

ADAMH

ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH
BOARD OF FRANKLIN COUNTY



Investing in People and Pathways to Care



2025 Annual Report

Dear community member,

Franklin County’s behavioral health system is built on the shared belief that every resident should have access to quality care regardless of insurance status or ability to pay.

In this system, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County (ADAMH) serves as a convener, bringing together providers, advocates and community organizations to coordinate resources. ADAMH worked alongside partners and made significant strides in strengthening the behavioral health safety net in 2025.

Together, we invested in people. ADAMH’s funding and planning efforts supported partners in advancing Behavioral Health Workforce Council initiatives by launching programs to develop leaders and attract new professionals to the field.

Together, we opened a new path to crisis care. The opening of the Franklin County Crisis Care Center in September 2025 further expanded the system’s capacity to provide timely support for adults in crisis, serving as a powerful complement to the broader continuum of care.

Together, we invested in the future. Franklin County voters reinforced their shared commitment to care for all by passing ADAMH’s November levy, securing a dedicated funding stream for local mental health and addiction care programs and providers for the next decade.

Last year’s progress reflects the power of collaboration and provides a strong foundation for advancing care in the years ahead. Looking forward, ADAMH is developing its next strategic plan to direct investments and priorities from 2027 to 2031. Thank you for your support and continued commitment to taking this journey together.

Sincerely,

Donna Zuiderweg and Erika Clark Jones



Donna Zuiderweg
Board Chair



Erika Clark Jones
CEO

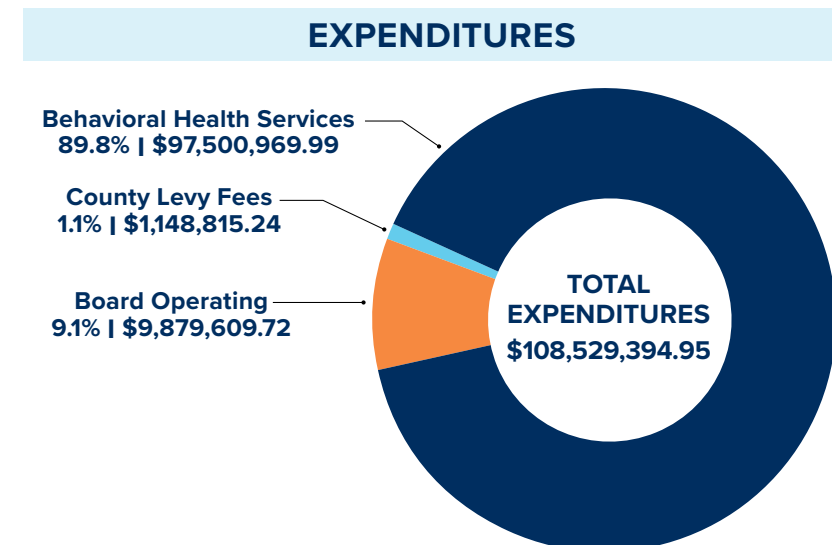
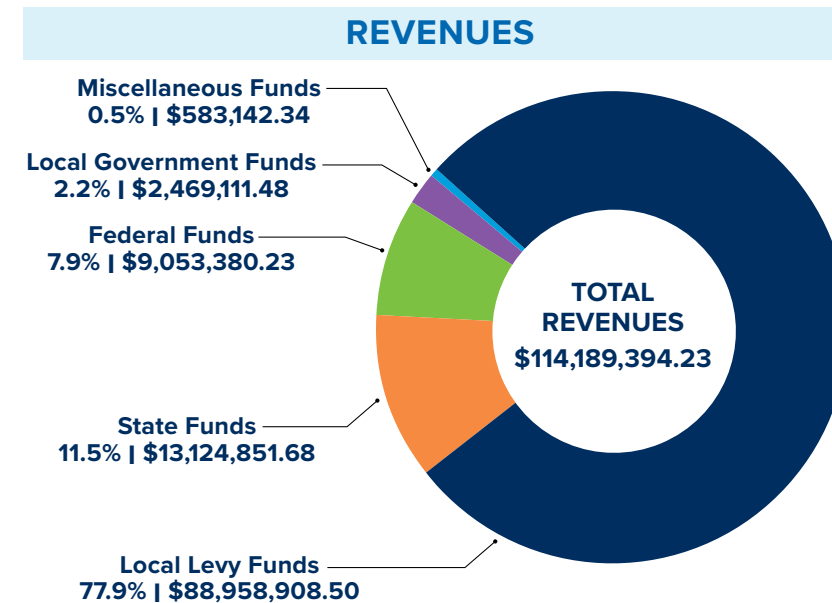
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The ADAMH Board of Franklin County is funded with an effective mix of federal, state and local dollars with 77.9% of the 2025 budget coming from a single property tax levy approved by Franklin County voters in 2020. These funds support vital mental 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 people and families in Franklin County regardless of ability to pay. While many ADAMH-funded services are available to the most vulnerable populations, such as 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.



DEFINITIONS

Local Levy Funds

Receipts from the collection of county property taxes.

State Funds

Receipts from State of Ohio, predominantly the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health.

Federal Funds

Receipts through the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health 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 Government Funds

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

Behavioral Health 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.

ADAMH invests in six categories of care. Learn about each area below and see investment amounts for 2025.

TREATMENT

Services to help people with mental health or substance use disorders manage symptoms and pursue recovery

Examples: Diagnostic evaluation and/or testing, counseling or psychotherapy, medication administration

\$32,320,194

CRISIS

Immediate services designed to reduce distress during a mental health or addiction crisis and create a plan for ongoing treatment and safety

Examples: Mobile response, acute support services, crisis hotline

\$28,497,027

PREVENTION

Programs and services focused on promoting mental health and preventing or delaying the onset of mental health or substance use disorders

Examples: Classroom prevention, mentoring programs, community events

\$16,260,775

FAMILY SUPPORTS

Community-based services that assist and support family members and loved ones in their role as caregivers

Examples: Respite care, caregiver outreach and engagement, family and caregiver support groups

\$1,251,105

HOUSING

Programs providing a safe, decent and affordable place to live for individuals at various stages of treatment and recovery

Examples: Transitional housing, short-term housing subsidy, alcohol- and drug-free housing

\$5,007,663

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

Examples: Employment/vocational training, recovery support centers, peer support

\$14,164,206

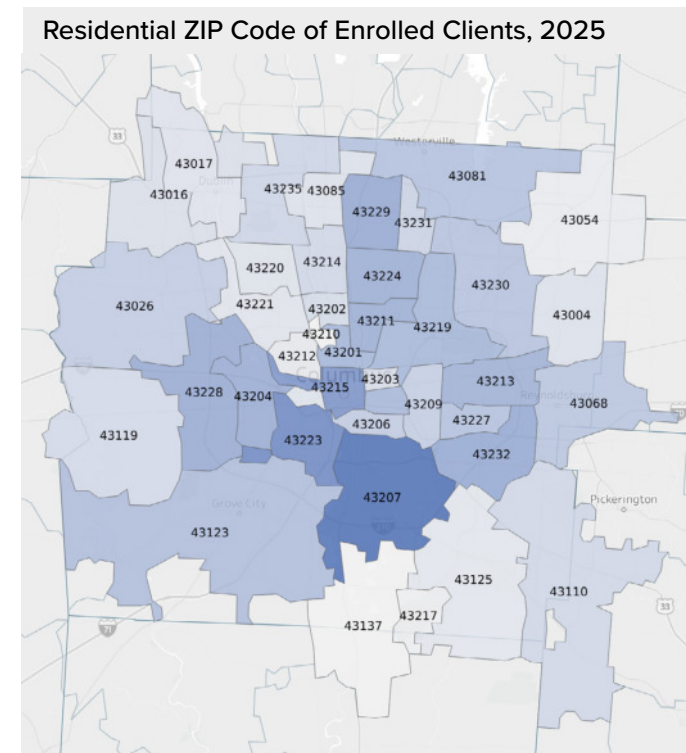


In 2025, ADAMH investments served more than **97,000** individuals.

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

ZIP CODE

ADAMH investments reached residents in every zip code of Franklin County.



Enrolled Clients



*Source: SmartCare client records

INCOME



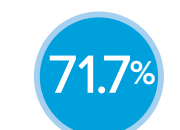
For clients with data available in ADAMH's SmartCare system, **81.4% were below the federal poverty level** in 2025.

AGE*

*Of clients with an age reported



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



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

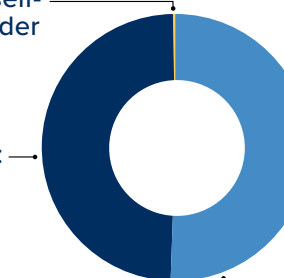
GENDER*

*Of clients with a gender reported

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

Girl or Woman: **49.1%**

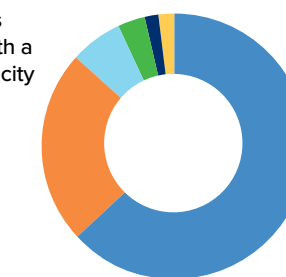
Boy or Man: **50.7%**



*Total does not equal 100% due to rounding

RACE/ETHNICITY*

*Of clients served with a race/ethnicity reported



Black, African, or African American: 63.1%

White: 23.6%

Hispanic or Latin American: 6.3%

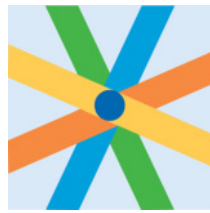
Multiracial: 3.5%

Asian: 1.6%

Another race/ethnicity: 1.8%

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Advancing Crisis Care



The opening of the Franklin County Crisis Care Center on Sept. 2, 2025, marked a significant milestone for a vision years in the making. The center reflects a collective effort to plan and invest in a facility designed to meet the needs of Franklin County residents with continued growth still ahead. It expands the community's ability to provide timely, compassionate and clinically appropriate support to adults experiencing mental health and addiction crises.



Celebrating a New Approach to Crisis Care

As the center neared completion in 2025, a series of stakeholder and community events gave partners and residents the opportunity to learn more about the facility's innovative approach to crisis care and celebrate this game-changing resource for Franklin County.

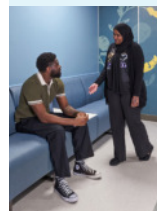
In the weeks ahead of the center's ribbon cutting, ADAMH hosted stakeholder events in partnership with service provider Recovery Innovations, which oversees day-to-day clinical operations. These outreach efforts were opportunities to showcase the service model in more depth and cultivate advocates in the community.

The center's ribbon cutting and open house events drew more than 600 combined attendees to the building over two days. David Covington, CEO and President of Recovery Innovations, spoke at the ribbon cutting and offered a national perspective. "Franklin County isn't just keeping up, it's leading," he said. "This center is a national model for what crisis care should be."

First Six Months of Operation

September 2025 - February 2026

More than **3,000** presentations for service



How individuals arrived at the center:

- **50.1%** walked in
- **49.9%** arrived via law enforcement, EMS or mobile team transport



Meeting Franklin County's Future Needs

Informed by a national review of crisis facilities, the Franklin County Crisis Care Center incorporates best-in-class design features and care delivery methods to serve adults in crisis 24/7 regardless of insurance status or ability to pay. The facility was designed for guests' safety and comfort, and its size and phased approach to implementation will accommodate Franklin County residents' needs years into the future.

Operations began with Phase 1, which included the launch of 23-hour observation. As the facility continues to expand services, future phases will grow capacity to include a behavioral health urgent care for lower-acuity needs and an inpatient unit for guests requiring longer-term stabilization. As more services begin operation, continued collaboration across jurisdictions and systems will remain key to the center's future success.



To learn more about the Franklin County Crisis Care Center visit adamhfranklin.org/crisis-center

Growing the Workforce that Supports Our Communities



Ensuring that all Franklin County residents have access to high-quality behavioral health care remains ADAMH's guiding priority. Achieving this depends on a strong and sustainable workforce, particularly as demand for services continues to grow.

To address the systemic barriers that prevent professionals from joining and staying in the behavioral health field, ADAMH formed the Behavioral Health Workforce Council in 2022 to advance a coordinated, strategic approach to workforce development. The following highlights showcase key initiatives advanced and progress achieved in 2025.

Franklin County Behavioral Health Leadership Academy

In March 2025, the Franklin County Behavioral Health Leadership Academy launched its first cohort of mid-level managers from the ADAMH provider network.

These leaders play critical roles in communication, change management and staff retention, and the six-month program was designed to strengthen their skills and impact. Participants engage in a mix of formal and informal learning with a focus on areas such as leadership development, team culture and facilitation of crucial conversations.

Made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health distributed through a partnership with Aspyr and facilitated by Mental Health America of Ohio, this program reflects strong partnership. The first cohort graduated in August 2025 and was followed by the launch of a second cohort in September. The program is already gaining attention as a model for other counties across the state.

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Pathways to Practice

Attracting new professionals to community behavioral health is a major workforce challenge. To address this, ADAMH and partners launched Pathways to Practice in fall 2025.

This hands-on program introduces students to careers in community behavioral health by helping bridge classroom learning with community-based practice. Participants build professional networks, strengthen job readiness skills and gain direct exposure to agency operations.

Seven students in Columbus State Community College's social work and human services program were placed with ADAMH network providers. Along with completing their practicum hours at assigned agencies, the students also met biweekly at rotating sites to deepen their understanding of the field. Following its success, a second cohort launched in spring 2026 with The Ohio State University College of Social Work.

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Inaugural Leadership Cohort



16 Graduates

12 Agencies Represented

- Alvis, Inc.
- Columbus Public Health
- Concord Counseling Services
- Directions for Youth and Families
- Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services
- House of Hope for Recovery
- Lutheran Social Services
- Maryhaven
- Netcare Access
- Southeast Healthcare
- St. Vincent Family Services
- The P.E.E.R Center



"I knew that social work was a broad field with a lot of different opportunities, but this program opened my eyes to even more possibilities."

—Katie Coy, Pathways to Practice participant

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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

FIND HELP



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

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