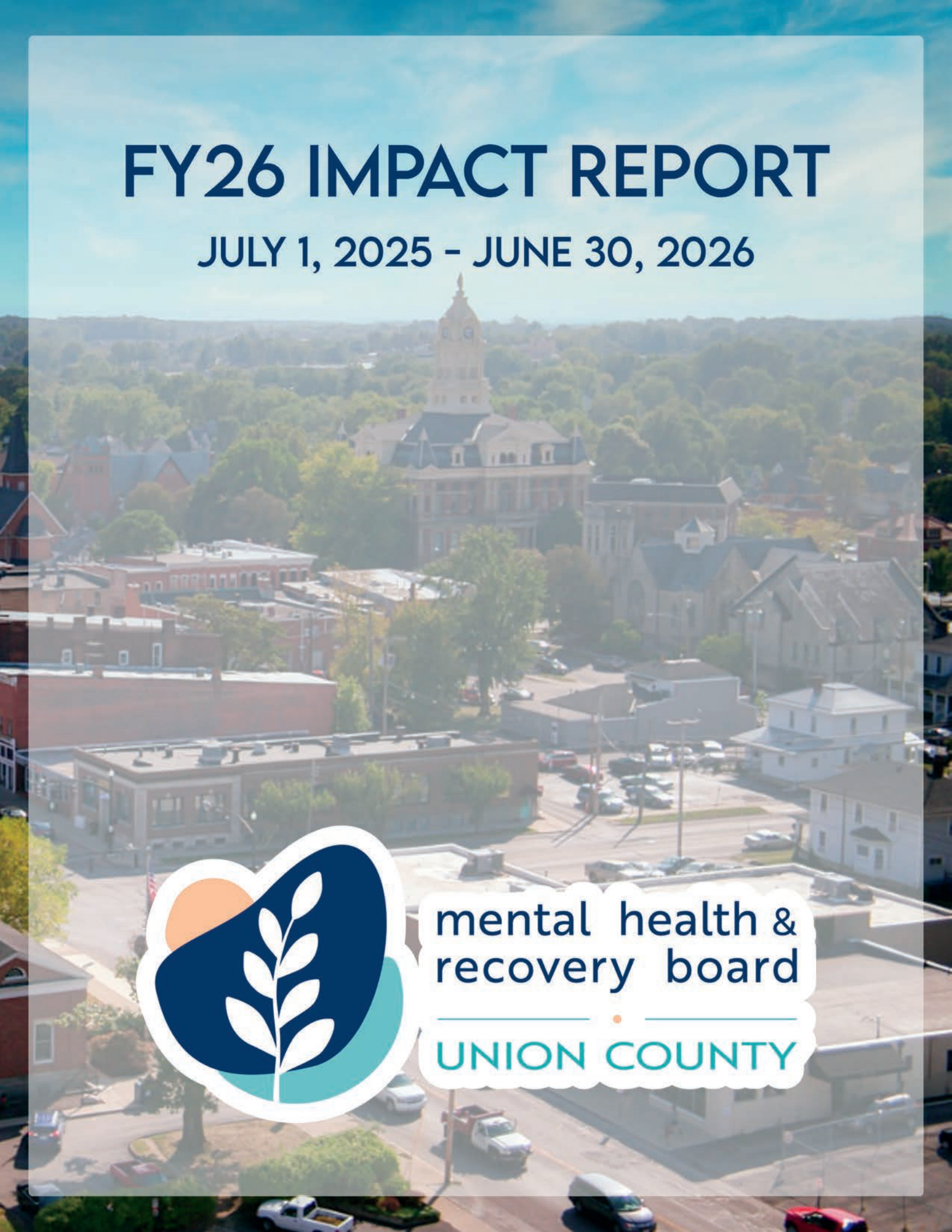
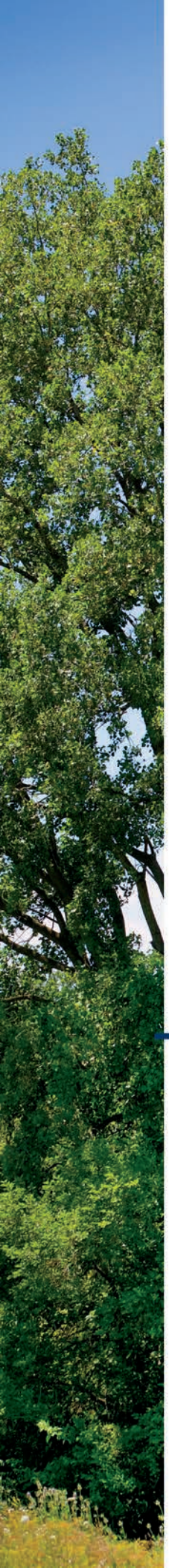
FY26 IMPACT REPORT

JULY 1, 2025 - JUNE 30, 2026



mental health & recovery board

UNION COUNTY



From the Executive Director and Board Chair

Dear Community Partner,

This past year brought significant change to the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County. While change can be challenging, it can also create opportunities to stretch, grow, and build something stronger for the future.

Over the past year, the Board purchased and transformed a new building into a centralized hub for behavioral health services, supported the transition of two providers as they assumed responsibility for essential services, and worked diligently to ensure key services remained in place and clients continued to receive uninterrupted care throughout this period of change.

At the same time, the Board continued to expand community-based crisis services, creating additional opportunities to support individuals in their homes and communities and reduce unnecessary transfers to the hospital. The launch of the adult mobile response program is an exciting step forward and has already demonstrated tremendous potential.

Throughout these changes, the Board's staff, providers, and community partners demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to working together. The progress reflected in this report is not simply a reflection of the changes that took place, but of the dedication and collaboration that made them possible. The Board is grateful to everyone who helped carry this work forward and remains committed to strengthening the behavioral health system for individuals and families throughout Union County.

The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County is incredibly grateful for the collaborative spirit and shared sense of purpose demonstrated by those who serve the individuals and families of Union County.

Thank you for being part of this work and for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Holly Zweizig

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Executive Director



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Board of Directors, Chair

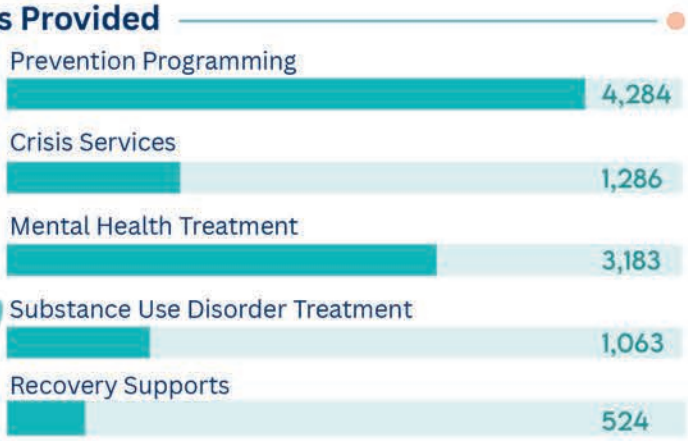
FY26 COMMUNITY IMPACT - BY THE NUMBERS

10,241
total persons served

Youth served (0-17)	Adults served (18+)
4,984	**5,257**

Services Provided





These numbers may include duplicate counts of some individuals served in multiple programs.

FY26 FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE
$7,966,991.74

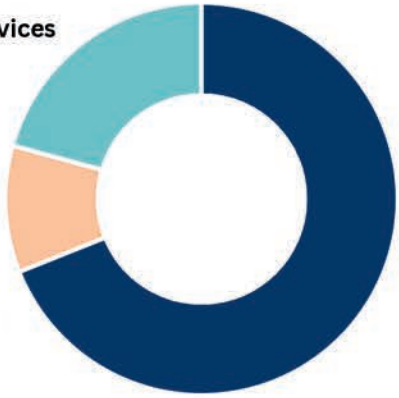
- **Local Levy**
  20% | $1,627,698.49
- **State Allocations**
  24% | $1,922,328.29
- **State Pass-Through**
  9% | $707,187.18
- **Miscelaneous**
  6% | $496,618.48
- **Federal Grants**
  40% | $3,213,159.30



TOTAL EXPENDITURES
$10,044,864.17

- **Grants and Contracted Services**
  53% | $5,321,487.15
- **Capital***
  31% | $3,084,789.90
- **Operations**
  16% | $1,638,587.12

**Capital expenditures in FY26 included the purchase of the Walnut Wellness Center*



FY26 CONTINUUM OF CARE INVESTMENTS

PREVENTION - $189,289.25

Programs that promote wellness and reduce the risk of mental health and substance use challenges.

Examples: school-based prevention, community education

RECOVERY SUPPORTS - $255,533.09

Services that help people maintain wellness, independence, and long-term recovery.

Examples: peer support, drop-in center, resource connection, transportation

CRISIS - $192,493.31

Immediate support to stabilize behavioral health emergencies and connect people to care.

Examples: walk-in crisis assessments, mobile crisis

HOUSING - $692,596.07

Safe, stable housing that supports recovery, independence, and well-being.

Examples: transitional housing, recovery housing, permanent supportive housing

TREATMENT - $625,576.35

Clinical services that treat mental health and substance use disorders.

Examples: counseling, medication management, outpatient care, residential and inpatient services

COMMUNITY SERVICES - $3,365,999.08

Community investments that increase behavioral health services and strengthen behavioral health supports, partnerships, and local capacity.

Examples: school navigation, early childhood services, first responder training, NAMI and community outreach



FY26 YOUTH IMPACT

BUILDING STRONGER FUTURES FOR UNION COUNTY YOUTH.

Our investments strengthen youth - and the families, schools, professionals and systems that surround them.

THE MOSAIC PROJECT

EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

Consultation partners with parents, caregivers, and early childhood professionals to support young children's social-emotional development, navigate challenging behaviors, and create nurturing environments at home and in the classroom.

38 individuals and families served

13 classrooms supported
Up from 6 in FY25

231 total students reached

"Our consultant brought a calm, grounded presence into our home that immediately put both us and our daughter at ease. She engaged in a way that felt natural and respectful, building trust with our child while making us feel seen and supported as parents."
-Family participating in ECMH consultation

"Thanks to MHRBUC and the Mosaic Project, I've experienced tangible improvements in my family's well-being. We've found real help without judgment, and my confidence as a parent has grown. My son feels more secure and understood. This program deserves to be much more widely known."
-Family participating in ECMH consultation & family peer support

SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES

MHRBUC funds Student Success Coordinators, social workers, and School Navigators to provide school-based behavioral health support. These professionals offer brief interventions individually and in small groups, and connect students and families to ongoing treatment as needed.

165 individual students served by School Navigation

136 individual students served by Student Success Coordinators

95 individual students served by School Social Workers

262 students served in small groups by school-based behavioral health professionals

SCHOOL-BASED PREVENTION PROGRAMMING

567 preschool and kindergarten students engaged in the Little Spot Program in 35 classrooms

A LITTLE SPOT

Character Strong

486 students K-5 engaged in Character Strong lessons and small groups

976 4th, 6th and 8th grade students participated in Too Good for Drugs

Too Good

ROX RULING OUR EXPERIENCES

BUILDING CONFIDENCE. STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE.

During the 2025-2026 school year, 177 girls across Union County participated in ROX, a prevention program designed to strengthen confidence, coping skills, healthy relatonships and connection.

Following the program, participants reported:



58% expressed positive perceptions of their ability to handle stress and pressure, an increase from 43%



73% felt more confident handling difficult life situations



81% said ROX helped them feel a sense of belonging at school



82% felt happier with who they are



92% said their ROX leader cares about them

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS

4,855 screenings of students in grades K-12

1,003 students completed Signs of Suicide screening

FY26 CRISIS IMPACT

RESPONDING TO CRISIS. CONNECTING TO CARE.

Strengthening behavioral health crisis response across Union County.

Behavioral health crises continue to create significant and sustained demand across Union County's public safety and healthcare systems. As more individuals experience behavioral health needs that require immediate intervention, law enforcement officers, emergency departments, and behavioral health providers are increasingly called upon to respond to individuals during moments of crisis.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE

359

CIT calls in FY26

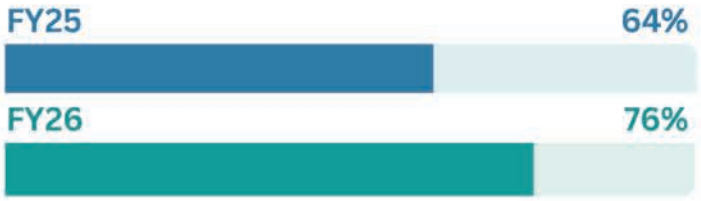
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Post-crisis follow-ups completed

35 individuals received multiple follow-ups after the original CIT call, demonstrating a continued effort to engage individuals beyond the immediate crisis.

POST-CRISIS FOLLOW-UP RATE INCREASE

78% + 12% from FY25



CO-RESPONSE: CLINICAL EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD

Launched Spring 2026 | Coleman Health Services + Marysville Police Department

Through this new initiative, a behavioral health clinician responds with law enforcement providing clinical support during crisis calls and continued follow-up afterward. By bringing clinical expertise directly to crisis scenes, co-response helps connect individuals to appropriate care while allowing officers to return to other community needs sooner.

AVERAGE OFFICER TIME PER CIT CALL

59% reduction



31

Co-response calls in the first four months

63

Follow-ups for individuals with mental health ED visits

Co-response is helping law enforcement resolve behavioral health calls more efficiently. Since this initiative launched, average officer time on CIT calls has decreased creating more capacity for officers to respond to other community needs while providing individuals in crisis with immediate access to clinical expertise and support.

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT UTILIZATION AND CONNECTION TO CARE



In 2026, Memorial Hospital reported 580 Emergency Department visits for mental health crisis - a 35% increase from 2025.

988 | SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE

24/7 CALL, TEXT, CHAT

As mental health-related emergency department visits continue to rise, 988 offers an important alternative for individuals experiencing emotional distress or a behavioral health crisis. Available 24/7, the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline connects individuals to trained crisis counselors who can provide immediate support, connect them to local resources, and help prevent unnecessary emergency department visits.



A NEW CHAPTER FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AT THE WALNUT WELLNESS CENTER

In October 2025, the Board of Directors took an important step toward strengthening behavioral health services in Union County by purchasing a 20,500 sq/ft building at 715 & 717 S. Walnut St. in Marysville. Now known as the Walnut Wellness Center, the building serves as a new hub for publicly funded behavioral health services. For more than 45 years, The Mills Center has been the location where residents accessed publicly funded behavioral health services. The Walnut Wellness Center now builds on that legacy while creating new opportunities to improve access to care for the next generation of Union County residents.

The move is the result of long-term planning that began in 2021. The location was selected to create a campus environment that includes behavioral health services, supportive housing, and recovery resources. This investment was made possible through years of careful savings by the MHRBUC, capital funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health, and the generous contribution from Memorial Hospital. Together, these investments represent a shared commitment to building a stronger, more connected behavioral health system for Union County.



WELCOME NEW BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

EXPANDING CARE, CLOSE TO HOME

This year, MHRBUC expanded local behavioral health capacity by welcoming Coleman Health Services as a new provider to Union County and supporting a major expansion of OhioGuidestone's local presence. Together, they anchor a stronger continuum of care, serving residents across the lifespan.

Coleman HEALTH SERVICES

Primary Adult Behavioral Health & Crisis Services Provider

New to Union County, Coleman expands access to comprehensive adult mental health, substance use and crisis care, while also providing services for youth and families.

• Walk-In Assessments • Psychiatry •
• Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) •
• Individual & Group Counseling • Crisis Services •
• Case Management •

OhioGuidestone

Primary Youth & Family Behavioral Health Provider

With a significantly expanded presence and new permanent office location, OhioGuidestone provides a comprehensive continuum of care with a focus on services for children, youth and families, while also serving adults.

• Mental Health Treatment • Psychiatry •
• School-Based Services & Navigation •
• Early Childhood Mental Health • Family Services •
• Substance Use Disorder Treatment •

INVESTING IN KNOWLEDGE.

Strengthening Our Community

MHRBUC supports professional development and mental health education to build knowledge, strengthen skills, and promote a more informed, compassionate community. By investing in learning opportunites for a wide range of professionals, families, and community members, we help advance a stronger system of care for Union County.

CRISIS RESPONSE & JUSTICE INVOLVEMENT

40-Hour Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Patrol Course

March 2026 - Hosted by MHRBUC, the MHRSB of Logan & Champaign Counties, and local law enforcement

32 participants from 17 agencies

An intensive training to strengthen response to behavioral health crises, including topics such as mental illness and substance use, officer wellness, supporting veterans, de-escalation skills, and local resource visits.

Sequential Intercept Mapping

In October 2025, MHRBUC brought **23 community partners** together to update Union County's Sequential Intercept Map, identifying gaps in services and opportunities to better connect individuals with mental health and substance use disorders to treatment and support. The collaborative process explored opportunities to strengthen coordination, improve access to care, and divert individuals from unnecessary involvement in the criminal justice system.

RECOVERY SUPPORT

23 participants

40-Hour Peer Recovery Support (PRS) Training

Hosted by MHRBUC with Wings Support & Recovery September - October 2025

This interactive training prepared individuals with lived experience in mental health or substance use recovery to support others on their recovery journeys. Participants developed the skills needed to provide effective peer support and became eligible to apply for Ohio's Adult Peer Recovery Supporter Certification.

SCHOOL & YOUTH MENTAL HEATLH

National Center for School Mental Health Annual Conference

December 2025

Attended by **6 representatives from Fairbanks Schools, Marysville Schools, and North Union Local Schools** with funding from Project AWARE, this national conference focused on strenghtening mental health supports in schools across Union County.

BRYT Symposium

March 2026

4 representatives from bryt classrooms at Fairbanks Elementary and North Union Middle School deepened their knowledge during sessions on strengthening school mental health systems, supporting students impacted by trauma and grief, and enhancing collaborative relationship-centered practices.

Connections over Compliance:

Supporting Adult and Youth Wellbeing Through Applied Educational Neuroscience

September 2025

More than 75 educators and youth-serving professionals explored how our emotional and physiological states impact the children and adolescents we serve and gained tools to support regulation, foster safety in relationships, and create environments that promote healing, resilience, and growth.

FAMILIES & EARLY CHILDHOOD

Early Childhood Mental Health Essentials Series

from Building Strong Foundations and Council for Union County Families

February - August 2026

Total Attendees: 141

This 12-part virtual series explored the foundations of early childhood mental health, including attachment, trauma, regulation, relationships, and caregiver well-being. Each session provided practical, relationship-based strategies for use at home, in early care settings, and in the community.

Circle of Security

from Building Strong Foundations and Council for Union County Families

February - March 2026

Total Attendees: 78

This 8-session, evidence-informed parenting program helped parents and caregivers understand and respond to their children's emotional needs. Through reflection and practical strategies, participants learned to strengthen relationships, build secure attachments, and respond to challenging behaviors with greater confidence.

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