

# Lucas County Substance Use Prevention Coalition Meeting

Wednesday, February 5, 2025

1:30 P.M.

Lucas County EMS Training Center, 2127 Jefferson Ave, Toledo, OH 43604 / Zoom  
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## Agenda:

Call to Order & Welcome- Tony Dible, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

1. Announcements & Introductions
2. TLCHD Injury Prevention Website Updates
3. Healing Communities Study Presentation
  - Sharing Study Findings
4. Roundtable Discussion (Time permitting)
  - 2025 Coalition Goals
  - Organizational Updates

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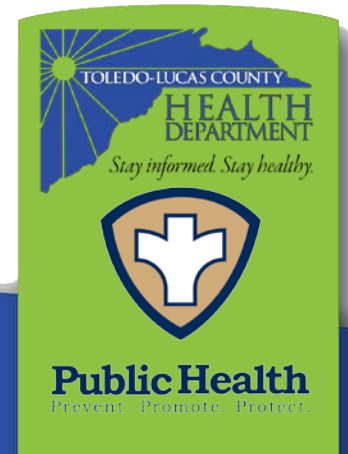
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Location: Lucas County EMS Training Center / Zoom



Lucas County Substance Use  
Prevention **Coalition**

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1:30 p.m. Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Print Name	Signature	Organization	Email (Please print clearly!)	Check if 1st Time Attendee
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Lucas County Substance Use  
Response **Coalition**

Quarterly Meeting, February 5, 2025

## TLCHD Website Updates

- ▶ Reviewing updates to Overdose Prevention related pages on the TLCHD website
- ▶ Seeking feedback / questions



## Healing Communities Study Presentation

# NIH HEAL INITIATIVE

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HEALing Communities Study



# Roundtable Discussion / Organizational Updates



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- Open it up for any organizational updates / shout outs
- If you have any material you'd like me to pass along please share it and I will include it in the meeting follow up!

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## Virtual Attendance:

Dr. Bridget Freisthler	HCS	Abbi Bellas	Mercy's Mother-Child Dependency
Jamie Luster	HCS	Natalie Speweik	Mercy's Mother-Child Dependency
Leslie Head	HCS	Holly Pappada	Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB
Tiffany Sayre	ProMedica	Adrienne Cardulla	Rep. Kaptur Office
Angie Szymanski	Arrowhead	Kami Bruner	TLCHD
Dee Washington	Harbor	Heather Sofo	LCCS
Jodi Aiken	Humana	Dr John Ross	Board of Health
Amanda Lanigan	Zepf	Diane McCarthy	University of Toledo
Gail	N/A	Kirsti Carr	New Concepts
Nichole Rominski	New Vision	Travis Skelly	Clear Vista Health
Vicki	N/A		

Call to Order & Welcome- Tony Dible, Toledo-Lucas County Health Department

## 1. Announcements & Introductions

## 2. TLCHD Injury Prevention Website Updates, Mahj Berryman

- New TLCHD websites for NOSS, Naloxone, Data and Training Requests, Free Resources, Education. Check out [www.lucascountyhealth.com](http://www.lucascountyhealth.com)
- Coalition website has [link](#) for people to join, start receiving email invitations
- Potential 2025 Coalition Projects
  - i. Social Media for Coalition Facebook Page – page has received more views lately with coalition name change. Any interest in managing the FB page activity / posts?
  - ii. Reworking a previous toolkit for resources

## 3. Healing Communities Study Presentation, Darcy Freedman, PhD

- Recognition and Thanks from Dr. Bridget Freisthler, HCS

### Sharing Study Findings

- Study Goal: to reduce opioid overdose deaths across Wave 1 communities compared to Wave 2 communities during the period July 2021 – June 2022





# Lucas County Substance Use Response Coalition

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- i. Lucas County participated in Wave 1
  - ii. HCS also took place simultaneously throughout Ohio, KY, MA, and NY
  - iii. Three Categories of Evidence Based Practices: MOUD, OEND, and Safer Prescribing
- Conclusions
  - i. Naloxone distribution increased 79% during HCS period
  - ii. Reported stigma reduction during HCS period for people receiving MOUD
  - iii. Impact may be even greater with complete implementation (limitations due to COVID-19)
  - iv. HCS data shows increasing drug overdoses involving cocaine and methamphetamine for 2022 and 2023.
  - v. HCS has resources on their website, and will share the PowerPoint with Coalition
- Coalition Discussion
  - i. Published HCS article report no significant reduction in overdose deaths due to HCS study, and the article discusses their limitations and challenges. HCS summary article attached.
  - ii. Mobile Unit for TLCHD has been a great win for expanded outreach

#### 4. Roundtable Discussion

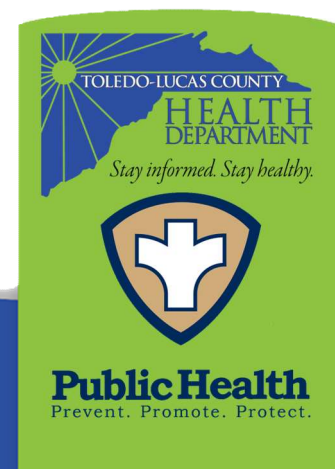
- **Organizational Updates**
  - i. UTMCM Recovery Services – received grant recently to launch a partial hospitalization program, a “bridge” from detox to out-patient.
  - ii. Braeburn (Joelle Huber)-a local contact for injectable buprenorphine available for questions
  - iii. OMHAS, Robert Osbern – Ohio’s budget was presented by Governor this week. Reflects commitment to treatment and recovery programs. The Governor is promoting the Recovery Friendly Workplace Initiative. If your business is interested in getting accredited, check out [website](#).
  - iv. Oxford House Inc., Steve – non-profit recovery housing with 6 local houses for men and women. Peer-ran, self-supported and self-sustained.
  - v. Midwest Recovery- TLCHD will be visiting monthly for 2025 group trainings
  - vi. NAMI Walks – Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> 10am, save the date!
  - vii. DART, Lt. Steve Rogers –2024 Client Demographics



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- With only 2.5 staff for most of 2024, DART recorded 190 new clients and 71 hospital referrals post-overdose. Additionally, 1,470 total interactions and 80 connections to treatment.
- DART continues to offer family support group on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month.
- viii. Team Recovery – inpatient detox is opening April 30<sup>th</sup>. Will have 75 beds.
- ix. New Concepts – Walk-in assessments available M-Th 10a – 2pm no appointments needed
- x. Criminal Justice Coordinating Council – has received 2 grants from BJA to create partnership between TPD and Zepf Center; another for Lucas County Treatment Court partnering with New Concepts
- xi. Northwest Ohio Pathways HUB – currently manage grant that focuses overdose prevention efforts to minority communities.
- xii. St. Paul's United Methodist Church – Church hosts NOSS and provides harm reduction during Friday pantries. January 2025 pantry visits were 81 more visits than January 2024. Church serves many people who are unhoused, many living out front.
- xiii. TLCHD
  - NOSS – 3,129 service encounters in 2024. Over 355,000 syringes distributed.
  - 2024 Outreach – over 18,800 naloxone and over 35k fentanyl test strips distributed. 297 community trainings performed.
- xiv. MHSRB – 2024 Recognition Awards will be presented on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Nominations for awards due by February 24<sup>th</sup> – check their [website](#).
  - Local Help Now App – all agencies should have their resources listed here
- xv. Chrysalis to Monarch – beds available for mothers or pregnant women with SUD
- **2025 Coalition Goals**
  - i. Not enough time to discuss



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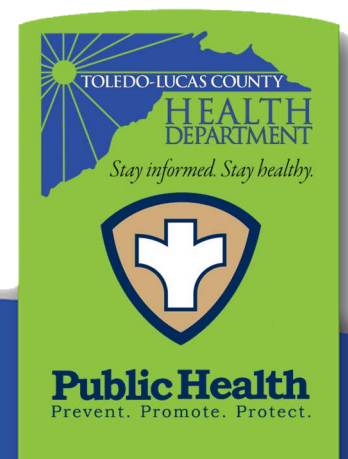
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# Randomized Trial to Reduce Opioid Overdose Deaths

## A PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY

Based on the NEJM publication: Community-Based Cluster-Randomized Trial to Reduce Opioid Overdose Deaths by the HEALing Communities Study Consortium (published June 16, 2024)

**In this trial, researchers assessed whether a community-based intervention to increase access to evidence-based practices focusing on opioids would reduce opioid-related overdose deaths.**

The annual number of deaths from opioid-related overdose in the United States rose from 8050 in 1999 to 82,136 in 2022.

### WHY WAS THE TRIAL DONE?

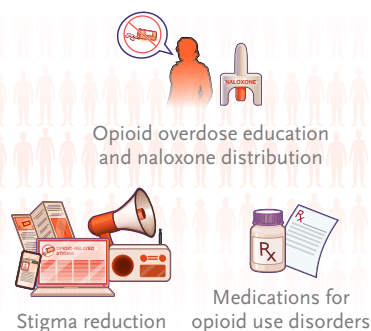
Evidence-based practices to prevent or reverse opioid overdoses include overdose-prevention education and naloxone distribution, the use of methadone and buprenorphine for treating opioid use disorder, and safer opioid prescribing. However, uptake of these practices has been inadequate, partly because of patient-level and organizational barriers.



### HOW WAS THE TRIAL CONDUCTED?

67 communities were assigned to an intervention or a waiting list (control). In the intervention group, community coalitions implemented communication campaigns promoting opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution, the use of medications for opioid use disorder, and messages to reduce stigma through print, digital, radio, outdoor, and social media channels. Funds were allocated to the intervention communities for communication campaigns and implementation of strategies. The primary outcome was the number of deaths from opioid overdose among community adults.

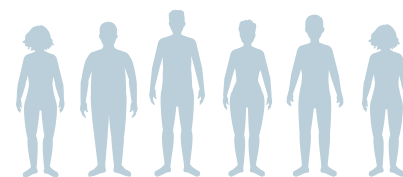
#### Intervention 34 Communities



#### Control 33 Communities



### PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES



**WHO** 8.2 million adults

**WHERE** 29 rural and 38 urban communities

**CLINICAL STATUS** Baseline rate of opioid overdose deaths: 38.2 per 100,000 population (intervention group) and 37.1 per 100,000 population (control group)

### TRIAL DESIGN

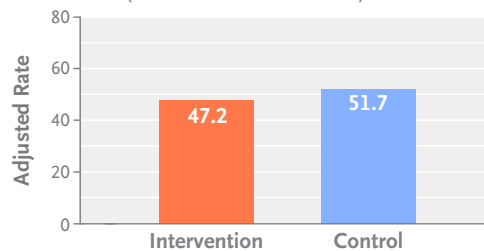
- COMMUNITY-LEVEL
- CLUSTER-RANDOMIZED
- CONTROLLED
- LOCATION: KENTUCKY, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW YORK, AND OHIO
- INTERVENTION PERIOD: JANUARY 2020–JUNE 2022
- COMPARISON PERIOD: JULY 2021–JUNE 2022

**RESULTS**

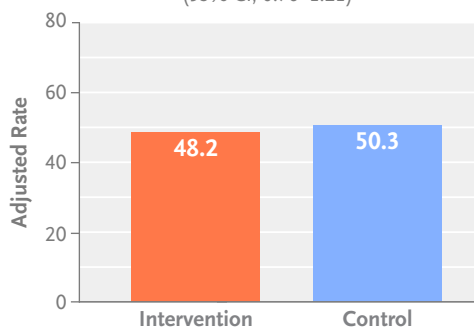
From July 2021 through June 2022, the population-averaged rates of opioid-related overdose deaths were similar in the intervention and control groups. Findings were consistent across subgroups according to age, race or ethnic group, sex, and urban versus rural settings.

**Opioid-Related Overdose Deaths  
(per 100,000 population)**

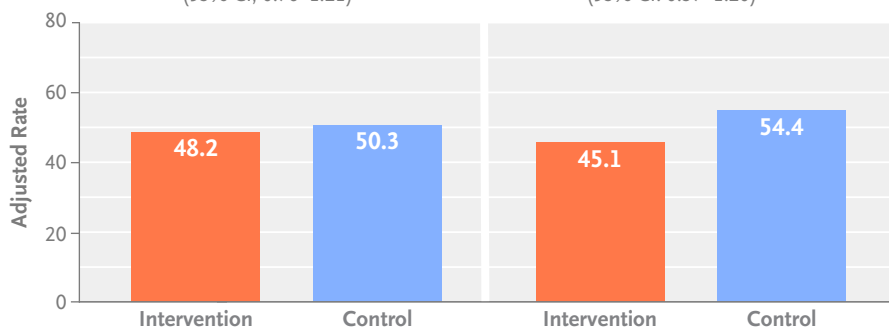
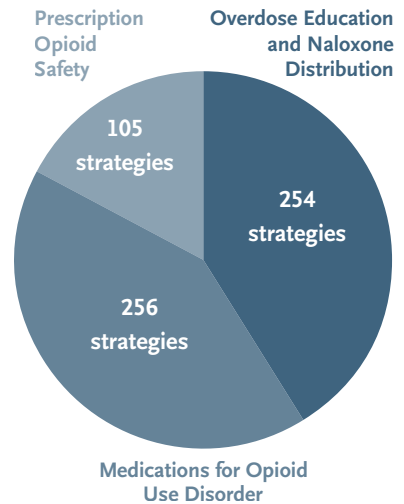
Adjusted rate ratio, 0.91  
(95% CI, 0.76–1.09; P=0.30)

**Urban**

Adjusted rate ratio, 0.96  
(95% CI, 0.76–1.21)

**Rural**

Adjusted rate ratio, 0.83  
(95% CI, 0.57–1.20)

**EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES**

Intervention communities implemented 615 evidence-based strategies: 254 involved overdose education and naloxone distribution, 256 involved use of medications for opioid use disorder, and 105 involved prescription opioid safety.

**LIMITATIONS AND REMAINING QUESTIONS**

- Only 38% of the evidence-based strategies had been initiated by the start of the comparison year.
- The intervention was launched 2 months before the Covid-19 shutdown, which severely disrupted systems targeted by the intervention.
- The change in the illicit drug market — primarily the increasing prevalence of fentanyl — may have reduced the effectiveness of the intervention.

**CONCLUSIONS**

A community-based intervention aimed at increasing the use of evidence-based practices to reduce opioid overdose deaths did not reduce the rate of such deaths across communities in four U.S. states.

**LINKS:** [FULL ARTICLE](#) | [NEJM QUICK TAKE](#) | [EDITORIAL](#)

**FURTHER INFORMATION**

Trial registration: ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT04111939

Trial funding: National Institutes of Health

Full citation: The HEALing Communities Study Consortium. Community-based cluster-randomized trial to reduce opioid overdose deaths. *N Engl J Med* 2024;391:989-1001. DOI: 10.1056/NEJMoa2401177

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**For family and friends, 18  
and over, who are  
affected by a loved one's  
substance use disorder to  
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## **Support Group Goals**

- ⦿ Meet Other People Who Understand What You Are Going Through
- ⦿ Hear Stories Of Hope
- ⦿ Gain Resources & Learn
- ⦿ Give And Get Support

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- ◆ Status of Drug Overdoses Nationally and in OH
- ◆ Scientific Data
- ◆ The Importance of Drug Prevention and The Dangers of Fake Pharmacies Presented by **STEVE MURPHY**, agent portrayed in the hit series Narcos
- ◆ How to Detect Someone Struggling with Addiction
- ◆ Resources to Assist Employees/Colleagues, and Loved Ones
- ◆ Advancements and Hope

Due to limited  
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February 4



We recognize that safety is a top priority in today's environment. In the workplace, it is crucial for employees to be trained to recognize and respond to opioid overdose emergencies, as illicit fentanyl and other dangerous drugs are infiltrating communities everywhere. Establishing safe work practices in environments where employees may come into contact with these deadly substances is essential for their safety. It is equally important for them to know how to respond in case of an overdose or poisoning.

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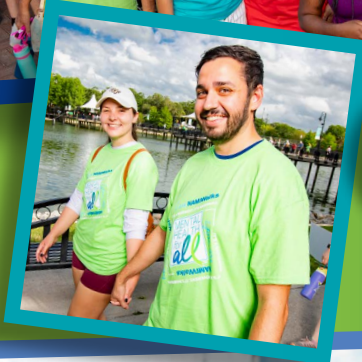


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We are delighted to see that 2025 finds your company uniting proudly to fight stigma, support NAMI's programs and culture of guidance, and bring newfound awareness to the resources available to everyone who needs our help.

## *Join Us!*

**NAMIWalks Greater Toledo**  
**Saturday, May 17 at 9AM**  
**Middlegrounds Metropark**  
**Toledo, Ohio**



## About *Us*

NAMIWalks is NAMI's oldest signature fundraiser and it enters 2025 as one of the nation's Top 30 Peer-to-Peer events for the fourth straight year, after raising an unprecedented \$14.7 million and registering a program high 8,085 teams. Over 160 community Walks are presented by NAMI State Organizations and NAMI Affiliates from coast to coast. United by our unique experiences, journeys and stories, NAMIWalks is a beautiful celebration of each of us - individuals with mental illness, their family, their loved ones, their community.

Funds raised directly support NAMI Greater Toledo's mission of education, advocacy, support and public awareness. We are grateful to our partners for helping to make our goal of Mental Health for All possible.

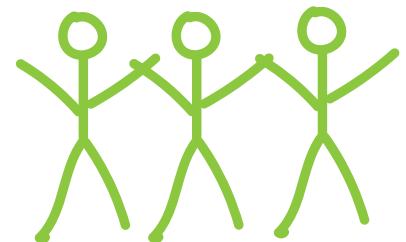
## THREE pillars to support ONE goal:



To promote awareness  
of mental health and  
reduce stigma



To raise funds for NAMI's  
free, top-rated mental  
health programs



To build community and  
let people know they  
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- Name included in press releases
- Logo on NAMIWalks poster\*
- Premium exhibit space including table at your NAMIWalks event
- Promotion on social media and/or in newsletters pre and post event (6 posts)
- Large logo recognition on NAMIWalks participant T-shirts\*
- Logo recognition on NAMIWalks event day signage\*
- Logo recognition on local NAMIWalks website

## Premier Sponsor \$10,000

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- Opportunity to display company provided banner at your local NAMIWalks event (must be approved by NAMI and be no larger than 4 x 6 feet)
- Name included in press releases
- Logo on NAMIWalks poster
- Exhibit space including table at your NAMIWalks event
- Promotion on social media and/or in electronic newsletters pre and post event (5 posts)
- Large logo recognition on NAMIWalks participant T-shirts\*
- Logo recognition on NAMIWalks event day signage\*
- Logo recognition on local NAMIWalks website

## Gold Sponsor \$5,000

- Logo in all scheduled participant electronic communications (minimum of 20)
- Logo on NAMIWalks poster\*
- Exhibit space including table at your NAMIWalks event
- Promotion on social media and/or in newsletters pre and post event (4 posts)
- Medium logo recognition on NAMIWalks participant T-shirts\*
- Logo recognition on NAMIWalks event day signage\*
- Logo recognition on local NAMIWalks website

## Silver Sponsor \$2,500

- Exhibit space including table at your NAMIWalks event
- Promotion on social media and/or in newsletters pre and post event (3 posts)
- Small logo recognition on NAMIWalks participant T-shirts\*
- Logo recognition on NAMIWalks event day signage\*
- Logo recognition on local NAMIWalks website

## Bronze Sponsor \$1,000

- Exhibit space including table at your NAMIWalks event
- Promotion on social media and/or in newsletters pre and post event (2 posts)
- Name recognition on NAMIWalks participant T-shirts\*
- Name recognition on NAMIWalks event day signage\*
- Name recognition on local NAMIWalks website

## Supporter Sponsor \$500

- Name recognition on local NAMIWalks website
- Logo recognition on one NAMIWalks route sign\*

\*Please note: some benefits subject to print deadlines.

\*\* Promotional materials should be received two weeks prior to event day.

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# SPONSORSHIP TIERS OF IMPACT

## *at a glance*

NAMIWalks is proud to help build better lives for people living in Greater Toledo affected by mental health conditions. We are grateful to our partners for making this possible.

	Presenting \$15,000	Premier \$10,000	Gold \$5,000	Silver \$2,500	Bronze \$1,000	Supporter \$500
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Walk Day video, filmed by the sponsor, shared on social media	●					
Logo featured on the overview screen of the fundraising app: Fundraise4NAMI	●					
Speaking opportunity at your local NAMIWalks event, during your choice of ceremony	●					
One dedicated electronic communication announcing sponsorship	●					
Opportunity for sponsor-provided promotional giveaway in gift bags (quantity needed: 500)**	●	●				
Opportunity to provide company bio for Sponsorship page on local NAMIWalks website	●	●				
Opportunity to display company-provided banner	●	●				
Name included in press releases	●	●				
Logo in all scheduled participant electronic communications (minimum of 20)	●	●	●			
Logo on NAMIWalks poster*	●	●	●			
Exhibit space at your NAMIWalks event	Premium Table	Table	Table	Table	Table	
Promotion on social media and/or in newsletters, pre and post event	6	5	4	3	2	
Recognition on NAMIWalks participant T-shirts*	Large logo	Large logo	Medium logo	Small logo	Name	
Recognition on NAMIWalks event day signage*	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name	
Recognition on local NAMIWalks website	Logo	Logo	Logo	Logo	Name	Name
Logo recognition on one NAMIWalks route sign*						●

\*In order to be included on all print materials commitments must be made by April 30.

\*\*Promotional items must be received two weeks prior to event day to be included in gift bags



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Walk Day contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

No, we do not plan to use our exhibit space on Walk Day (Bronze Sponsor and higher).

Yes, we would like to host a corporate team for NAMIWalks:

Team Captain name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain email: \_\_\_\_\_

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# OHIO RECOVERY FRIENDLY WORKPLACE



## BUSINESS LEADERS:

Join the growing movement - become a Recovery Friendly Workplace today!

- Support your team's mental health
- Expand your workforce
- Help remove barriers and stigma

## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Recovery Friendly Workplace Program helps employers support individuals in recovery by removing barriers and stigma for individuals with mental health conditions or a substance use disorder. The Recovery Friendly Workplace Program helps employers:

- Assist employees with a mental health condition or substance use disorder seek treatment.
- Expand and retain their workforce.
- Highlight their status as a recovery friendly business to prospective employees.
- Support and empower employees in recovery.

*Because a job can provide structure, meaning, and purpose, it can be one of the best recovery tools.*

## ADVANTAGES FOR EMPLOYERS

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 61% of adults with a substance use disorder are in the workforce. This means that employers are uniquely positioned to support employees in recovery. Supporting individuals in recovery not only benefits the employee, but also the business in a powerful way. Research from the National Safety Council has shown that employers can save an average of \$8,500 for supporting each employee in recovery from a substance use disorder.

## GET STARTED

To become a Recovery Friendly Workplace, businesses must first email [recoveryfriendlyworkplace@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:recoveryfriendlyworkplace@mha.ohio.gov) to request the designation. Next, employers select at least five of the activities identified through the Recovery Friendly Workplace Program. Activities can be as easy as providing information on mental health resources to employees, or more immersive options, like having staff complete free Recovery Friendly online training modules. There are many ways to get involved and show your support for people recovering from mental health conditions or substance use disorders.

Visit **RecoveryFriendlyWorkplace.MHA.Ohio.Gov** to learn more.





## If you know of a child or adolescent who is struggling with their mental health and may be in need of medication to help them with their symptoms, we can help.

Children and adolescents have unique needs when it comes to mental health care. At UToledo Health Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, our team of youth-focused psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners is here to help. Through diagnosis and medication management, we evaluate and treat common psychiatric conditions in children and adolescents including:

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Bipolar disorder
- Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
- Conduct disorder
- Obsessive compulsive disorder
- Sleep issues
- Stress

Most insurances are accepted.

Call **419.383.5695** to schedule an appointment for a psychiatric evaluation.

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### Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

Ruppert Health Center  
3125 Transverse Drive  
Toledo, OH 43614

**419.383.5695**

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## Ohio Opioid Settlement

### Opioid Settlement

The Public Safety & Criminal Justice Committee meeting focused on the allocation and use of opioid settlement funds in Toledo.

Steve Spitler, a senior attorney with the City of Toledo, detailed the distribution: 30% to local governments, 55% to the One Ohio Recovery Foundation, and 15% to the state. Toledo received \$1,279,000 in 2022, \$5 million in 2023, and \$14 million in 2024.

Some of the various settlements, include those with Purdue, Endo, Johnson & Johnson, Teva, Allergan, CES, Walmart, and Walgreens. Each settlement has its own terms, length, and amount, with some settlements providing funds through bankruptcy.

Local governments are the only entity that can use funds for past or future expenditures tied to opioid abatement strategies. The city's share is 1.0198% of the local government allocation.

It is important to know that there is ongoing litigation and the various defendants involved in the opioid supply chain. The settlements have different timeframes, with some lasting up to 18 years and others as short as six years. Ohio has an

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### 2025 Town Halls

Date	Time	Location	Address
March 10, Mon	6:00 p	Reynolds Corners	4833 Dorr St
March 20, Thurs	6:00 p	Heatherdowns	3265 Glanzman
March 24, Mon	6:00 p	Resurrection	3360 Nebraska
May 8, Thurs	6:00 p	Reynolds Corners	4833 Dorr St
May 15, Thurs	6:00 p	Heatherdowns	3265 Glanzman
May 28, <u>Wed</u>	6:00 p	Resurrection	3360 Nebraska
July 10, Thurs	6:00 p	Reynolds Corners	4833 Dorr St
July 17, Thurs	6:00 p	Heatherdowns	3265 Glanzman
July 28, Mon	6:00 p	Resurrection	3360 Nebraska
Sept 11, Thurs	6:00 p	Reynolds Corners	4833 Dorr St
Sept 18, Thurs	6:00 p	Heatherdowns	3265 Glanzman
Sept 22, Mon	6:00 p	Resurrection	3360 Nebraska
Oct 9, Thurs	6:00 p	Reynolds Corners	4833 Dorr St
Oct 16, Thurs	6:00 p	Heatherdowns	3265 Glanzman
Oct 27, Mon	6:00 p	Resurrection	3360 Nebraska

\*Dates & times are subject to change

### 211

United Way 211 is a free and anonymous information and referral service available to anyone in Lucas, Ottawa, Wood County with a health or human service need: Food, Housing, Healthcare, Transportation and more

You can reach 211 by dialing **2-1-1** (or **800-650-HELP**), through [internet chat](#) or by **texting your zip code to 898-211**.



## Toledo's Vibrancy Initiative

Are you a business owner looking to transform your business building interior or exterior? Are you a homeowner looking to transform your home?

The Economic Development team is offering a virtual meeting on February 3rd. This webinar designed to help Toledo business owners navigate the application process and guidelines.

If you are unable to attend the virtual meeting, business owners are invited to meet one-on-one with a member of the Economic Development team to learn more about this initiative.



Visit [toledo.oh.gov/vibrancy](https://toledo.oh.gov/vibrancy) or scan the QR code to learn more details about the various programs, business requirements, and how to apply online.

## Bandore Park

On December 4, 2024, council passed ordinance 596.24, "authorizing the appropriation of \$175,000 from the unappropriated balance of the Storm Water Replacement Fund and the expenditure of same for the Bandore Park Stream Restoration project."

Then, on December 18, 2024 council passed ordinance 624.24. This ordinance " Authorizes the Mayor to enter into an amended grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) through the H2Ohio fund for purposes of the Hill Ditch stream restoration project at Bandore Park; authorizing the Mayor to accept, deposit, appropriate and expend additional grant proceeds in the amount of \$35,000 in the Operation Grants Fund; authorizing the Mayor to accept bids and award contracts for said project."

What does this mean? The Bandore project is on it's way to getting started.

To learn more about the project, please contact [Environmental Services](#). (click on the link for a fact sheet and contact information)

You can also learn more by going to the city's webpage and review the information and video provided. Search [Bandore Park Restoration](#) on [toledo.oh.gov](https://toledo.oh.gov)

## Opioid Settlement cont.

advantage to the allocation, with 30% going to local governments, compared to other states' allocations.

Ohio is broken down into 18 regions, with Lucas County being the lone entity for region four and receiving 4.275780% of the funding.

Region 4 had eight organizations that will be receiving grant funded money through the Ohio Opioid Settlement.

ORGANIZATION	AWARD
<a href="#">Alvis, Inc.</a>	\$133,085
<a href="#">Center of Hope Family Services</a>	\$51,690.42
<a href="#">Harbor</a>	\$529,542
<a href="#">Lucas Co. Children Services</a>	\$463,802
<a href="#">Zepf Center</a>	\$400,000
<a href="#">Ohio Recovery Housing</a>	\$33,000
<a href="#">OhioGuidestone</a>	\$83,160
<a href="#">Neighborhood Properties Inc.</a>	\$447,282

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, non-profit organization created at the direction of Ohio's state and local leaders. They are charged with distributing 55 percent of the funds our state will receive from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic.

At the March 20th Public Safety & Criminal Justice Reform meeting, a representative from OneOhio Recovery Foundation will be present to present full details of the grant application and distribution process.

Also in attendance will be four of the listed recipients listed above. They will share what this funding means to their organization and how it will be utilized through programs.

Councilman Hobbs had the honor of recognizing Diane Larson on her 40 years in journalism and continued dedication to the community.



Councilman Hobbs III attended the [AKA Zeta Alpha Omega Chapter, Toledo OH](#) 117th Founders' Day Celebration – Black Girls Rock in Exemplary Service. Congratulations to all the 2025 honoree's:

- \* Queens Village - Legacy of Excellence Award
- \* Angela Lucas - Shot Caller Award
- \* Grace Community Center - Trailblazer Award
- \* Anita Madison - Social Humanitarian Award
- \* Mariah Maddox - Young Gifted and Black Award
- \* Kwinlyn Tyler - Community Change Agent Award
- \* Olivia Holden - Icon Award
- \* Mary Dawson - Sisterhood Award



Andrea was honored to attend a Fatherhood Panel Discussion at the Lucas County Shared Social Services.

The four fathers on the panel attended the Zepf Center's Fatherhood Connection (ZCFC) program dedicated to empowering low income fathers and/or co-parents through providing assistance with:

- Responsible Parenting through the Nurturing Fathers classes.
- Economic Stability through mentoring and referring to agencies within the community.
- Job-Driven Employment Interventions by providing workforce development services that will help fathers enter and advance in high demand career fields in Northwest Ohio.
- Educates and Supports Fathers involved in domestic violence.

Councilman Hobbs, Michael Daniels and the Brother's of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., along with Michelle McCaster and the Sisters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., engaged in community service at the Ronald McDonald House of Toledo with wonderful families! We feel BLESSED to serve!








The city of Toledo is utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to add additional lighting to poorly lit areas in the city.

<b>Special Council Meeting - January 21, 2025 1:55 pm</b>		
	Accept a Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Grant from the DOJ \$2,000,000. OGF	Passed
<b>Agenda Review Meeting - January 21 / Council – January 28</b>		<b>1.21.25/1.28.25</b>
<b>New Item from Toledo Municipal Court</b>		
19	Contract with Madhouse Designs for Court related Website enhancements \$55,000. Toledo Muni Court Fund	SEP / Passed
<b>New Items from the Administration</b>		
20	Contract w/ Rudolph Libbey for removal of water main on Nebraska between Division/Rogan Way \$34,000 WRF	SEP / Passed
21	Appropriation for 2025 Water Main Program \$10,000,000. Water Replacement Fund	SEP / Passed
22	Accept grants and enter agreements with ODOT for construction projects. \$15,448,957 Capital Improvement Fund	SEP / Passed
23	Expenditure for 2025 Matches and Planning for Engineering Services \$15,000,000 CIP	SEP / Passed
24	Expenditure for General Resurfacing Program \$26,000,000. Tax Roadway Improvement Fund	SEP / Passed
25	Appropriation for various drainage improvement projects, \$3,790,000 Storm Water Utility Improvement Fund	SEP / Passed
26	Appropriation for various sewer replacement & improvement projects, \$5,700,000 Sewer Replacement Fund	SEP / Passed
27	Amending Ord 349-24 to include repairing all pump drives at Reynolds area pumping station	SEP / Passed
28	3 yr Security System equipment maint. agreement, 2 yr option, Collins Park Water Treatment \$40,000 WOF	SEP / Passed
29	Extend contract for SAP maintenance systems, 2 yrs w/ 2 yr option \$180,000 GF & \$428,500 Utility Admin Fund	SEP / Passed
30	Expenditure to WateReuse Association 2025 dues \$16,547 Water Operating Fund	SEP / Passed
31	Lease for vehicles for the Toledo Lucas County Plan Commission \$21,385 General Fund	SEP / Passed
<b>Items Likely to be relieved from Finance, Debt and Budget Oversight Committee</b>		
606	Appropriation of 2025 Operating Budget All Funds \$ 948,060,465	Rel, Amend, E, P / Amend & Passed
607	Approve CIP and Road improvement Budget 2025-2029, appropriate \$ 52,407,417	Rel, E, P / Amend & Passed
<b>The Clerk Reports</b>		
34	Vacation of right of way, West. of Deline Dr and North of Dulton Dr, East of 5751 Nebraska ( Sept 2024)	SEP / Passed
35	Vacate .3801 acre alley in Stickneys 3rd Addition Lot 290/291 and Stickneys Addition; Lot 290 (July 2024)	SEP / Passed
<b>*Amended, Suspension, Emergency, Passage, Relieved of Committee</b>		

To view or listen to any Council meetings, visit <https://toledo.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

To view a **live meeting** in the same manner. If a meeting is live, the word “audio” will instead read “in progress”.

To view a past **meeting** click on the word “audio” to the right of the date you are interested in.

<a href="#">City Council</a>	12/7/2021	 4:00 PM	Council Chambers	<a href="#">Agenda Summary</a>	 <a href="#">Agenda</a>	Not available	 <a href="#">Audio</a>	Not available
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