and highlighted in the book "How to Keep Your Loved One Sober." Classes are facilitated by local community members trained by Dr. Meyers.

There are six classes, one per week, with a maximum of ten participants. We encourage those interested to attend all six sessions, but it is not a requirement. Classes are free of charge. Participants are encouraged to purchase the book Getting Your Loved One Sober, or there are books available to borrow during classes.

For more information about upcoming CRAFT classes or if you are interested in becoming a facilitator, contact FOCUS at 419-423-5071.







# OFFERING A ROAD TO HOPE

Our mission is to provide mentorship and resources for adults who are involved in the Hancock County criminal justice system, helping them to achieve crime-free, drug-free, productive lives.

# We Provide:

Extra **support**, help and connection to **resources** in your new life journey.

**Assistance** and accountability with your development plan to re-enter society.

Positive examples and guidance on how to live a productive life.

**Encouragement** and **Hope** to stay focused on the right path.

# LEARN MORE:

(419) 455-6082 director@welcometoanewlife.org www.welcometoanewlife.org





# **DAWN: Deaths Avoided With Naloxone**

A community-based drug overdose education and naloxone distribution program.

Naloxone (also known as Narcan) is a medication that can reverse an overdose caused by an opioid drug (heroin or prescription pain medications). When administered during an overdose, Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and quickly restores breathing temporarily until medical help arrives.

# **How do I get a Project DAWN Kit?**

Step 1: Watch the "Naloxone Project DAWN training video" on YouTube. Scan the QR code at right to watch.



Step 2: Contact Hancock Public Health to answer a few simple questions and arrange a safe pick up or delivery of your kit.

- Call Hancock Public Health
   419-424-7420
- Kalynn Sommers 513-818-3309 ksommers@hancockph.com
- Josh St Louis 567-208-0182 joshuastlouis@equitashealth.com
- Raquel Gonzales 419-581-9018 rgonzales@hancockph.com

The Project DAWN Kit includes:

• 2 - 4mg doses of Narcan Nasal Spray

Project DAWN kits are free.

To receive a free kit by mail, visit Harm Reduction Ohio's web-page: naloxoneforall.org/hro



#### HARM REDUCTION INFORMATION:

The purpose of harm reduction is to save lives, improve the quality of life of people who use drugs, and improve the overall health and safety of the community.

Promoting public health and safety through **FREE**, **non-judgmental and anonymous** syringe services

# **SERVICES**

- New syringes & clean works
- Referral to Services
- HEP C & HIV Testing
- Vaccinations

- 8mg Narcan Nasal Spray
  - Fentanyl test strips
  - Free sharps containers
  - Safer Sex supplies

# **SAFER USE TIPS**

- Always Carry Narcan
- Don't Use Alone

- Don't Mix Drugs
- Use Clean Supplies
- Test your supplies if possible/if not, start with a lower dose

# Walk-in times without calling ahead:

Tuesdays, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm at Spectrum of Findlay Wednesdays, 3:00 pm-5:00 pm at Hancock Public Health

Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm - walk-ins welcome at either location (please call ahead)

# To learn more, text, call, or email:

Kalynn Sommers - 513-818-3309 ksommers@hancockph.com Josh St Louis - 567-208-0182 joshuastlouis@equitashealth.com Raquel Gonzales - 419-581-9018 rgonzales@hancockph.com



# Hancock Public Health

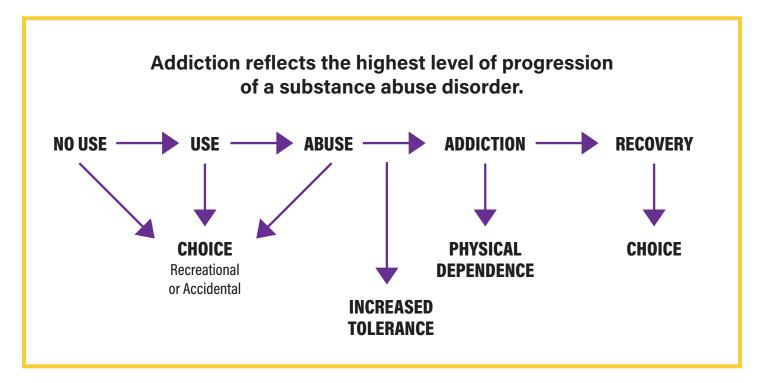
2225 Keith Parkway, Findlay, OH 45840 • Wednesdays 3-5pm & by appointment

# **ADDICTION AND RECOVERY**

# What is addiction?

Addiction is a treatable chronic medical condition that involves complex interactions between brain circuitry, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences. People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences.

Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic conditions, -ASAM, 2019



# What is Recovery?

Recovery is a process of change that permits an individual to make healthy choices and improve the quality of their life.

- There are many pathways to recovery. Individuals are unique with specific needs, strengths,
- goals, health attitudes, behaviors and expectations for recovery.
- Pathways to recovery are highly personal, and generally involve a redefinition of identity in
- the face of crisis or a process of progressive change.
- Furthermore, pathways are often social, grounded in cultural beliefs or traditions, and involve
- informal community resources, which provide support for sobriety.

# LANGUAGE MATTERS

**Language is powerful** – especially when talking about addictions. Stigmatizing language perpetuates negative perceptions. Person-first language focuses on the person, not the disorder. When discussing addictions...

#### SAY THIS...

- Person with substance abuse disorder
- Person in recovery
- Person living with addiction
- Person arrested for a drug law violation
- · Decides not to use now
- Medication is a treatment tool
- Has had a setback/setback
- Maintains recovery
- Positive drug test

#### ...INSTEAD OF THIS

- · Addict, junkie, drug addict, cocaine user, drug addict
- Ex-addict
- Fighting/suffering from addiction
- Drug offender
- Not compliant
- Medication is a crutch
- Relapse
- Stay clean
- Dirty drug test

#### **HOW TO SUPPORT SOMEONE IN RECOVERY**

- Don't judge. Many people in recovery feel judged by their family and friends. Accept them for who they ore and refrain from criticism and negativity.
- Be patient. Recovery con be a long, complicated process. People often have setbacks. It's important for them to know that you support them when things get tough.
- Reinforce that recovery is possible. Like other chronic diseases, people con manage addictions successfully.
- Actively listen. Take notice of your loved one's victories and struggles.
- Encourage healthy habits. Cooking, exercising and playing games are all positive. substancefree activities you can do with a person in recovery.
- Suggest a support group. Support groups allow people in recovery to interact with and receive encouragement from others who struggle with addiction.
- Continue to offer encouragement and support.
   Emphasize that it takes a lot of courage to get help for an addiction.
- Take care of yourself. Take time to participate in activities you enjoy. Spend time with others, or consider joining a support group for friends and families of people with addictions.

# TIPS FOR TALKING WITH A LOVED ONE ABOUT THEIR SUBSTANCE USE

- Treat the person with respect and dignity.
- Talk to the person in a quiet, private place when both of you are sober and calm.
- Try to understand the person's perception of their substance use. Ask if they consider their substance use a problem.
- Consider the person's willingness/readiness to talk about substance abuse.
- Don't force the person to admit they have a problem.
- Express your point of view using the word "I," such as "I've noticed..." or "I'm worried..."
- Identify and discuss their behavior instead of criticizing their character.
- Let the person know you are concerned and willing to help.
- Listen without judging the person as bad or immoral.
- Don't label or accuse the person as an "addict."
- Have realistic expectations learning to manage mental illness takes time.

for Mental Wellbeing

HEALTHY MINDS . STRONG COMMUNITIES

# **MEDICATION COLLECTION LOCATIONS**

Hancock County Sheriff's Office • 200 West Crawford Street Findlay
 Findlay Police Department • Findlay Municipal Building - Dorney Plaza Findlay
 ProMedica Fostoria Community Hospital • 501 Van Buren St. - Fostoria Main Entrance
 Check with your local pharmacy for additional disposal sites.

# HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY COALITION ON ADDICTION For more information call 419-424-1985

Hancock County Transportation Services				
Provider	Services	Contact	Hours	
HATS	Scheduled and on-demand public transportation service. Fares are \$2 in city, \$4-\$6 within the county, depending on the zone. Elderly and disabled discounts available.	419-423-7261 hhwpac.org/programs/hats	Mon-Fri 7:15am-9:45PM	
USA Cab	Local taxi service for all individuals. \$12 fare one way.	419-615-8879 usacabco.com	24/7	
T&H- Lift	Local taxi service for all individuals. \$12 fare one way in city; destinations in county based on mileage.	419-314-1550 facebook.com/p/T-H-Lift- LLC-100065246930621	Daily 6am-midnight	
Find-a-Ride	Transportation solutions for clients age 60-plus or those with disabilities	1-800-653-7723 aaa3.org/transportation	Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm	
Hancock County Veterans Service Office	Free transportation services provided to county veterans for medical appointments	419-424-7408 hancockveterans.com	Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm	
Hancock County Job & Family Services	Client-based transportation to appointments for those who qualify	419-429-8032 hancockjfs.org	Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm	
KanDu Group	Client-based transportation for adult day support, vocational habilitation, and workplace transportation	567-208-3323 kandugroup.org/transportation	Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm	



# MAKE YOUR GAME PLAN

# WHY SHOULD YOU PAUSE BEFORE YOU PLAY?

With more forms of gambling accessible throughout Ohio, bets can be placed easier and quicker than ever before. But betting too fast can lead to making bets without thinking about the risk, which can lead to developing a problem with gambling. That's why it's so important to take a moment before placing a bet to pause, consider the risks, and set limits.

# WHAT IS PROBLEM GAMBLING?

Gambling disorder or gambling addiction is considered a diagnosable and treatable disorder. While problem gambling has its own set of criteria for diagnosis and treatment, many still don't seek help for this potentially life-threatening condition.

#### WHAT ARE THE DANGERS OF PROBLEM GAMBLING?

Similar to other forms of addiction, problem gambling can have long-lasting effects, such as:

- Suicidal thoughts
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Stress

# A SERIOUS ISSUE

Approximately 1 in 5 individuals who struggle with problem gambling contemplate suicide, the highest rate amongst all known addictive disorders.

#### KNOW THE SIGNS

The signs of a person struggling with gambling are not always easy to see. A few signs to look for include:

- · Betting more often or with more money
- · Withdrawing from relationships
- · Hiding gambling behavior from friends and family
- · Borrowing money to relieve financial distress
- Betting more to make up for previous losses

#### TIPS FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

There are ways to ensure gambling stays responsible. Here are a few tips to keep gambling safer:

- · Set limits on how much and how quickly you bet
- Pay your bills before gambling
- · Keep gambling a social activity
- · Have other hobbies outside of gambling
- Slow down, press pause, and recognize the risk before betting

# **ARE YOU AT RISK?**

Are you or someone you care about at risk of problem gambling? Visit PauseBeforeYouPlay.org.



#### TAKE THE QUIZ

to see if you are at risk of problem gambling



#### FIND FREE RESOURCES

for responsible gambling



#### **GET HELP**

from free and accessible locations



**GAMBLING PROBLEM? 1-800-589-9966** 

PauseBeforeYouPlay.org



# THE HANCOCK COUNTY COMMUNITY COALITION ON ADDICTION

# **MISSION:**

A coalition dedicated to addressing the impact of substance use in our community.

# **VISION:**

Health, prevention, recovery, and support for all.

# **VALUES:**

- · Every life is valued.
- Every member of the community is vital to the coalition's work.

# **GUIDING PRINCIPLES:**

- Support people with substance use disorders and their loved ones.
- Support accessibility and reduce barriers to services.
- Implement the best prevention strategies that impact those most at risk.
- Reduce stigma.



# **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, DIAL 911**

Suicide and Crisis Hotline988
Ayuda En Español 1-888-628-9454
Blanchard Valley Hospital 419-423-4500
Family Resource Center 419-425-5050
Findlay Fire Department 419-424-7129
Findlay Police Department 419-424-7150
Hancock County Sheriff's Department 419-424-7097
NAMI Hancock County 567-301-2101
NAMI Hotline 800-950-6264
National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1-800-273-8255
Open Arms Domestic Violence and Crisis Services Rape 419-422-4766
SAMHSA: Substance Abuse & Mental Health 1-800-662-4357

For the most recent list of local resources and support groups, visit www.hancockhelps.org

