



ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH
BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY



A Network of Hope

**2024
Annual Report**





Dear Community Member,

At ADAMH, our priority is to make mental health and addiction resources available to every resident in Franklin County, when they need it.

In 2024, we focused on building a better crisis response system. That means making sure people in crisis always have someone to call, someone who can come and a safe place to go. Our new Franklin County Crisis Care Center will open in summer 2025. It will be the main facility for adults in mental health or addiction crisis to get help quickly.

This year’s community needs assessment report showed that anxiety, depression and alcohol misuse are top concerns in our area. ADAMH will use this data to guide where and how we invest resources moving forward.

One of many highlights from this year is ADAMH earning the Culture of Quality Certification from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. This recognizes our agency’s commitment to improving care and using public funds wisely.

Looking ahead, sustainable funding for vital services remains a concern. Changes to state and federal Medicaid could reduce local support for our network agencies. Still, ADAMH will keep working to make sure everyone has access to care—no matter their income.

As Franklin County grows, so does the demand for services. ADAMH is funded by a local levy, so we rely on voters like you to help us continue meeting the needs of this community.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Sincerely,
Donna Zuiderweg and Erika Clark Jones



Donna Zuiderweg
Board Chair



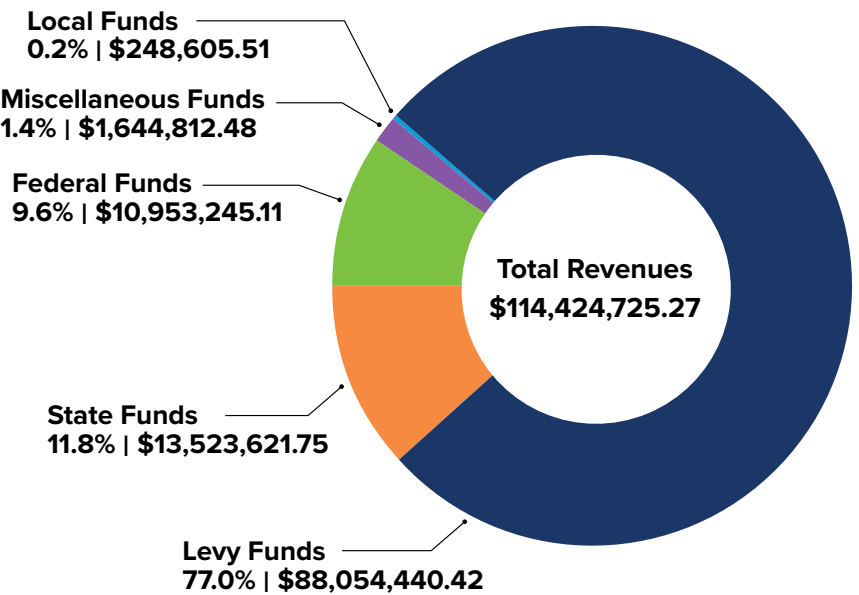
Erika Clark Jones
CEO

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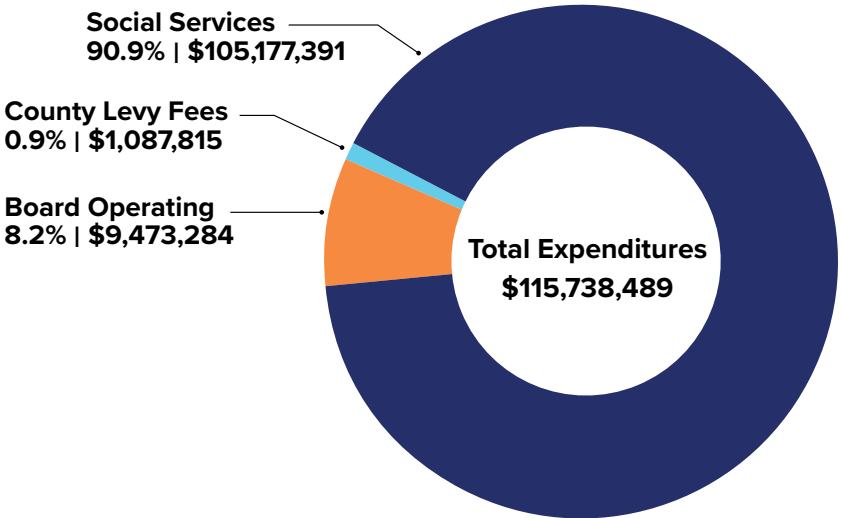
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The ADAMH Board of Franklin County is funded with an effective mix of federal, state and local dollars, with 77% of the 2024 budget from a single property tax levy approved by Franklin County voters. These funds support vital mental health and substance use disorder services and supports delivered through the ADAMH provider network. Franklin County ADAMH funding supports alcohol, drug and mental health services for individuals and families in Franklin County, regardless of ability to pay. While many ADAMH-funded services are available to the most vulnerable populations, including those who are under-insured or uninsured, 24/7 crisis services are available to everyone in the community and ADAMH-funded suicide prevention services are provided in 16 public school districts in Franklin County.

Revenues



Expenditures



Definitions

Levy Funds
Receipts from the collection of taxes.

State Funds
Receipts from State of Ohio, predominantly the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Federal Funds
Receipts through Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services from federal sources and funding directly from federal sources, such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Miscellaneous Funds
Reconciliation repayments from providers and receipts from donations and other sources.

Local Funds
Receipts from local governments, including the City of Columbus and other Franklin County agencies and nonprofits.

Social Services
Expenditures for community-based behavioral health care services and public awareness campaigns.

Board Operating
Salaries, fringe benefits, operating services and materials.

County Levy Fees
Expenses charged by the Franklin County Auditor for levy tax collections.



2024 MARCH



Earned the Culture of Quality Certification from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, which recognizes boards that demonstrate a commitment to continuous improvement.

APRIL



Highlighted the [collaboration with the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio](#) to tackle mental health, addiction and suicide prevention within the construction industry. Through the partnership, ADAMH has reached **hundreds of construction workers**, teaching them about help-seeking behavior, safety ties to mental health in the workplace and more.

APRIL



Began to support Franklin County jail inmates through a pilot program developed by ADAMH. This program provides funding for basic needs to inmates with behavioral health issues at release and helped **51 people** in 2024.

51
Inmates
helped at
release

SPRING



Helped launch the OneOhio Recovery Foundation 2024 Regional Grant Cycle, which resulted in **about \$5 million** in funding going to **17 organizations** in Franklin County. ADAMH CEO Erika Clark Jones serves as chair of the Region 1 board.

MAY



Hosted the annual [Bridging Our Temples Faith Conference](#). **More than 100 people** attended this free, day-long learning experience that was designed to educate, inform and support Franklin County faith leaders on topics centered around behavioral health.

JUNE



Hosted, along with the Columbus Division of Police, a [full-day training](#) to help law enforcement better respond to youth in a mental health crisis. **More than 100 officers** from Columbus and more than 20 other agencies participated.

100+
Officers
trained

SUMMER



Invested **\$1.2 million** to support **more than 1,000 kids** and fund **26 summer camps** hosted by local organizations throughout central Ohio.

26
Camps
funded

2024

A Year in Review



988
materials
created in
11
languages



~40
Crisis
center
tours

AUGUST



Developed [promotional resources for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline](#) in **10 languages**, in addition to English, to increase awareness of the life-saving resource across diverse communities in Franklin County.

SEPTEMBER



Concluded the majority of hard hat tours for the Franklin County Crisis Care Center, which totaled about **40 tours** to key stakeholder groups, showcasing the ongoing construction progress.

OCTOBER



Educated [ADAMH annual meeting](#) attendees about the State of Ohio Adversity and Resilience (SOAR) study and recognized members of the community who have been exceptional in helping others find their path to recovery.

2024 Annual Award winners from left: **Jennifer Johnson** (Maryhaven), **Danielle Smith** (National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter), **Jodie Sanders** (OhioGuidestone), **Wesley Moore** (St. Vincent Family Services), **Robert Yurisko** (House of Hope for Recovery)





In 2024, ADAMH investments served more than **93,000** individuals.

*Source: SmartCare claims and enrollments, aggregate client count and demographics report, client rosters.

Income

ADAMH investments serve as a safety net for a vulnerable population of individuals. ADAMH’s 2024 Community Needs Assessment identified a number of inequities related to lower-income individuals, including:

- Lower-income individuals are **more likely to not be able to afford services or treatment and more likely to have at least one unmet need** for services or treatment.
- Lower-income individuals were **more likely to have experienced PTSD** within the past year.
- The daily life challenges lower-income individuals face **exacerbate issues with mental health and substance use**.

For clients with data available in ADAMH’s SmartCare system,

83.8% were below the federal poverty level in 2024.

Gender*

*Of the 62% of clients with a gender reported

Nonbinary or self-described gender identity: **0.2%**

Boy or man: **54.7%**

Girl or woman: **45.2%**

*Total does not equal 100% due to rounding

Age*

* Of the 72% of clients with an age reported

37

Average age of individual who received services through ADAMH-paid claims

70%

Of those who received **prevention** services were under the age of 18

Race/Ethnicity*

*Of the 60% of clients with a race/ethnicity reported

Black, African, or African American: **60.7%**

White: **25.9%**

Hispanic or Latin American: **6.2%**







Multiracial: **4.1%**

Asian: **1.6%**

Another race/ethnicity: **1.6%**

*Total does not equal 100% due to rounding

ADAMH invests in six categories of care. Learn about each area below and see investment amounts for 2024.

System of Care	Investment
<div></div> <div>Treatment Services to help people with mental health or substance use disorders manage symptoms and pursue recovery <i>Examples: Diagnostic evaluation and/or testing, counseling or psychotherapy, medication administration</i></div>	\$35,349,998
<div></div> <div>Crisis Services designed to reduce the need for care in the most restrictive setting for individuals who are unable to care for themselves effectively or who are at risk of hurting themselves or others <i>Examples: Mobile response, acute support services, crisis hotline</i></div>	\$27,355,547
<div></div> <div>Prevention Programs and services focused on promoting mental health and preventing or delaying the onset of mental health or substance use disorders <i>Examples: Classroom prevention, mentoring program, community events</i></div>	\$21,216,544
<div></div> <div>Recovery Supports Supports that help people with mental health or substance use disorders manage their conditions successfully, improve health and wellness, live self-directed lives and strive to reach their full potential <i>Examples: Employment/vocational training, recovery support center, peer support</i></div>	\$14,877,815
<div></div> <div>Housing Programs providing a safe, decent and affordable place to live for individuals at various stages of treatment and recovery <i>Examples: Transitional housing, short-term housing subsidy, alcohol- and drug-free housing</i></div>	\$4,978,913
<div></div> <div>Family Supports Community-based services that assist and support family members and loved ones in their role as caregivers <i>Examples: Respite care, caregiver outreach and engagement, family and caregiver support groups</i></div>	\$1,398,573

Investing in Opioid and Stimulant Response

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, provides **State Opioid and Stimulant Response** funding through a competitive application to provide states and territories with resources to address the opioid overdose crisis. In 2024, ADAMH received and distributed \$3,182,387 to programs in Franklin County. This grant money helped fund medication-assisted treatment, recovery housing, a peer internship and more.

ADAMH

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Mission:

The ADAMH Board of Franklin County leads the planning, funding and evaluation of community-based, recovery-oriented mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and support services for residents of Franklin County.

Vision:

All individuals and families in Franklin County can achieve optimal mental health and wellness, free from stigma, with equitable access to quality, community-based services and supports.

ADAMH Provider Network



If you or someone you love is in crisis, call or text the **988** Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.

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