The Lorain County Board of Mental Health plans, funds, and monitors a system of quality public mental health services that enhance the health and well-being of the people of Lorain County.

A citizen Board of 18 community members determines which services are to be provided and funded based upon state requirements and community needs. Board members also monitor funding and evaluation of publicly funded services. Private, not-for-profit, and independent community agencies are contracted by the Lorain County Board of Mental Health to provide an array of mental health services. Service include counseling, psychiatry, prevention, consultation, peer-to-peer support, community support, crisis intervention, housing and vocational support.
What makes a community? Without question, it’s the people. The Lorain County mental health network is devoted to helping all people in local homes and neighborhoods live their best possible future.

We are fortunate that alongside the clinical staff who help people recover from mental illnesses, we have strong partnerships within schools, with law enforcement and other first responders, and with local leaders who understand how mental health touches every sector of our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. The work of the Lorain County Board of Mental Health primarily is supported by local funding through the mental health levy.

Yours Sincerely,

Timothy Carrion
Lorain County Board of Mental Health Board Chair
In 2017, the Lorain County Board of Mental Health (LCBMH) supported our community through treatment, prevention, and crisis services.

**We serve families.**
The agencies in our mental health network served thousands of people last year. 23% of those served were kids.

**We help schools.**
We are present in every Lorain County school district, serving 1,800 students last year. We have expanded services in schools to meet an ever-growing need, and improved crisis services for children and teens.

**We train first responders.**
We train law enforcement officers and first responders in crisis intervention, including trauma-informed policing training last year for 183 officers. That’s in addition to continuing to conduct Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training to help law enforcement officers successfully interact with someone experiencing a mental health crisis. We’ve trained 235 officers over the last 16 years. From 2013-2017, we provided Advanced CIT training to 80 of those officers. Plus, we co-chair the local Stepping Up Initiative with the Sheriff’s Office to address mental illness in the jails.

**We educate in the community.**
We provide hundreds of hours of trainings like Mental Health First Aid or suicide prevention classes to community members and professionals.

**We are there in a crisis.**
Our mental health crisis hotline receives approximately 14,000 calls per year. Also, we are increasing efforts and collaborations to improve the interconnected network of crisis services, from crisis hotline calls to hospital and community-based care, to connection with local law enforcement.
In beautiful, visual examples of working together, Gathering Hope House members created two works of collaborative art, “Mona Lisa” and “Maya Angelou.” Participants used the grid method. The full image is created one square at a time, person by person, to create a complete picture.

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Members and staff during State Fiscal Year 2017
Who Was Served  
Clientela | Medicaid y no Medicaid

Medicaid, Non-Medicaid Clients in Our Network of Providers  
Includes Consultation, Education, and Prevention Services for Youth

4,556 kids  
9,124 adults

Demographics*:  
54% female, 45% male  |  64% white, 12% black or African-American,  
18% Asian, other races, or unknown  |  87% Non-Hispanic, 6% Hispanic

Funded Agencies for State Fiscal Year 2017  
Agencias que recibieron fondos

Applewood Centers  
Beech Brook  
Bellefaire JCB  
Big Brother Big Sisters  
Catholic Charities  
El Centro de Servicios Sociales  
Far West Center  
Firelands Counseling Center  
Gathering Hope House  
Lucy Idol Center  
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry  
NAMI of Lorain County  
New Sunrise Properties  
The Nord Center  
OhioGuidestone  
Pathways Counseling  
Safe Harbor, Inc.

* Demographics represent adults. Also, numbers may be rounded or estimated or missing some unknown information, and may not always equal 100%.
### Where We Invested

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### Our Revenues

85% of the operating budget comes from local support:

- **$11,428,368** Local Sources
- **$1,274,370** State Sources
- **$810,668** Federal Sources