

# ODA Quarterly NEWSLETTER



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**Latest Deflection News & Information**

**Welcome back to our quarterly Newsletter!**

**Ohio Deflection Association delivers support around public safety for the health and wellbeing of those struggling with substance use and mental health disorders. Through the development of deflection and pre-arrest diversion strategies, support tools and facilitating the education of community partners providing outreach services. Focusing on real life challenges with real time solutions by providing communities with education, guidance and resources.**

## **2024 ODA Updates:**

**There are big things happening in the World of  
Deflection**

**Including our Annual Summit  
Read below for more details!**

# Ohio Deflection Association 4th Annual Summit:

Join us for the Fourth Annual QRT, Outreach, & Deflection Summit hosted by the Ohio Deflection Association from January 22-24, 2025, in Cincinnati, Ohio. This 2.5-day conference will allow you to enhance your skills through main presentations, breakout sessions, networking and fellowship.

This is a time for all of us to gather in one place to teach, learn and grow together to further our Deflection efforts.

Please join us at the Summit in January for this incredible event!



**[Register now!](#)**

You Must Register By 1/15, 2025

# Award Nominations

**We want to recognize all of the amazing work being done in the field!**

**An important part of our Summit is celebrating the success of our peers.**

**Please follow the link & nominate all of the teams and individuals that deserve to be honored during the award ceremony**



**ODA 4TH ANNUAL SUMMIT**

# **AWARD NOMINATIONS**

◆ Please make your  
nominations for all of  
the deserving QRTs  
today!

***CAST YOUR VOTES TODAY!***



**ALL NOMINATIONS DUE BY:  
DECEMBER 31ST**

[OhioDeflectionassociation.org](http://OhioDeflectionassociation.org)

# Ohio Deflection Association 4th Annual Summit Quick Links:

[Hotel Booking for Summit](#)

[Award Nominations](#)

[Attendee Registration](#)

[Mini Grant Application](#)



# Community Support Supplies

**In 2025 The Ohio Deflection Association will be starting a new program to further help out communities all over Ohio.**

**We are going to be taking and fulfilling orders for community support supplies.**

**Things such as Hygiene Kits, Wound Care Kits, Narcan, Fentanyl Test Strips, Hand and Body Warmers & Blankets....**

**Our Secretary, Nicole Jenkins and our Administrative Assistant, Scotlynn Duff Will be taking orders at the 2025 Summit during our office hours,**

**Please be on the lookout for more details as we finalize some details.**

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Scotlynn!**

**[odaassociate@gmail.com](mailto:odaassociate@gmail.com)**



## Knowledge Hub:

A primary role of the Deflection Initiative is collecting, providing access to, and disseminating information on promising and best practices. Our newly launched Knowledge Hub serves as a central location for resources, innovations, and programs that will promote progress, advance the field of deflection, and support teams around the state. A document repository, deflection literature, and local and national resources can currently be found on the site.

**Sign Up Below:**

**Deflection ECHO**

**Knowledge Hub**

**Sign up for Deflection News**

## The Deflection ECHO:

The Deflection ECHO is intended to build a network and community for Ohio quick/overdose response/deflection teams. Medical first responders, law enforcement, peers, and treatment providers, etc are encouraged to join the monthly one-hour session designed to share promising practices amongst one another to help respond to what teams face in the field. The hour includes a brief informational presentation followed by consultation time so that teams can share scenarios or ask questions and learn from one another. **Sign up now!**

**DEFLECTION ECHO**








**SCHEDULE**

<b>OCT 9</b>	<b>Deflection Approaches to Address Disparities with LGBTQI+</b> Caitlin Looney, LISW-S Morgan Brown, LSW, MSW Office of Justice Policy & Programs
<b>NOV 13</b>	<b>Neurosequential Stress Model for First Responders</b> Eve Fitch, LISW RREACT
<b>DEC 11</b>	<b>Stories over Stigma</b> Hannah Shilling, CDCA II, PRS, OCPA, CHW Hamilton County Public Health

# Operation Bridge

**Bridging Recovery & Interdiction Data Gathering Enforcement.**

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) in collaboration with other state, local and private entities are driving two statewide community outreach days called Operation BRIDGE Days. The focus will be a collaborative effort to identify resources and build partnerships between law enforcement and outreach within the community. The goal is to have participation in all 88 counties in the State of Ohio. For more information on future operations or if you would like to participate, please email [BRIDGE@dps.ohio.gov](mailto:BRIDGE@dps.ohio.gov).

	<b>Operation BRIDGE</b>	
<b>2024 TOTAL STATISTICS</b>		
<b>INTERDICTION</b>	<b>OUTREACH</b>	
<b>SEIZURES</b>		
Cocaine 91.37 grams	Outreach Contacts 4,829	
Marijuana 17 pounds	People Connected to Treatment 70	
Fentanyl 336.8 grams	Referrals to Treatment 217	
Heroin 30 grams	Naloxone Kits Distributed 2,475	
Crack 98 grams	Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed 2,301	
	Connected with BMV Services* 155	
	<b>Remaining 2024 Operation BRIDGE Events</b>	
Traffic Stops Initiated 669	• Stark County – September 18-19	
Felony Arrests (Non-Drug Related) 17	• Guernsey County – September 24-25	
Felony Arrests (Drug Related) 34	• Franklin County – October 8-9	
Misdemeanor Arrest (Non-Drug Related) 12		
Misdemeanor Arrest (Drug Related) 16		
Search Warrants 4		
Criminal Cases Initiated (Non-Drug Related) 15		
Criminal Cases Initiated (Drug Related) 24		
Citations Issued 183		
 Firearms Seized 5	 Devices Submitted for Digital Forensic Examination 2	
 Warrants Served 48		



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## Voices from the field:

“Bridge day was a SUCCESS! We had 120 people come through and get information and 23 agencies participate. It was a really good event. Next year we are going to hold it in Oakhill.”

-Amanda Davis, Jackson County PORT



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**In October ODA Board Member and former South-Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit Commander Dennis Lowe accepted a new position with Ohio Department of Public Safety Office of Criminal Justice Services as the Ohio Drug Task Forces Liaison and Operation BRIDGE Coordinator. In his new position Dennis will work closely with Ohio's multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task forces and oversee Operation BRIDGE for the Department of Public Safety. BRIDGE is a multi-disciplinary deflection program bringing together public safety and behavioral/mental health partners in a coordinated effort to address the supply of illicit drugs entering communities while offering community resources and expedited access to treatment for those with substance use disorders.**

**If you would like more information on BRIDGE or are interested in hosting a BRIDGE event in your community click the link below to learn more**

**[Click here for more Information](#)**

# Upcoming Events:



## 2025 ONIC Law Enforcement Drug Summit

Free event for criminal justice professionals with breakout sessions covering:

- Investigations
- Intelligence
- Digital Forensics, and
- Laboratory Science

**MAY 28-29  
2025**

**LOCATION:**

The Ohio State University, Ohio Union  
1739 N. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43210



For more information.

# Upcoming Events:



Veterans, first responders, and front-line warriors can immerse themselves in the healing powers of nature through this mindfulness series, Hero Hikes. These hikes will focus on quiet reflection and cultivating awareness of thoughts, emotions, and the surrounding environment. By embracing mindfulness, we can equip ourselves with tools to thrive in the face of adversity. Join us to relax, unwind, and enjoy the healing sights and sounds of nature.

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**THURS., NOV. 21, 10–11 AM**

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This program focuses on serving our veterans, first responders, and front-line warriors, however, anyone looking for an opportunity to better manage stress is welcome to attend! Registration is not required but all participants are asked to respect the peacefulness and quiet reflection of this program.

 **Veterans  
Crisis Line**  
DIAL 988 then PRESS 1  
[VETERANSCRISISLINE.NET](http://VETERANSCRISISLINE.NET)

# Available Funding Opportunities

## ODA Mini Grants:

- a. The ODA board approved the opening of the application process for any ODA member to apply for funding to support your deflection efforts—a limit of \$1,000 per team/site in a calendar year.
- b. ODA Mini-grant funding can be used for any “Deflection” related expense. Food, materials, contingency management items (e.g., gift cards), IDs, birth certificates, and whatever else your team might need.
- c. Ohio teams/sites will take precedence in selecting the priority of application for funds.
- i. With that said, all ODA members are encouraged to apply for funding.
- d. This is a reminder for all 2024 ODA Summit registrants that your registration includes a 13-month ODA membership until February 2025.
- e. Anyone not a current ODA member can update your membership for \$25.

<https://forms.office.com/g/w3B040DNXS>

