

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.

2025 ODA Updates:

The Ohio Deflection Association has officially started the planning process for the 5th Annual Training Summit. The Summit will be held January 20th- 23rd, 2026 in Cincinnati, Ohio

Stay tuned for more information!

2025 ODA Updates:

In early 2025, the Ohio Deflection Association officially became a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. As part of this transition, team members have been assigned new organizational email addresses.

Tom Fallon
Executive Director



tom@ohiodeflectionassociation.org

Scotlynn Duff
Administrative Assistant



admin@ohiodeflectionassociation.org

In January 2025, The Ohio Deflection Association hired an Executive Director. Tom Fallon will serve as a principal advisor to the Ohio Deflection Association Board, guiding all policy matters related to services, growth and operations.

Commander Fallon has been working very closely with the Ohio Deflection Association Administrative Assistant, Scotlynn Duff.

Tom and Scotlynn have been collaborating on a few different projects including The Ohio Deflection Association Regional Lunch & Learn Trainings.

See More Information Below:

Regional Lunch & Learn Trainings

These in-person training sessions were developed to bridge the gap between our annual summits and provide an opportunity for group learning and engagement. The Ohio Deflection Association has successfully hosted four sessions to date and are looking forward to our fifth at the end of this month in Northeast, Ohio. Sessions include open group discussions, an introduction to your ODA Regional Representative, Stigma training and a tailored seminar on Recovery Ohio's Overdose Early Warning Dashboard by Erin Reed, Director of Recovery Ohio.

Ohio Deflection Association

Lunch & Learn Regional Trainings

-Northeast Ohio-

Join us in Medina County for the Northeast, Ohio ODA Regional
"Lunch & Learn" Training

- Meet your Regional Representative and learn about their role
- Take part in open discussions about funding and program needs
- Training on Recovery Ohio's Overdose Early Warning Dashboard
- Peer-Led training on Stigma, Tailored to Regional needs

WHERE?

Cleveland Clinic-Medina Hospital
1000 East Washington St, Medina Ohio 44256

WHEN?

July 28, 2025
10am-2pm

Regional Lunch & Learn Trainings



May 2nd, 2025
Southwest, OH

May 6th, 2025
Northwest,
OH



Regional Lunch & Learn Trainings



May 22nd, 2025
Southeast, OH

May 23rd, 2025
Central, OH



2025 ODA Updates:

At the beginning of 2025, members of The Ohio Deflection Association pledged to spend more time in the field with different teams across the state.

Since then, Members have participated in many outreach events and Operation BRIDGE Events to offer support.

Ross County BRIDGE Event:



Lawrence County BRIDGE Event:



ODA Needs Your Help!

The Ohio Deflection Association has been working on an ODA Membership Directory to serve as a master list for our members.

On the Ohio Deflection Association website there is a County Map with useful resources.

We are working on updating and building that list to offer more opportunities for engagement and collaboration.

We ask that if you know of any change in leadership, you let us know so that we can provide the most accurate information.

We also ask that you take a look at your county and let us know how we can change the information to better fit your team and your mission.

We want to know the following information:

Your Team Name

Your Teams Point of Contact and their contact information

Your Teams Mission Statement

This information can be passed along to our Administrative Assistant

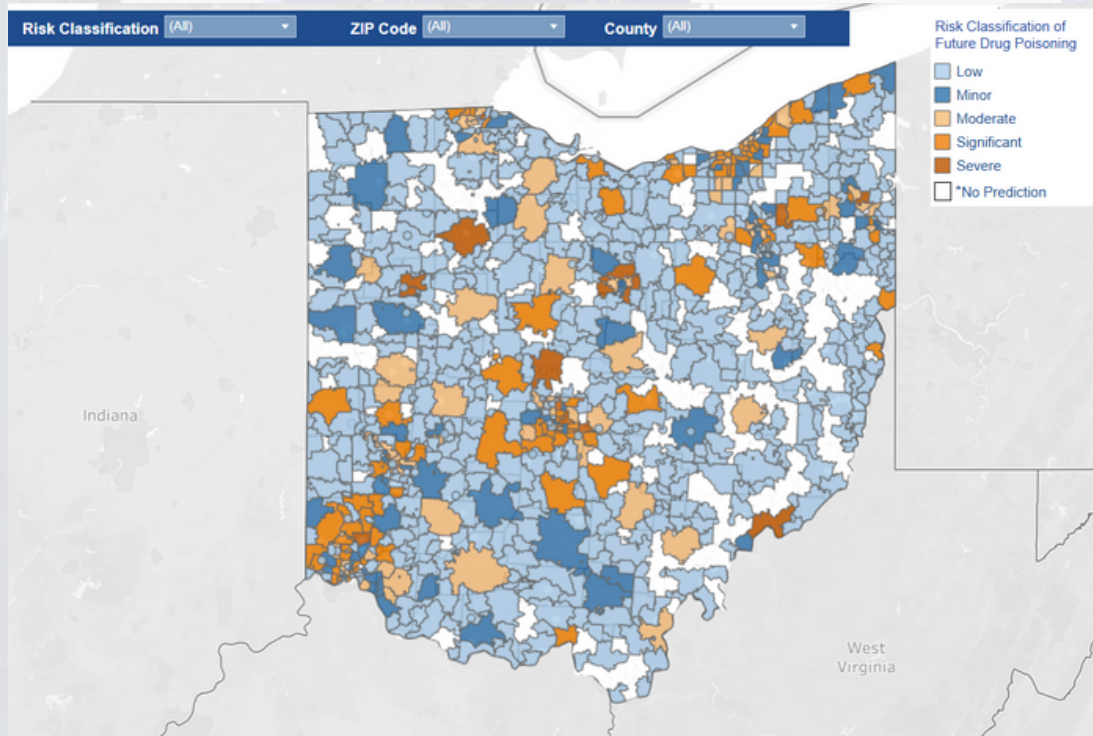
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Useful Resources:



RecoveryOhio's Overdose Early Warning Dashboard is a groundbreaking tool designed to predict when communities may be at heightened risk for a spike in drug overdoses, so local leaders can take action in time to save lives.

The first-of-its-kind dashboard draws upon a variety of data sources to pinpoint ZIP codes at increased risk for overdoses up to 30 days in advance – providing local leaders with a critical window for intervention.



[Click here for more information](#)

Useful Resources:

As part of our 2025 expansion efforts, we are pleased to announce the introduction of an official telephone line for enhanced support. our part-time Administrative Assistant will be available to assist you during the following hours:

Tuesdays: 11am- 4pm

Wednesdays: 2pm- 5pm

Thursdays: 10am-2pm

Please feel free to call during these times should you or your team require any additional support.

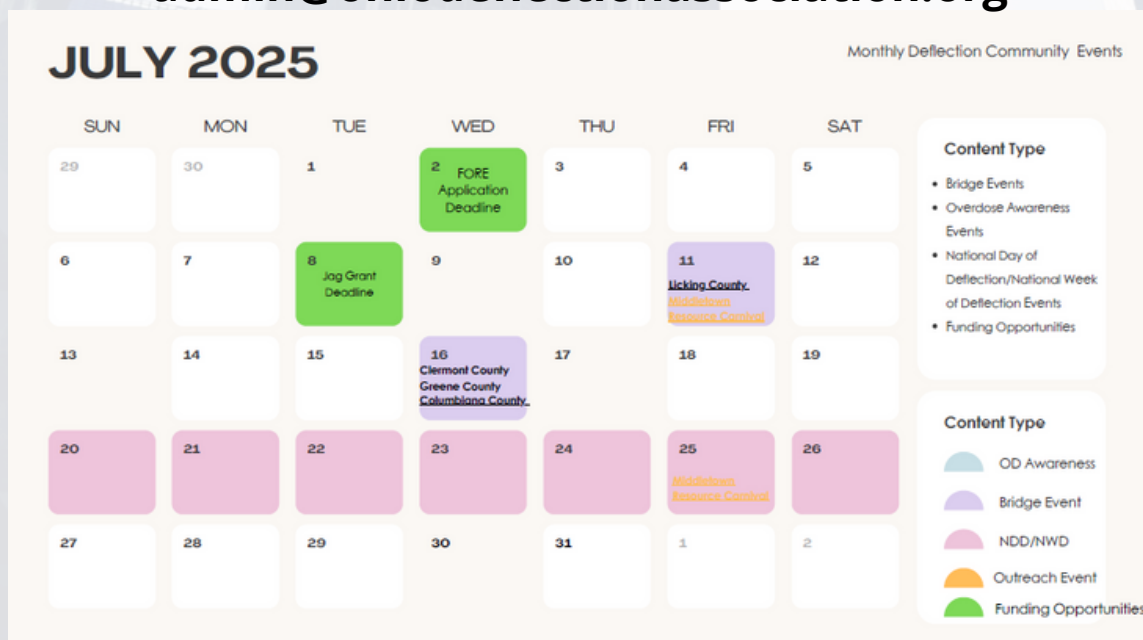
513-319-7567

The Ohio Deflection Association Secretary, Nicole Jenkins has developed a new calendar, now available on our website, to keep everyone informed and up to date.

This centralized resource includes BRIDGE events, Outreach initiatives, funding opportunities and deadlines, as well as updates related to National Deflection Day/ Week

If you would like to add an event to the calendar, please don't hesitate to reach out.

admin@ohiodeflectionassociation.org



[Click here to see our website](#)

Strengthening Deflection Across Ohio: ODA's Impact in 2025

Words from ODA President, Dan Meloy

"In 2025, the Ohio Deflection Association (ODA) continued to expand its leadership role in advancing deflection and community-based crisis response. The year began with the ODA Summit in, January, drawing participation from 14 U.S. states and Canada, and featured nationally accredited training sessions and the presentation of ODA awards. ODA provided \$19,000 in mini-grant awards to support 19 deflection initiatives, while distributing nearly \$11,000 in outreach supplies to more than 30 teams across Ohio."

"In a significant organizational milestone, ODA conducted a search for our first Executive Director and selected Cmdr. (ret.) Tom Fallon. He began his service as ODA Executive Director in January, during the 2025 ODA Summit. Throughout this year, ODA partnered with each of Ohio's five regions to host regional "Lunch and Learn" events- introducing the ODA regional representatives, facilitating community conversations about stigma, and showcasing Ohio's "Early Warning Dashboard" with RecoveryOhio Director Erin Reed. These efforts underscore ODA's ongoing commitment to community collaboration, innovation, and systems change."

Community Support Supplies

At the 2025 ODA Summit members of the Board took orders from teams all across Ohio and surrounding states for community outreach supplies. The orders were then hand packaged and shipped out to these teams.



Community Support Supplies



**Hamilton County, Ohio's HopeLine
using their supplies for outreach events!**



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

14

AUG, 2025

TO BE DETERMINED
TO BE ANNOUNCED

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SEPT, 2025

SIX PATHWAYS OF DEFLECTION, PART 1
JAC CHARLIER, MPA
POLICE, TREATMENT, AND
COMMUNITY COLLABORATIVE/TASC
CENTER FOR HEALTH AND JUSTICE

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OCT, 2025

SIX PATHWAYS OF DEFLECTION, PART 2
JAC CHARLIER, MPA
POLICE, TREATMENT, AND
COMMUNITY
COLLABORATIVE/TASC CENTER
FOR HEALTH AND JUSTICE

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NOV, 2025

**USING DATA TO MAKE THE CASE
FOR DEFLECTION**
DAWN SCHWARTZ, PUBLIC HEALTH-
DAYTON AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY
KELLY FIRESHEETS, PSYD, CORDATA
HEALTHCARE INNOVATIONS



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.

Upcoming BRIDGE Events:

GREENE COUNTY OHIO

July 16-17

CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO

July 16-17

COLUMBIANA COUNTY, OHIO

July 17

MIDDLETOWN, OHIO

July 25

LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO

September 2

If you're interested in attending any of these events please feel free to reach out for further details

BRIDGE@dps.ohio.gov

admin@ohiodeflectionassociation.org

Training Opportunity:



Introduction to Trauma-Informed Care for Post Overdose Outreach Teams :

This is an online course that aims to equip first responders and post-overdose outreach teams with the background and tools to implement a trauma-informed response when interacting with a person who has experienced an overdose.

The course is divided into 5 modules. All modules will need to be completed in order to complete the requirements for course completion.

[Click here for more information on this course:](#)

Special Feature:

Franklin County's own, The HOPE Dealer Community was featured in a segment on CBS evening news regarding the decline in overdose deaths

The Hope Resource Center serves Columbus residents fighting addiction, homelessness, and mental health challenges in disadvantaged neighborhoods with high rates of overdoses, poverty, and human trafficking. Our Resource Centers provide a pipeline from life-threatening addiction and homelessness to lasting sobriety, community engagement, family reunification, and employment, restoring hope and human potential.



[Click here to watch the segment:](#)

Upcoming Events:

Clermont Bridge Day

BUILDING BRIDGES TO RECOVERY

Walmart 

Eastgate Walmart
4370 Eastgate Square Dr.
Cincinnati, OH 45245

July 16th from 10 am - 3 pm

**COMMUNITY
RESOURCES!**

**FREE FOOD AND
GIVEAWAYS!**

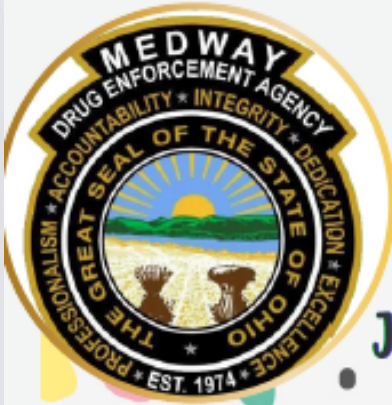


Department of
Public Safety

Office of
Criminal Justice
Services



Upcoming Events:



BRIDGE DAY 2025

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

FRIDAY JULY 18TH 3:30-5:30PM

AT RITTMAN SCHOOLS

JOIN US FOR FREE ICE CREAM, GAMES & FUN



Wayne County Common Pleas Adult Probation

FAMILY FUN PROVIDED BY:

THE MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY BOARD

ANAZAO

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

CHRYSAUS FAMILY SOLUTIONS

COMMUNITY ACTION

COMMUNITY LEGAL AID

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THE COUNSELING CENTER

THE VILLAGE NETWORK

VIOLA STARTZMAN CLINIC

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

WAYNE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

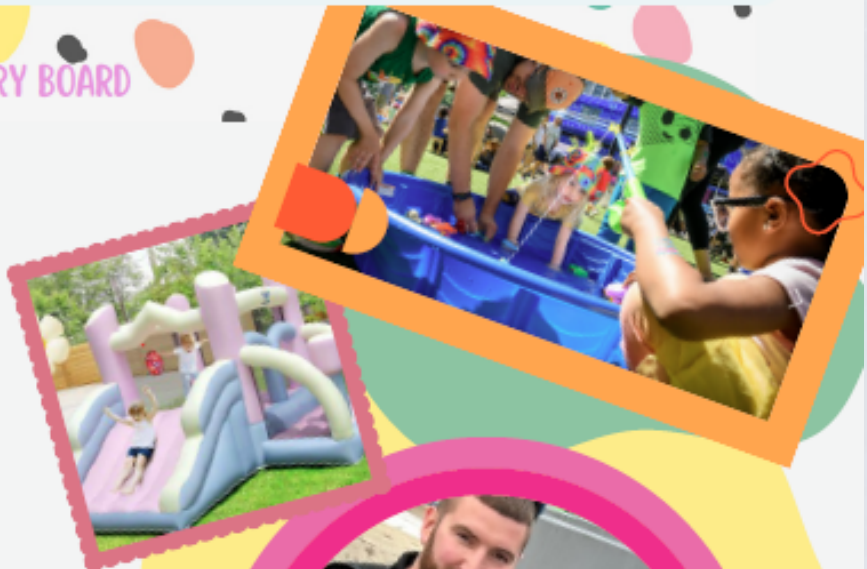
OHIO NATIONAL GUARD COUNTERDRUG PROGRAM

WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF

OHIO STATE PATROL

ORRVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

WAYNE COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES



Rittman Police Department

Upcoming Events:

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

AUGUST 5, 2025 - 5:00 pm

LOCATION: RITTMAN HS/MS PARKING LOT

(IF IT RAINS - EVENTS WILL BE IN THE GYM)

100 SAURER ST., RITTMAN, OH

- FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES
- LAW ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES
- FOOD & DRINKS
- AREA SPECIALTY UNITS
- AND MORE!



Family Friendly



Upcoming Events:

JUDGE MARK T. MUSICK

**OVERDOSE AWARENESS
MEMORIAL RUN (5K)
2025**

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**THEIR FIGHT
IS OUR FIGHT**

START TIME:

8AM

SIGN-IN DEADLINE:

7:50AM

-LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

-BALLOON LAUNCH AFTER

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST
THEIR BATTLE WITH
ADDICTION**

Upcoming Events:

OVERDOSE AWARENESS

Free Tribute Tattoo

brought to you by

*The Mental Health & Recovery Board of
Wayne and Holmes Counties*



Ink That Speaks In recognition of Overdose Awareness Day

If you have lost a loved one to overdose you are invited to receive a free tribute tattoo as a lasting symbol of remembrance. Meaningful designs such as the Overdose Awareness ribbon or angel wings with initials are available.

SATURDAY AUGUST 30, 2025



2-8PM

**156 E LIBERTY ST.
WOOSTER**



11AM-7PM

**18 N WASHINGTON
ST. MILLERSBURG**

*No Appointment Necessary
First Come ~First Serve*

Upcoming Events:

hoperecoverycommunity.org



INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY EVENT

August 31, 2025 // 7:30pm

Hope Recovery Community: 200 Highland Dr., Medina, Ohio

Join us for our 8th Annual International Overdose Awareness Event. This year we will be doing an intimate outdoor event in the HRC parking lot. We will have speakers, candle light vigil, photo display, and resources. Event is rain or shine!

Photos can be submitted to: srobinson@hoperecoverycommunity.org



330-952-0109



srobinson@hoperecoverycommunity.org

HOPE
Recovery Community

Medina County
MHRB
Mental Health & Recovery Board

Upcoming Events:

**National Day/ Week of Deflection
July 20th- 26th, 2025**

National Deflection Week is an initiative to raise awareness about deflection programs.

These programs aim to divert individuals away from the criminal justice system and towards treatment and support services.

if you or your team plans on taking part in National Deflection Week, please let us know by taking our survey and tell us how you supported the cause!



[Click here to take our survey](#)