



**Montgomery
County
Prevention
Coalition**

A background image showing several hands clasped together in a supportive grip, overlaid with a semi-transparent red filter. The image is set against a background of large, colorful geometric shapes in shades of blue, green, pink, and orange.

2023

ANNUAL REPORT

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Coalition Members and Community Partners,

What an absolutely incredible year it has been. Without a doubt, 2023 was the most successful year yet for the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition. You can see that success in some really obvious ways. We hosted our first-ever substance-free event. We brought community partners and stakeholders together to hold important discussions to honor Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We successfully advocated for some legal decisions that went our way and stood up to offer feedback when other legal decisions didn't. Our Youth Leadership in Prevention program grew to feature 10 schools and a steering committee of 12 Coalition volunteers.

We won the Ohio Coalition of the Year Award. We were granted the Drug-Free Communities grant for another five years, bringing in \$1.25 million for community-level prevention in Montgomery County. We were asked to present at several statewide and national conferences to share the wonderful work we are doing. The mayor named January 12 "MCPC Day" in the City of Dayton.

Those are the big successes that people see—the things the media calls about and that make for social media gold. But, my favorite part of the Coalition is watching the day-to-day successes that aren't as evident. It's the Coalition members who are constantly touting our work and, as a result, recruiting more volunteers. (This led to a 48% increase in volunteer numbers this year.)

It's the inside jokes about strategic action planning, which show how much time we are spending to perfect our goals. It's those of you who step up to represent our Coalition at the many, many community events we were requested to be at. It's those of you who show up early and stay late to meetings, simply because you love being around

each other. It's the Coalition members that tirelessly knock down doors in the community—firearms retailers, pawn shops, sports betting locations, law enforcement agencies, schools—to show support and get our resources out there. It's the support and love you show each other in each and every Coalition meeting. It's the fun that we have before we get down to the important business of saving lives.

When I look back on this past year, I think about the enormous amount that was asked of us. Community partners requested for us to table at events. They asked us to be featured speakers at their organization meetings to share more about our work. They asked for trainings on mental wellness and substance use prevention. They asked for our advice and consultation on their projects. This meant that we had to ask for so much more from you. And, my goodness, did you step up. When I thought I wouldn't be able to get people to cover tables at community events, you volunteered. When I thought we wouldn't have capacity to do another training, you covered it. We spread our wings so far and wide into the community that we became a common name.

Sitting at our Annual Celebration this year, I kept thinking, "How are we going to top this?" Maybe we will, and maybe we won't. But I know one thing for sure, we have found our footing. I can't wait to watch and cheer you all on in 2024 as you save lives in our community and have a little bit of fun doing it.

Thank you for all you do,

Colleen Oakes

Colleen Oakes

Montgomery County Prevention Coalition Manager

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COALITION OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



Matt Tepper
President



Tazeen Ahmed
Vice President



Lake Miller
Treasurer



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Tristyn Ball
Director



Colleen Oakes
Manager



Taniayah O'Quinn-Sims
Assistant Manager



Sasha May
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MISSION & VISION

MISSION

Our mission is to mobilize Montgomery County to prevent youth substance use and promote positive mental health through implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies and community collaboration.

VISION

Our vision is a community where every individual lives a substance-free life with optimal mental health.

PERSONAL AGREEMENT

As a member of the Montgomery County Prevention Coalition (MCPC), I understand the need for respectful collaboration between all members. As a growing, diverse community coalition, I understand and value our differences. This valuing of diversity can only take place when we have a safe space where everyone is welcome to have brave conversations.

I know that everyone is here because they want to advance the mission of the MCPC to prevent substance use and promote mental wellness. We are all part of the MCPC and represent the communities that we live in and serve.

I understand that we are all human and have diverse skills and knowledge in building inclusive communities. Everyone's unique experiences and backgrounds make us better as a coalition.

Growth from within can be difficult. With the support of other coalition members, I am able to examine my personal biases, understand the perspectives of others and broaden my understanding of people who are different from me.

I take responsibility for:

- Entering discussions and meetings from a place of curiosity
- Assuming good intentions
- "Calling in" other members of the Coalition and offering feedback without shaming or judgement
- Asking clarifying questions before reacting
- Recognizing and struggling with my own sensitivities
- Respectfully communicating concerns
- Respecting the confidentiality of all personal information shared by coalition members

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We are **better** and **stronger**
when we work **together**.

SECTION

PARTNERING TOGETHER FOR ONE GOAL

The STATS

In order to properly address the mental wellness and substance use issues in Montgomery County, we must first understand the local data. Below is the data gathered by each of our subcommittees to understand their problem of practice at a local level. Our goal is to continue to decrease these numbers.

SUBSTANCE USE DATA

2% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders reported smoking a cigarette in the past 30 days (Panorama, 2023)

5% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders reported marijuana use in the past 30 days (Panorama, 2023)

4% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders reported misusing a prescription drug in the past 30 days (Panorama, 2023)

6% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders reported alcohol use in the past 30 days (Panorama, 2023)

5% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders reported smoking an electronic vapor product in the past 30 days (Panorama, 2023)

292 individuals died of an opioid overdose in Montgomery County in 2023 (Public Health Dayton Montgomery County, 2023)

Healthy youth are the majority. While we still have work to do, these stats show us that the majority of our youth are not using substances.



By using local survey data to better understand the individuals we work with, our goal is to reduce substance misuse and promote positive mental health among all individuals in Montgomery County.

MENTAL WELLNESS DATA

10% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders reported being a victim of physical abuse (Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey, 2019)

11% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders have witnessed domestic violence (Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey, 2019)

20% of Montgomery County adults are at risk for or experience a gambling problem (Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, 2022)

68% of Montgomery County 7-12th graders have experienced at least one type of Adverse Childhood Experience (Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey, 2019)

102 individuals died by suicide in Montgomery County in 2023. 19 of those individuals were under the age of 25 (Public Health Dayton Montgomery County, 2023)

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BY THE NUMBERS



365
COALITION
MEMBERS



3759
SERVICE
HOURS



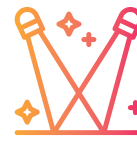
313
INVOLVED IN
COMMITTEES



125
ZOOM
MEETINGS



11
PROJECT
GROUPS



29
MEDIA
FEATURES



96
ORGANIZATIONS
REPRESENTED



THE POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE



Under the leadership of co-chairs Kery Gray and Jacie Womack, the Policy and Advocacy Committee had some policy wins this year, including the Marathon Gas Station letter, the Old North Dayton liquor license, and Issue 2 testimony.

The Marathon Gas Station Letter

During the COVID pandemic, the Ohio government relaxed some rules to allow businesses to survive better. For example, restaurants with a liquor license could sell to-go drinks with meals ordered for pick-up or delivery. One local liquor permit holder—the owner of a Marathon Gas Station—took these new rules too far, selling single shots of liquor to people who bought food at the convenience store/gas station he operated, which was right next to the entrance ramp for an interstate highway.

The Policy & Advocacy Committee became aware of this and began working with the City of Huber Heights to help address this situation. After a dispute between patrons at the convenience store led to a shooting, the committee stepped up its assistance to help the city object to the renewal of the liquor license. The city kept the pressure on the liquor license holder and the franchiser whose company name was attached to the convenience store. Within a year, the franchiser replaced the convenience store manager, and the new manager stopped selling single drinks of alcohol. One of the first things the new manager did was post signs saying “NO Sale of Liquor Shot.”

The Policy & Advocacy Committee used its members’ experience to ensure the city knew when the deadline for objecting to a liquor license renewal was and how to best organize their objection.

“Today,” Kery notes, “the convenience store is still operating—without violating the liquor laws.”

A Win-Win with The Old North Dayton Liquor License

Imagine the scene: A minority family-owned food truck parks daily in the same parking lot in old North Dayton, in a residential area near a church and a school. Wanting to bring in more money, the food truck owners apply for a liquor license to serve alcohol out of their food truck.

Because of the easy access to alcohol for youth and other vulnerable populations a liquor license in this location would provide, the situation came to the attention of Matt Tepper—the President of both the MCPC and the Old North Dayton Neighborhood Association—who in turn called on the Coalition for help. Members of the Policy and Advocacy Committee wrote a letter to the City of Dayton asking them not to give the permit to the food truck. It worked, but not, as you might expect, at the expense of the food truck owner.

Jacie Womack, co-chair of the PAC says, “We didn’t want to just say, ‘Hey, we want to take away funds and livelihood from your business.’ So, Matt gave us the option of offering the First Floor Fund, which helps businesses get into abandoned buildings.” The Coalition also offered the business a partnership with the Retailers CARE program, which incentivizes business owners who work to protect their stores and communities and implement best practices related to alcohol, tobacco, and gambling. We are hopeful the business will take advantage of these programs of support.

Issue 2 Testimony

In collaboration with the Cannabis and Alcohol Prevention Committee, the Policy and Advocacy Committee wrote a detailed letter to Governor DeWine regarding Issue 2, which legalized the adult use of recreational marijuana in the state of Ohio. In this letter, they expressed concerns and recommendations regarding the implementation of Issue 2, with particular regard for youth exposure to advertising and marijuana itself, saying,

“As community leaders in drug prevention and mental health services, we have seen firsthand the negative impacts that marijuana use can have on our community members...Working together, we believe that we can develop a safe and reasonable process to implement Ohioans’ decision to permit adult-use recreational marijuana. We are eager to provide testimony through the legislative process, to work with rule makers to establish relevant practices, and most importantly, to continue to be the educators and preventionists in the community.”

They ended their letter by asking Governor DeWine to call upon the Coalition to participate in helping Ohio families make safe and informed choices based on solid information.

The Policy and Advocacy Committee has been busy making a difference in policies that affect the safety of all of us in Montgomery County, and we are thankful for their work.

SUBCOMMITTEE HIGHLIGHTS

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Our subcommittees work diligently to reduce substance use and promote mental wellness in Montgomery County. Here's a compilation of highlights from each subcommittee.

ALCOHOL PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Participated in creating a letter that was presented to the Huber Heights City Council, and requested that the Liquor Board review the license and operations at a gas station that was selling shots over the counter to adults. New owners ended up purchasing the gas station and immediately posted signs that alcohol shots would not be sold on-site.
- Updated the Alcohol Committee site on the MCPC website to provide youth, parents/caregivers, concerned adults, and educators with information specific to their needs in helping reduce underage drinking and promote better decision-making.
- Members of the Alcohol Committee supported the Retailers Care program. They conducted environmental scans and visited retailers to share information about the program. Additionally, they provided support to retailers who signed on to the program.

MARIJUANA PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- 100 people attended the first ever Substance Free Event
- Distributed Be Informed Ohio decals and magnets to doctor's offices across the community
- Updated the MCPC's Position Statement on Marijuana Use with new data and feedback from committee members
- Provided guidance on the roll-out of commercial cannabis use in Ohio after legalization



PROBLEM GAMING & GAMBLING PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Colleen Oakes, Rebecca Lewis, and Vic Vrabel joined the Cuyahoga County Problem Gambling Coalition to present at the PGNO Conference in February of 2023 on Collaboration Across the State.
- Hosted a table at Hollywood Gaming Dayton in March 2023 for Gambling Awareness Month.
- Conducted Environmental Scans across Montgomery County to ensure that gambling signage is present and assistance is offered to those who may struggle with problem gambling.
- Completed the Digital Detox Campaign, providing tech-free ideas and opportunities to families throughout Montgomery County reaching 1,534 unique visitors to the Digital Detox website.

POLICY & ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

- Prepared material for Ohio legislators and administrators regarding ideas for effective implementation of Issue 2, adult-use recreational marijuana.
- Prepared testimony on SB9, regarding medical conditions that qualified a person for medical marijuana.
- Assisted neighborhood residents with concerns about a food truck liquor license, resulting in a more sustainable solution for both the neighborhood and the business owner.
- Monitored another location that was changing its liquor license to a more appropriate one after issues occurred from inappropriate single-serving liquor sales
- Shared articles from legislative newsletter with other committees on issues relevant to each committee.

SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- 6 facilitators were trained in the Companionship Model and “Understanding Your Suicide Grief” by Dr. Alan D. Wolfelt to facilitate Suicide Loss Support Groups.
- Finished distributing 5,000 Self Care Kits in Montgomery County
- Distributed 400 gun locks
- Had over 600 students attend a Resource Walk at various Montgomery County schools
- Distributed 700 coasters with messages of hope and suicide prevention resources

OPIOID PREVENTION COMMITTEE

Created a campaign for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week that resulted in:

- Campaign Toolkits provided to 13 school districts
- Over 200 art entries from 10 schools/districts
- Three tabling events at 2 schools
- 150 students reached
- 30 high school students involved in planning

Participated in April's DEA Take Back Day event, resulting in:

- 12 MCPC Volunteers providing resources at three different Collection sites

- 4,527 pounds of unused medications disposed of at 41 sites throughout Montgomery county
- 2.26 tons of unused medications that will not be misused!

Created Red Ribbon Week campaign that resulted in:

- 10 Coalition Members volunteering their time to plan and execute this campaign
- 22 Schools receiving planning kits
- 23 Classrooms, totaling 460 students, playing the Red Ribbon Week Kahoot

- Reached a total of 7,345 Students

Participated in October's DEA Take Back Day event, resulting in:

- 10 MCPC Volunteers providing resources at two different Collection sites
- 5,545 pounds of unused medications disposed of at 41 sites throughout Montgomery county
- 2.77 tons of unused medications that will not be misused!



POWER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

- Held our very first Sexual Assault Awareness Month day-long event, pulling together over a dozen community partners to provide trainings, resources, and insight in conversations about sexual violence prevention.
- Began facilitating our Community Conversations series, pulling together

- members from over 20 local partnering organizations to have intentional discussions about community needs regarding PBV prevention.
- Spoke with experts from the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) and collaborated with the Policy & Advocacy Committee to draft a letter to local school

- administrators regarding best practices around HB 85 (Erin's Law), which mandates K-12 education around violence prevention.
- Collected data for our Community Survey and developed a survey specific to the workplace.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN PREVENTION

- The program expanded to 10 schools and over 150 youth leaders that reached over 5,000 students in Montgomery County.
- Students in one of the Youth Leadership in Prevention programs organized to advocate for periodic mental health days in their school year.
- Students were trained to facilitate peer-to-peer education on mental health and wellness.
- Youth leaders are not only making a positive impact on their peers, but they're spreading drug-free messaging, lowering the stigma around mental health, and advocating for themselves to community members and school staff.



This year we expanded the number of schools to ten programs in eight different school districts across Montgomery County. We're really excited that we were able to accept rural schools as well as city schools and that a lot of the schools that we have in our program are around drug overdose hot spots. Across our ten programs, 147 student leaders have been able to impact nearly 5000 peers, so that's absolutely amazing!

SARAH BADGER | Chair of our Youth Leadership in Prevention Committee

SELF-CARE PROMOTION COMMITTEE

- Participated in two volunteer events: the Jewish Cultural Festival and the Foodbank community gardens
- Held a monthly meeting at the Dayton Food Bank, where we toured the facility, learned about food access to the community and their mission and how it ties into Self-Care for Montgomery County
- Conducted a survey about Self-Care barriers in Montgomery County, receiving feedback from 28 community members
- Trained 700 youth in Montgomery County in the Social Resilience Model
- 200+ minutes were spent in Connecting & Building Community among the dedicated preventionists committed to the Self-Care Committee



RETAILERS CARE

- Four additional stores joined the program, growing total engagement to seven stores.
- All of the stores are dedicated to making the most change that they can. Five stores are a part of the Platinum Level while one store is on the Gold Level and one store is on the Silver Level. There are no stores on the lowest, Bronze Level.
- Stores have begun to implement changes and the community members are noticing them and feeling a sense of pride visiting their neighborhood stores.



THE CANNABIS & ALCOHOL PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

Led by Emily Weitz and Karen Via, the Cannabis and Alcohol Prevention Committee (CAP) successfully merged two committees and planned and hosted a fun and well-attended event called the Substance-Free Event this past year.

A New Committee Forms

After taking a look at the Coalition's structure, the MCPC's Executive Board decided to merge the Alcohol and Marijuana committees because both focused on substances that had become normalized in our society. "It made good sense because we're kind of looking at the same thing, especially with the normalization of medical marijuana and the already-normalized use of alcohol," said Karen.

The committee is working to create position statements on both cannabis and alcohol. Both women stress that the committee doesn't support a complete ban on substances for adults. Instead, they prioritize raising awareness about the risks of substance use on developing brains and promoting moderation among legal-aged individuals. Their approach aims to educate the community and encourage responsible consumption. Delaying first use in youth is critical to their approach.

The Substance-Free Event

What do you get when you provide giant games like Connect Four, Jenga, and bowling with free food, non-alcoholic beverages, and a DJ in an indoor space on a winter day? The MCPC Substance-Free Event!

In February 2023, members of the Cannabis and Alcohol Prevention Committee formed a working group led by Michelle Johnson. The group planned and hosted a fun event for people of all ages. Social media posts and word-of-mouth sharing led to about 100 people attending the event, hosted at The Biltmore in Downtown Dayton.

"The goal was to show that we can, as a community, interact with each other and have fun without substances being present." Emily added, "The cool part about it, too, is that while the idea for the event came from our committee, it turned into a very collaborative, full-team effort that was well-attended by a wide range of people."

This event was a great way to show that fun happens when we spend time with others in the community.



SECTION

SPOTLIGHTS



KERY T.
GRAY

Assistant to Montgomery County
Commissioner Carolyn Rice

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Co-Chair of the Policy &
Advocacy Committee

“My favorite project has been working on warning labels for opioid prescription bottles. From a pilot project in Montgomery County, to looking at other examples around the country, to speaking with pharmacists, staff members, legislators to plan a path towards getting this in place in Ohio.”



RALPH DAVIS, JR.

SBIRT Provider
Samaritan Behavioral Health

“My favorite part of being a member in the MCPC is that I get to learn so much from so many people who are dedicated to helping individuals across the lifespan through the lens of prevention. Whether it’s through trainings, meetings, or participation within projects I’m always learning something new in regard to the field of prevention and best practices being used by MCPC members and prevention program providers.”

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Power-Based Violence Prevention
Self-Care



MELISSA EARICH

Crisis Counselor
New Lebanon High School

“My favorite part of being a member of the MCPC is the power of being with like-minded individuals who share the same passion for building up our community through prevention. It is too easy to get focused on our individual missions and forget there are others out there who can support us. I am inspired by the work the coalition is doing.”

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Self-Care
Opioid Prevention



ALEXIS WEBSTER

Program Coordinator

The National Conference for Community and Justice of Greater Dayton

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Self-Care
Suicide Prevention
Power-Based Violence Prevention

“My favorite part of working with the MCPC is just the connectedness, we have so many amazing organizations that all come together with one sole purpose in mind, providing resources to those that need it. I love that we get to help shape a better community for all of us! Volunteer days when we get to all come together are fun too!”



WANDA ORTIZ THAYNE

Community Engagement Partnerships Coordinator

Dayton Veterans Affairs Medical Center

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Soft Barriers Save Lives
Firearms Project Team
Substance Free Event
Suicide Prevention Committee
CAP Committee

“As part of the Soft Barriers Save Lives Subcommittee, I joined several members to put together 5,000 self-care kits that included Veteran specific suicide prevention information. I was able to distribute the self-care kits to several hundred Veterans at various Veteran organizations in the community. This opened the door to address suicide prevention in their own relaxed environment and was a very heart-warming experience for me. It is also nice to see how the members of our coalition are embracing suicide prevention efforts for our Veteran population.”



ASHLEY CABLE

Elementary Prevention Educator/PAX Partner
Montgomery County Educational Services Center

COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT

Youth Leadership in Prevention
Substance Free Event
Soft Barriers Save Lives
Co- Chair of the Gaming &
Gambling Committee

I love being a YLP Mentor for Tower Heights Middle School this year! Being able to see students lead the way in prevention for their peers has been amazing and inspiring to see.

THE SUICIDE PREVENTION COMMITTEE FIREARMS PROJECT TEAM



Outreach to Local Pawn Shops

Because state-licensed pawn shops can legally sell guns, it's essential for them to offer measures that protect everyone from gun-inflicted injuries or death—especially the most vulnerable in our community. As the leader of the Firearms Project Team, which is part of the Coalition's Suicide Prevention committee, West (who has a longer name but is known simply as "West") worked along with Suicide Prevention Committee member Evelyn Denton to provide these pawn shops with materials to aid in suicide awareness and prevention for their customers. It was part of a larger effort to encourage all businesses that sell firearms to provide suicide-prevention signage as well as materials for their counters, bathrooms, or break rooms.

Central to these materials is the "Buddy's Back" card. This heavyweight card encourages people to be the friend who is looking out for their buddy, making sure that they have their buddy's back while making themselves aware of the different warning signs for suicide. The card asks, "What's your strategy?" and gives ideas for people to be aware and have a game plan to check on friends with guns.

The project team also provided these pawn shops with smaller materials promoting the Get Help Now app, the suicide prevention website, and a QR code to have available at their points of sale.

As a military veteran and previous firearm concealed carry instructor, West explains his mission as the leader of this project team as "*providing education about firearm safety and storage and letting the individual citizens make the choices on how they operate their homes. Our focus is on providing education and educational materials.*" The subcommittee did just that by providing these gun safety and suicide awareness materials to Montgomery County pawn shops.

THE GAMING & GAMBLING (G&G) COMMITTEE



The Sports Betting Environmental Scan Project

As co-chairs of the Gaming & Gambling Prevention Committee, Ashley Cable and Rebecca Lewis (along with other volunteer Coalition members) visit various businesses—restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, and the like—that offer access to sports gambling. No, they're not there to eat, drink, or gamble. They're there to observe advertisements, locate resources for people experiencing problem gambling disorders, and ensure compliance with state gambling regulations.

"According to Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services, 20% of adults in Montgomery County are at risk for or experience a gambling problem," Ashley says. "Environmental scans are one way to ensure that preventive measures are in place in areas where gambling occurs."

What exactly are they looking for when they enter an establishment that offers opportunities to gamble? They're looking at what the advertisements are like on the outside and the inside of the establishment. They're looking to see if the business displays the 1-800 gambling hotline number and "age 21 and over" signs. They look at where the betting kiosks are located and where the lottery tickets are. Scanners fill out a form the G & G committee created. This year, all of the questions were geared toward sports betting.

At last count, they had completed scans at forty-two businesses. Of these forty-two businesses, 66% had advertisements for sports betting, but only 30% of those displayed the gambling hotline number.

As part of their mission, Coalition members provide these establishments with a sticker they can add to their advertisements to ensure their business complies with state laws and offer the confidential 1-800-522-4770 hotline number.

Committee co-chair Rebecca says, *"With the legalization of sports betting in Ohio and the ease of accessibility of online gambling, it is more important now than ever to provide resources to those who may need support with problem gambling."*



CULTURE OF COMMITMENT

SECTION

The following are all the amazing coalition members who dedicate so many hours to furthering our mission.

Thank you
FOR ALL YOU DO!

CHAMPIONS FOR CHANGE (100+ HOURS)

Sarah Badger
Brittini Long

SUPER SUPPORTER (75+ HOURS)

Rebecca Lewis

VICTORIOUS VOLUNTEERS (50+ HOURS)

Wendy Berkshire
Hannah Brown
Gail Dafler
Megan Garrison
Kery Gray
Jordan Hodges

Michelle Johnson
Amber Kamau
Sasha May
Lake Miller
Emily Mongelli
Heather Nogle

Wanda Ortiz Thayne
Matt Tepper
Karen Via
Emily Weitz

PASSIONATE PARTICIPANTS (25+ HOURS)

Tazeen Ahmed
Jodi Brun
Amie Burr
Ashley Cable
A'Maria Carter
Amy Claywell
Justin Duran
Kayla Hairston
Amy Hamilton
Sue Hanna

Joy Hoeflerlin
Tom Jagels
Sanjii Johnigan
Bobby Jones
Donyale Macon
Amanda Northcutt
Topher Peck
Colleen Callahan Penquite
Shannon Russell
Larry Sexton

Stacy Smallwood
Trent Smith
Kayce Stewart
Nick Violet
Vic Vrabel
Kris West
Amanda West
Amber Wilson
Jacie Womack
Amy Zdenek



THE POWER-BASED VIOLENCE PREVENTION COMMITTEE

DVAM and SAAM Events

The Power-Based Violence Committee addresses all kinds of abuse exerted over others from a position of power. This abuse could be child abuse, domestic abuse, financial abuse, or human trafficking, to name a few. According to their working definition, *"Power-based violence (PBV) can be committed by friends, partners, acquaintances, or strangers. Power-based violence is rooted in the assertion of power, control, and/or intimidation with the intent to harm another."*

The committee hosted two events this year to raise community awareness and prevent such violence in our community. Topher Peck and Heather Nogle currently serve as co-chairs of this newly developed and essential committee.

The Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) event occurred in April at the Downtown Dayton Metro Library. The event included a community forum on issues related to power-based violence, a resource fair, and a TaeKwonDo self-defense session. Heather saw the event as *"a valuable time that allowed community members to voice what resources were needed, community gaps, and what kind of work they would like to see from us as a committee."* Finally, the event featured a showing and discussion of Roll Red Roll, a film about a sexual assault at a party in Ohio. According to filmmaker Nancy Schwartzman on the site *"Media Impact Funders,"* the film aims to *"create pathways for men to challenge general thinking about masculinity, accountability, and male leadership by inviting them to be changemakers in this issue."*

The committee also hosted a Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) community discussion event in early October. Topher had this to say about the event:

"Our DVAM event made for a very productive Community Conversation. I appreciated the insight we gathered around domestic violence issues and how we respond to them locally. This series of events is something I'm hoping we can continue to implement as the PBV Committee grows."

With its work and through events like these, the Power-Based Violence Committee is integral to fulfilling the Coalition's mission *"to mobilize Montgomery County...to promote positive mental health through the implementation of evidence-based prevention strategies and community collaboration."*



MCPC IN THE MEDIA

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JANUARY 4, 2023

Dry January: Downtown Dayton Explores The New Trend
Dayton.com

JANUARY 5, 2023

MCPC Annual Celebration
Good Day Dayton

JANUARY 13, 2023

Social Media Pressure Impacting Teens, Experts Share How You Can Monitor Your Kids
WRGT

FEBRUARY 22, 2023

Attend the Substance Free Community Winter Festival in Montgomery County
Living Dayton

APRIL 17, 2023

DEA Drug Take Back Day
WBDT, WDTN

APRIL 18, 2023

“Encouraging Our Youth”: Montgomery County ADAMHS Warns of Social Media Dangers
National Coverage

APRIL 18, 2023

Sexual Assault Community Day of Awareness
Dayton Daily News

MAY 16, 2023

Montgomery County ADAMHS Urging Residents To Use Drug Deactivation Bags
WRGT

MAY 30, 2023

10 Shows To See On Dayton Stages in June (The Anxiety Project)
Dayton.com

MAY 31, 2023

Mental Wellness Musical Comes To Dayton To Address Teen Anxiety
WYSO

MAY 31, 2023

“Every Single Word Matters”: LGBTQ+ Rights In Classrooms Continue to Be Controversial
Dayton 24/7 Now

JUNE 1, 2023

“The Anxiety Project” Brings Mental Health Focus
Spectrum News One

JUNE 8, 2023

Efforts Underway To Expand, Overhaul Ohio Medical Marijuana Program
Dayton Daily News

JULY 13, 2023

View Gambling As A Fun Activity, Not As A Way To Supplement Income, Coalition Suggests
WHIO

JULY 26, 2023

Will Recreational Marijuana Be On The November Ballot?
WDTN

AUGUST 9, 2023

Coalition Promotes Student Peer-To-Peer Support
WYSO

SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

Billboard Challenge Encourages Putting Screens Down
WDTN

OCTOBER 13, 2023

Montgomery County Is Aiming To Help People Through Art
WKEF

OCTOBER 13, 2023

ADAMHS Board Hopes To Paint A Message of Suicide Prevention Throughout Dayton
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