



2007 SYSTEM INNOVATION FUND RECIPIENTS

System innovation funds are used to promote innovative program ideas that cannot be funded by other sources, but could result in the development of a new service delivery strategy. The following providers received ADAMH system innovation funds in 2007:

Chabad House/Friendship Circle \$23,900
Peer Mentoring

Funding will allow the Chabad House to provide peer mentoring to 50 additional youth with special needs. The Friendship Circle is the only prevention program in Central Ohio in which teens develop leadership skills by mentoring children with special needs.

CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence..... \$47,600
Center for Children & Family Advocacy Partnership

Funding will provide placement of a licensed social worker/therapist at the Center for Child & Family Advocacy (CCFA) to provide integrated behavioral health services to domestic violence victims who present themselves at the CCFA. By placing these services in a non-traditional site, CHOICES will be able to assist victims and survivors of domestic violence without knowledge of the abusive partner, thus eliminating the potential for sabotaging beneficial treatment.

Community Housing Network \$50,000
Tenant Employment Placement Center

Funding will provide employment services under the "Stages of Change" model to those tenants at CHN who have difficulty finding and keeping employment. This is a two-tier program: a three-week pre-employment training program during which interests and abilities are identified, résumés are compiled; and a determination as to whether the CHN program is appropriate or another referral is needed, followed by a six-month on-the-job training program.

COVA (Center of Vocational Alternatives)..... \$28,716
Transitional Employment Service of Persons with Severe & Persistent Mental Illness

Funding will support the transition of COVA's sheltered-employment program to a transitional employment service that will provide community-based competitive career opportunities for persons with a severe mental illness. The funding will be used for curriculum development, expert consultation through Boston University's Center for Psychiatric Rehabilitation, and the administration and data analysis of the Job Profile Questionnaires (JPQ) in cooperation with Decision Support Services, Inc. JPQs are

tailored for use with adults who face one or more significant challenges and who are either moving toward getting a job, are currently employed, or have recently left a job.

Dublin Counseling Center \$27,100
Exercise for Symptom Management Pilot

Funding will provide a pilot project for mental health consumers' symptom management using exercise. Dublin Counseling, in partnership with the YMCA, will begin a program of exercise as an adjunct to therapy. Case management will be provided to assist in breaking down any barriers, including the fatigue that often accompanies depression; lack of transportation and child care; and the discouragement of low self-esteem.

NAMI Franklin County \$23,092
It's Just Not Fair: Support & Education for Children with Mood Disorders & Their Families

Funding will provide a support group program designed for families who have children with mental illness. NAMI offers a nine-week educational session called Hand-to-Hand that is similar to its Family-to-Family session that provides family members with information on dealing with the issues of mental illness.

North Central Mental Health Services \$126,704
Outreach Nurse Team – Persons with Severe & Persistent Mental Illness

Funding will support the start-up costs and non-Medicaid services for the first year of the outreach team, which will include a nurse practitioner as team leader and registered nurses who will provide direct care in the community.

St. Vincent Family Center \$46,818
Early Intervention Services Targeting Hispanic/Latino Children Ages 3-18

Funding will enhance St. Vincent's ability to provide culturally-specific behavioral health care services on behalf of Hispanic/Latino children and their families. Programming will be provided by persons who are fluent in the Spanish language and knowledgeable about Hispanic culture.