



"Our mission is sharing hope and caring to achieve recovery from mental illness, alcoholism, and drug addiction."

Information for the Community

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About MHRS

Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren & Clinton Counties (MHRS) is the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) board that plans, funds, monitors and evaluates services and programs for residents with serious mental and emotional disorders and/or substance addictions.

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MHRS Mini-Grants

In FY 2013, Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren and Clinton Counties (MHRS) plans to award mini-grant funding (\$10,000 maximum per award, unless special approval granted by MHRS' Board of Directors) for innovative projects that will positively affect mental health and/or prevent substance abuse targeted at Warren and Clinton County residents. The purpose of the mini-grant project is to enhance partnerships and creativity by investing in prevention services offered by providers in the community.

2013 Mini-Grant Opportunity

Important dates:

August 24, 2012 - RSVP Deadline for Proposal Workshop

August 27, 2012, 3-4:30 p.m. - Proposal Workshop

September 14, 2012, noon (EST) - Application Deadline

Please logon to <http://www.mhrsonline.org> for complete details and guidelines.

Provider Agencies

[Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers](#)

[New Housing Ohio, Inc.](#)

[National Alliance on Mental Illness - Warren County](#)

[Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio](#)

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[Talbert House: Warren Outpatient](#)

The following are the FY 12 Mini-Grant Recipients:

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Warren & Clinton Counties

School Based Mentoring Program

Big Brothers and Sisters of Warren and Clinton Counties is a non-profit affiliate organization of Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. They serve the two county area through their Community Based and School Based Mentoring Programs. The mini-grant funding helps support the agency costs for creating and supervising the one-to-one "Big/Little" matches (mentor/youth) in four school settings: Berry Intermediate, Donovan Elementary, Pennyroyal Elementary and Western Row Elementary.

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Cancer Family Care

Psychosocial Counseling for Cancer Patients and Their Families

Cancer Family Care is a regional non-profit social service agency offering personalized, family-focused, evidence-based programming that deals with the non-medical, psychosocial effects of cancer (those affecting clients' and family members' mental, emotional, and social well-being). This support can be from the time of diagnosis through treatment and recovery, or through bereavement when necessary. The mini-grant supports these services for Warren County residents.

Contact: Brent Seelmeyer, 513-731-3346

Child Advocacy Center of Warren County

Operating Costs (facility rent) & Stewards of Children

The Child Advocacy Center (CAC) serves nearly 300 children per year, representing the most serious, complex cases of child maltreatment in the community (predominately child sexual abuse). A multi-disciplinary team comprised of child protective services, law enforcement, prosecution, victim advocacy, medical and mental health professionals use the CAC's child-focused facility as a hub to coordinate specialized services for child abuse victims. Two mini-grants were awarded to the CAC: (1) Funding was provided for a portion of operating costs (2.2 months of facility rent) and (2) Provision of a child sexual abuse prevention training curriculum called "Stewards of Children" to a minimum of 14 Warren County groups/schools.

Contact: Teresa Wiles, 513-261-6031

Clinton County Services for the Homeless

Staffing and Case Management Services

Clinton County Services for the Homeless (CCSH) provides emergency shelter, meals, laundry services, transportation and 24 hour, 7 day/week staff support to individuals who are homeless. A percentage individuals are also clients in the Mental Health Recovery Services (MHRS) system. The mini-grant will fund Staff and Case Management Services to assist homeless MHRS clients so that they may secure permanent housing and employment and/or public benefits.

Contact: Denise Stryker, 937-382-6272

Clinton County Youth Council

Healthy Choices Campaign

Clinton County Youth Council (CCYC) provides structured programming that focuses on education, service learning, and mentoring for the middle school and high school students as a way of empowering students to make positive life choices, cultivating leadership and teamwork, as well as engaging students in alternatives to substance abuse. The mini-grant will fund the "Healthy Choices Campaign" which consists of three primary focuses: (1) Student Leadership training, (2) Enrichment of Performing Arts program including musical equipment/instruction and student-led dance team and (3) Daily Living Skills training to prepare students for self-sufficiency. The funds will also enhance CCYC's existing program called College Club which supports 8th-10th grade students in becoming first-generation college students.

Contact: Kevin Walls, 937-382-2828

East Clinton School District

Kids Care Club

Sabina Elementary and New Vienna Elementary will be conducting Kids Care Clubs with mini-grant funding. The clubs will be composed of 3rd-5th grade students who commit to a variety of community and school based service learning projects. The students will have Youth Leaders/Mentors from the Wilmington College Service Learning Center. The students will develop positive social skills, engage in problem solving tasks, have a sense of purpose, and improve their school and community.
Contact: Cheryl Roberts, 937-584-5421

Harvest of Gold

Hot Hoops and Afterschool Tutoring/Mentoring

Harvest of Gold is a Clinton County program providing education, training, personal empowerment and creative development to low income, at risk, and community youth. They will utilize mini-grant funding for operating funds to carry out their two primary programs which are: (1) Afterschool and summer reading/tutoring sessions to students in grades K-5 in partnership with Wilmington College and Wilmington City Schools and (2) Hot Hoops which provides recreation, field trips, mentoring, tutoring, academic support, job placement assistance, and college counseling to at risk youth ages 9-18. Both these programs provide positive afterschool activities and mentoring relationships.

Contact: Eleanor Harris, 937-382-8669

Lebanon High School

Freshman Focus, Re-Do Challenge Day, and Mentoring Program

Lebanon High School will utilize the mini-grant to fund their Freshman Focus program which increases the sense of school connection amongst incoming freshmen as a way of bolstering attendance, as well as decreasing bullying behavior and substance abuse. LHS will also conduct a Respect Everyone Despite Odds (Re Do) Day which is a one-day character-building programs which engage students in interactive modes of teaching from games to presentations to small group discussions to full group feedback. Focusing on topics of attitude, respect, stereotypes, anger management, authenticity, and affirmation, this program carries a strong anti-bullying message. Re-Do will be implemented through a contract with the Violence Free Coalition. Finally, funds will be used for LHS' Mentoring Program which provides a connection between an at-risk student and a staff member.

Contact: Syndra Snelling, 513-934-5109

Oak Tree Corner

Support Group Facilitator Training

Oak Tree Corner offers is a free children's grief support program for children and teens 3-18 who experienced the death of someone important and an accompanying group for their adult caregivers. The mini-grant will support a 24 hour facilitator training course so that these support groups can be expanded throughout Warren and Clinton Counties.

Contact: Vicki Braun, 937-285-0199

River of Hope Ranch

Reins of Hope

River of Hope Ranch is a non-profit organization offering equine-assisted psychotherapy services for children, groups, and families. Located in Waynesville, the Ranch includes indoor and outdoor arenas, a clubhouse, an office, and a private covered area

dedicated to therapy sessions. The mini-grant funded equine-assisted interventions using Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral therapy with youth involved in juvenile justice system. Equine-assisted psychotherapy is a unique treatment approach that pairs a professional counselor with an equine specialist. Together this team utilizes horses as a tool to improve an individual's emotional, behavioral, mental, and spiritual well-being.

Contact: Marne Miller, 513-405-5518

Springboro Junior High

Promoting Respect and Character Building

Springboro Junior High School requested funding for two purposes: (1) Respect Everyone Despite Odds (Re Do) Days are one-day character-building programs which engage students in interactive modes of teaching from games to presentations to small group discussions to full group feedback. Focusing on topics of attitude, respect, stereotypes, anger management, authenticity, and affirmation, this program carries a strong anti-bullying message. Re-Do will be implemented through a contract with the Violence Free Coalition and delivered to the entire 8th grade class. (2) Stand for Peace Club will be developed as a follow-up to the Redo Days with the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program as well as organizing activities to promote character building among the student population.

Contact: Tammy Zimmer, 937-748-3953

Violence Free Coalition/Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter (ARCS)

Re Do Challenge Days and Teen Dating Violence

Assemblies/Training

The Violence Free Coalition operates under the auspices of the Abuse and Rape Crisis Shelter and is focused on prevention services. Two programs will be funded. (1) Respect Everyone Despite Odds (Re Do) Days are one-day character-building programs which engage students in interactive modes of teaching from games to presentations to small group discussions to full group feedback. Focusing on topics of attitude, respect, stereotypes, anger management, authenticity, and affirmation, this program carries a strong anti-bullying message. The mini-grant will fund two Re Do Days: one at East Clinton Middle School and one at Springboro High School. (2) The mini-grant will also fund teen dating violence assemblies called "Can I Kiss You?" at Lebanon High School and Springboro High School. A "Can I Kiss You?" train-the-trainer session will also be provided for any interested school counselors, community leaders, or frequent Re Do volunteers so that the program will be sustainable.

Contact: Sharon Richardson, 513-695-1985

Warren County Community Services

Interagency Response to Elder Abuse

Warren County Elderly Service Program and Warren County Adult Protective Services work together to monitor the health and safety of high-risk seniors living in the community. This often includes collaboration with law enforcement and mental health agencies to coordinate efforts. The mini-grant funds will assist by improving the response to the emerging need for intervention in elder abuse situations by the establishment of an Interagency Team and to provide elder abuse education to at least eight law enforcement jurisdictions in Warren County.

Contact: Judy Webb, 513-695-2233

**Warren County
Educational Service Center**
Strengthening School Crisis Response

The Educational Service Center provides programs and services to client school districts, many based upon unique needs requiring specialized services. Mini-grant funds will pay for a one day training in Warren County which will be open to all schools and agencies. This training will be provided by the National Center for School Crisis and Bereavement and focus on supporting children in the aftermath of a crisis and supporting grieving students. It will also fund the members of the Warren County School Crisis Team to receive advanced training through the National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children's Practitioner's Assembly Conference. The Team is available for response upon request of any school/district in the Warren County area.

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