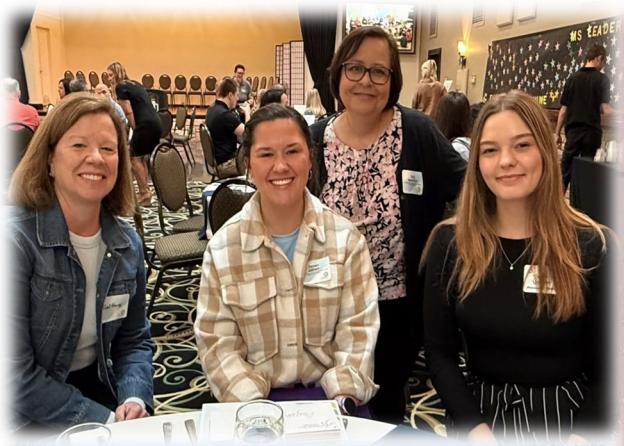
FY2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Medina County MHRB

Mental Health & Recovery Board









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MISSION

The Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board's mission is to decrease stigma and provide hope for a better life by assuring the availability of high-quality services in the areas of mental health, substance use, and recovery support to all Medina County residents through planning, purchasing cost effective services to the extent resources are available, coordinating, and evaluating these services.

OUR ROLE

The Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board (MHRB) is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors consisting of up to 14 Medina County residents appointed by the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) and Medina County Commissioners. The Board is responsible for identifying community behavioral health needs, planning and funding services as resources allow, and monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of mental health and substance use disorder programs. Through partnerships with contracted providers, the MHRB supports a comprehensive continuum of care that includes prevention, treatment, education, recovery support, and crisis services for Medina County residents.

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES

The cost of services provided through MHRB-contracted agencies is based on an individual's or family's ability to pay, using a sliding fee scale determined by household income. Payment arrangements are established directly with the provider at the start of services, and available funding sources, including private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, and other benefits, are utilized first. As the payer of last resort, the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board helps cover the cost of care for eligible Medina County residents who cannot afford the full cost of services. Through the Board's Ability to Pay Fee Schedule, behavioral health services remain accessible to those in need, regardless of financial circumstances. No one is denied services due to an inability to pay.

MEDINA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES LEVY

On November 3, 2019, Medina County voters approved the county's first-ever Human Services Levy, and in November 2023, they demonstrated their continued support by renewing it. The levy generates approximately $5 million annually to support the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Medina County Job and Family Services, and Medina County Senior & Adult Services, helping assure essential services remain available to residents throughout the county. Through ongoing collaboration, these agencies maximize the impact of levy dollars while assuring mutual accountability to the community. The MHRB uses levy funding to support critical initiatives, including crisis and suicide prevention services, recovery support programs, supportive housing, and other behavioral health services. We are deeply grateful to Medina County residents for their continued investment in the health and well-being of our community through support of the levy.

MHRB FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS

In FY2026, the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board continued its commitment to ensuring Medina County residents have access to a comprehensive continuum of behavioral health services. The Board's largest investments supported Alternative Paths and OhioGuidestone, two community-based providers offering a broad range of mental health, substance use, and recovery support services as well as access to a full continuum of care through partnerships with neighboring counties. The MHRB also funded Catholic Charities to provide senior case management services for adults age 60 and older, along with mental health and substance use counseling for individuals of all ages. During FY2026, the MHRB continued to provide funding to Hope Recovery Community to provide a continuum of peer and recovery support services, including certified recovery housing initiatives. In addition, the MHRB funded the Board-owned Discovery Recovery House, a certified 12-bed Level 3 recovery residence for women, managed by OhioGuidestone. The Board also continued to invest in the Board owned Youth Resiliency and Counseling Center (YRCC), a state-of-the-art counseling facility designed to engage youth through innovative therapeutic spaces, including art, movement, play, sand, and calming rooms that complement traditional counseling approaches. Beyond these core investments, the MHRB supported a wide array of programs and services addressing behavioral health needs across the lifespan. These investments included early childhood mental health services, behavioral health support at The Children's Center of Medina County, supportive housing, crisis services, school-based prevention programming, forensic assessment and treatment services, and specialized supports for older adults and seniors. Together, these initiatives help ensure Medina County residents have access to a coordinated, responsive, and comprehensive system of care.

CAMPUS OF SERVICES

The Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board is located within the county's human services campus, a collaborative hub that brings together key organizations serving Medina County residents. Co-located in the same building as the MHRB are Alternative Paths and OhioGuidestone, which provide outpatient and community-based behavioral health services, including assessment, counseling, crisis intervention, and Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Also located in the building are Medina County Senior & Adult Services and Adult Protective Services. Across the parking lot are Medina County Job and Family Services, Community Action Wayne/Medina, and the Veterans Administration. Within walking distance are additional community resources, including Hope Recovery Community, the Discovery Recovery House, Cathy's House, the Youth Resiliency & Counseling Center, and Next Step Up, an emergency shelter operated by the Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority. This unique campus model enhances coordination among service providers, increases access to treatment and recovery support, and helps reduce barriers such as transportation, creating a more seamless experience for individuals seeking care and support.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES

The Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) works to partner with local boards, providers and communities. They operate six regional behavioral healthcare hospitals, and they license, certify, and regulate more than 2,400 community behavioral health providers in Ohio, while also ensuring patient's rights within the system. In an effort to reduce stigma through integrated, person centered care and language, in October of 2025, the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services officially became the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH). In December of 2025, DBH announced the creation of their Bureau of Crisis Services in order to streamline all crisis services, including the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS) and Adult Mobile Crisis Services. The implementation of Ohio DBH's crisis services plan brought Riveon Mental Health & Recovery in Lorain County as Medina County's 988 hub. Additionally, DBH introduced MRSS for youth up to age 20, providing funding to Applewood Centers, Inc. from Lorain County to provide mobile response and stabilization services to youth in Medina County.



Annual Step Up to Prevent Suicide Walk, Medina Square



Trunk or Treat at the YRCC



Tia Moretti, Director of Ohio DBH

MHRB FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

ALTERNATIVE PATHS

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Coalition for Suicide Prevention members

Alternative Paths is a nonprofit, community-based behavioral health provider serving Medina County through its main campus in Medina and satellite offices in Brunswick, Lodi, and Wadsworth. Its multidisciplinary team, including psychiatrists, psychologists, nurses, counselors, social workers, case managers, prevention specialists, and community support professionals delivers individualized, person-centered care to meet the diverse needs of children, adolescents, and adults. As Medina County's designated adult crisis services provider, Alternative Paths operates a 24/7 Crisis & Behavioral Health Helpline and Alternative Paths offers a comprehensive range of mental health, substance use, and recovery services. The agency has longstanding expertise in serving individuals with Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and provides specialized services for youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED), individuals involved in the criminal justice system, and those seeking treatment for substance use disorders, including Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Alternative Paths also serves as the local gatekeeper for inpatient treatment services for high-risk youth through partnerships with the Family First Council and ICAT programs. With support from the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Alternative Paths' forensic services include specialized programs that provide evaluation, treatment and monitoring for individuals with mental illness or developmental disabilities involved in the criminal justice system. In FY2026, this included a growing demand for competency evaluations, specialized court services, and forensic case management. During the year, the agency served 5,836 unique individuals and responded to 3,643 crisis calls, including 3,336 adult and 307 youth calls, demonstrating its vital role in Medina County's behavioral health system.

Alternative Paths received 3,336 adult and 307 youth crisis calls in FY2026



Alternative Paths served 5,836 unique, unduplicated clients in FY2026

MHRB FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

OhioGuidestone

WHERE NEW PATHS BEGIN

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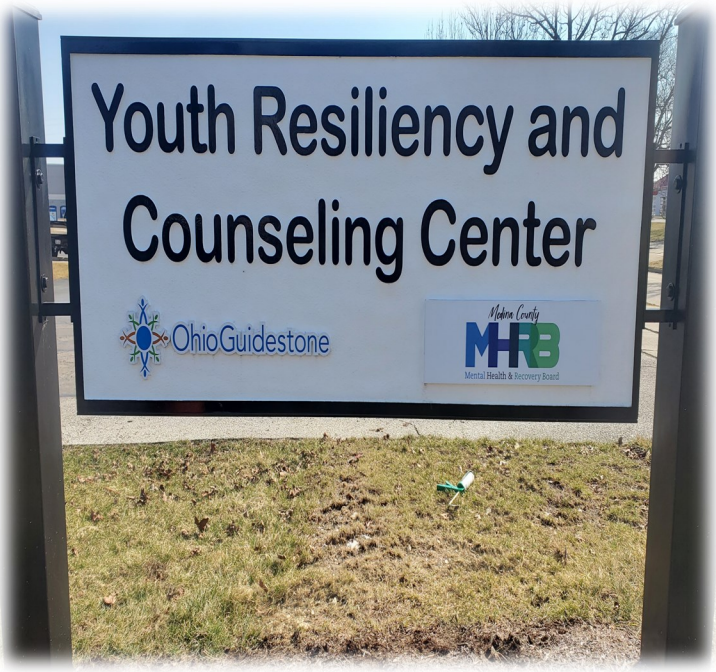
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OhioGuidestone is a nonprofit, community-based behavioral health organization that provides comprehensive mental health, substance use, and recovery services for children, adolescents, and adults throughout Medina County. Its multidisciplinary team, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, case managers, peer supporters, prevention specialists, and community support professionals, delivers individualized care designed to address a wide range of behavioral health needs. In FY2026, OhioGuidestone served 1,475 individuals seeking mental health and substance use services. With support from the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board, OhioGuidestone has developed a strong peer support network that served 201 individuals during FY2026. The agency also operates a Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) open-access walk-in clinic, which provided services to 194 individuals during the year. In addition, OhioGuidestone oversees the Board-owned, 12-bed Discovery Recovery House for women and provides clinical services to its residents. OhioGuidestone continued to provide programming at the Board owned Youth Resiliency & Counseling Center (YRCC). By offering services in office settings, community locations, and clients' homes, OhioGuidestone helps reduce barriers to care and ensures residents across Medina County can access the support they need.

OGS served 1,475 individuals with mental health and substance use needs in FY2026



In FY2026 the OGS MAT Walk-in clinic served 194 unduplicated individuals

MHRB FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMS

HOPE
Recovery Community

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The timeline of Hope Recovery Community's creation began in 2018 when the MHRB supported the hiring of a Peer Recovery Coordinator and the expansion of peer recovery support services. The Peer Recovery Coordinator, along with support from the recovery community, initiated a nonprofit Recovery Community organization by the name of Hope Recovery Community (HRC). The MHRB secured a state capital grant to purchase and renovate a home on Highland Drive in the City of Medina, creating a countywide hub for peer recovery support services. That facility remains the home of Hope Recovery Community today.

In 2019, HRC opened its doors and quickly established itself as a leader in peer-led recovery support and multiple pathways to recovery. The MHRB has provided annual operational funding for HRC, as well as the physical site for their location. Also, in FY2022 the MHRB applied for and received a capital grant to put an addition on the house on Highland Drive, and this project was completed in April 2023. Over the years, the organization has expanded its impact through peer support services, youth programming, harm reduction initiatives, recovery-focused community engagement, their recovery farm, the 24/7 Hope Link peer line, and much more. Their 24/7 Hope Link peer line served 705 individuals in FY2026. Additionally, during the year, HRC's recovery farm project donated over 5,790 pounds of produce to the community. HRC partners include MHRB provider agencies, OhioGuidestone and Alternative Paths. In addition, HRC collaborates closely with the MHRB's Discovery Recovery House, the Medina County probation departments, Medina County Job and Family Services, the Medina County Health Department, area hospitals, and numerous other residential and detox facilities across Ohio. HRC is an important and highly regarded part of Medina County.

IN FY2026, HRC's 24/7 Hope Link served 705 individuals

HRC has also become a leader in certified recovery housing, providing safe and supportive living environments that promote long-term recovery and independence. Hope Recovery Community offers a safe, structured, all-encompassing approach to provide residents with the tools they need to succeed and live a healthy lifestyle. HRC is certified by Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH), which means they adhere to the highest standards and meet the national standards set forth by the National Alliance of Recovery Residences (NARR). With continued support from the MHRB, the organization has expanded housing opportunities for men and women throughout Medina County, helping individuals build stability, strengthen recovery, and improve their quality of life. In FY2026, HRC expanded Level 1 housing for women and Level 2 housing for men. Hope Recovery Community has the capacity to house 44 men and three women at one time. In FY2026, their average total program length of stay for Level 1 men's houses was 563 days, and 180 days for Level 2 houses. The Level 1 women's average length of stay was 110 days.





OTHER MEDINA COUNTY MHRB FUNDED SERVICES & PROGRAMS

The Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board invests in a broad range of programs and services to ensure Medina County residents have access to comprehensive behavioral health care and support. Additional MHRB-funded services and initiatives include:



Catholic Charities
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Medina County

Through its partnership with the Medina County Mental Health & Recovery Board, Catholic Charities provides senior case management services for older adults and behavioral health counseling for individuals across the lifespan. In FY2026, the organization remained a trusted and reliable partner, helping strengthen the county's continuum of care.

Grants and Opiate Initiatives

Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) Grant	Funding for treatment and ancillary services for Specialized Docket Drug Court participants engaged with Medina Common Pleas Drug Courts, Juvenile Drug Court, and the Medina Municipal Valor (Veterans) Court.
Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CJBH) Linkage Grant	Funding to Alternative Paths for community linkage services for individuals incarcerated at the Medina County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center. Assists with linking individuals to community treatment, Medication, and psychiatric services to prevent reincarceration.
Community Transition Program (CTP)	Funding to OhioGuidestone to provide community linkage for offenders with severe mental health and/or substance use issues being released from prison.
Jail Psychotropic Medication Assistance	Assist with securing reimbursement for the cost of psychotropic medications dispensed in the Medina County Jail.
Medina County Health Department	Narcan kits available to the public through the Health Department's Project DAWN Clinic.
Medina County Addiction & Recovery Coalition (formerly the Opiate Task Force)	Created an Opiate Task Force (Renamed the Medina County Addiction & Recovery Coalition), in partnership with the Medina County Health Department.
Medina County Opiate Response Team	Funding to Alternative Paths for the Medina County Opiate Response Team, which was formed in partnership with the Medina County Sheriff's Office.
State Opioid and Stimulant Response Funding (SOS)	Funding to Alternative Paths, Cathy's House, Hope Recovery Community, and OhioGuidestone for numerous opiate initiatives.
Specialized Dockets Funding	Pass through funding for the operation of the certified Adult Drug Courts, Mental Health Court, Valor (Veteran's) Court, and Juvenile Drug Court.

Housing

Hope Recovery Community Recovery Housing (certified)	MHRB support for: Medina Level 2 recovery housing for up to 17 men; Medina Level 2 Farm house for up to 16 men; Medina Level 1 recovery housing for up to six men; Brunswick Level 1 recovery housing for up to five men; and Level 1 recovery housing for three women.
Discovery Recovery House (certified)	A 12-bed, Level 3 certified women's recovery house owned by the MHRB and operated by OhioGuidestone. OhioGuidestone offers treatment, peer and recovery support services for residents.
Manhattan and Jefferson Apartments	Supportive housing units owned by Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority and reserved by the Medina County MHRB with programming through Alternative Paths.
Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority (MMHA)	Funding to MMHA to manage MHRB properties, including housing for those with serious mental health Issues, to provide HUD/Housing consultation services, and to support a homelessness case manager.
Northland Place I and II	Permanent supportive housing units owned by the Medina MHRB with programming through Alternative Paths.
Washington Place Apartments	Permanent supportive housing units owned by the Medina MHRB with programming through Alternative Paths.

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Seniors

Medina County Senior & Adult Services	Funding for senior prevention services in Brunswick, Medina, Wadsworth, and Lodi.
Catholic Charities Community Services Medina County	Home-based case management and counseling services for seniors.

Youth and School Initiatives

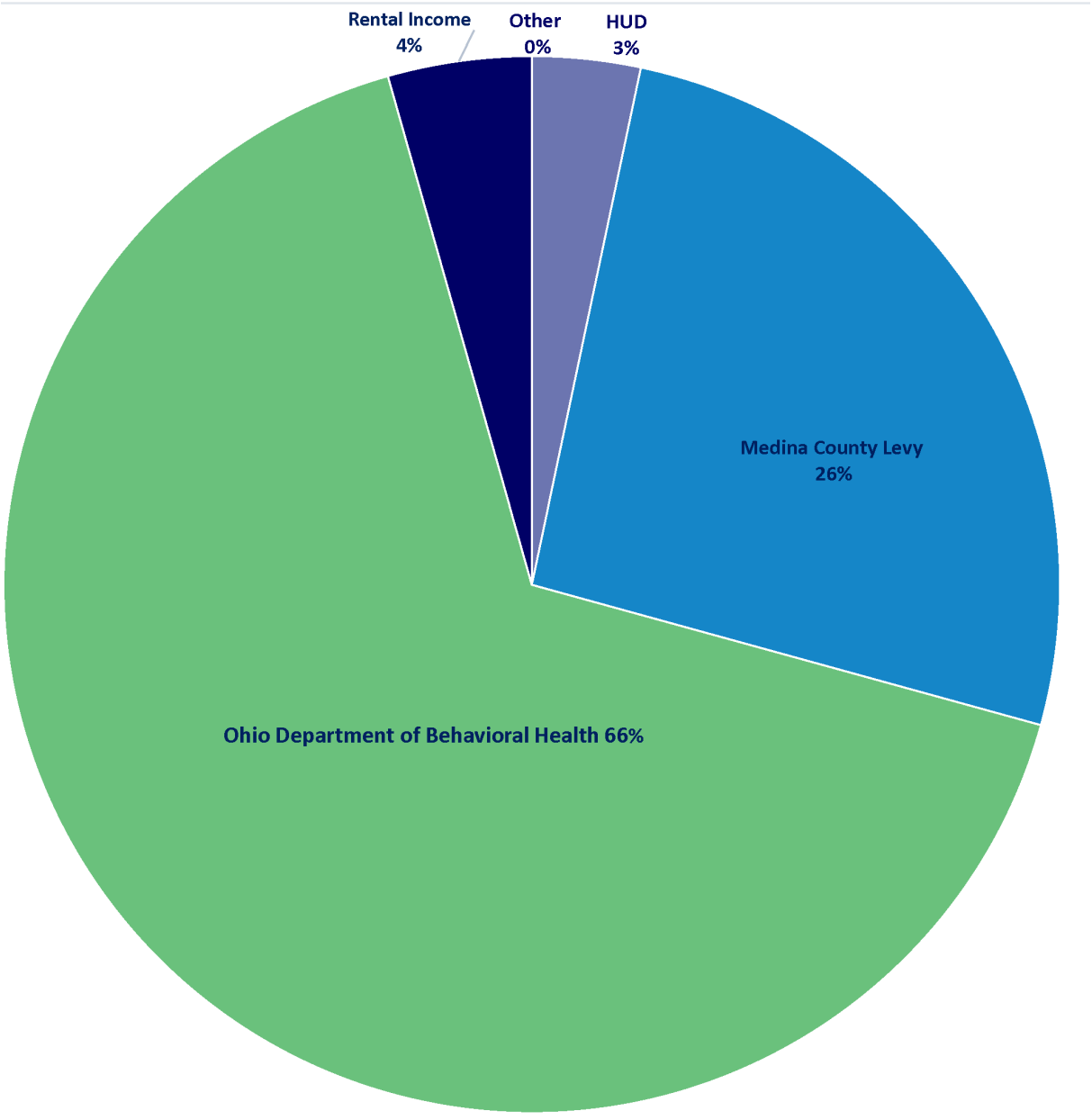
Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Services	Funding to OhioGuidestone to provide Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health services to Medina County preschools through the Whole Child Matters grant.
The Children's Center of Medina County	Funding for crisis intervention and mental health services.
Hope Squad	Seed funding to Medina City Schools, Buckeye and Cloverleaf Schools for this peer led suicide prevention program.
Medina County Juvenile Drug Court Program	Funding to Alternative Paths to support the substance use and mental health treatment of teens involved with Medina County Juvenile Drug Court.
OhioSTART (Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma)	An intervention program that provides intensive trauma counseling to children who have suffered victimization due to substance use by a parent, as well as peer support to families with the overall goal of stabilizing families so that children and parents can recover and lead abuse and addiction-free lives.
Prevention Services	Funding through contracted agencies to provide school and community-wide prevention services.
SHARE (Student Health, Advocacy, Resources, and Empowerment) Coalition	Funding for leadership events, such as Red Ribbon Week, Middle School Leadership, and educational workshops.
Student Drug Testing Kits	Medina City Schools and Wadsworth City Schools.
Youth Service Coordination	Assistance with services for high-risk, multi-system youth with serious mental health issues who have been unsuccessful in traditional forms of local treatment.

Community

Crisis Services Continuum	A diverse array of adult crisis services through Alternative Paths.
Highland House (Home of HRC)	The MHRB owns the Highland House, which is the home of Hope Recovery Community (HRC).
Hope Recovery Community (HRC)	The MHRB provides operational and programmatic support to this Recovery Community Organization (RCO) that provides a wide array of peer recovery services and supports.
Medina County Adult Interdisciplinary Team (I-TEAM)	Collaboration involving a team of professionals that assist with planning or coordinating services for vulnerable adults who are abused, neglected, or exploited.
Medina County Jail Services	Linkage of offenders into the community upon release. Funding to Alternative Paths to provide clinical services within the jail. Funding for treatment driven drug testing at the jail. Assistance with funding reimbursement from Ohio DBH for psychotropic medications dispensed at the jail.
Medina County Common Pleas Mental Health Court	Funding to Alternative Paths for forensic monitoring and case management services to the Specialized Docket Mental Health Court. Mental Health Court (MHCP) funding passed through by the MHRB.
National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)	Funding provided to Alternative Paths to participate in education, support and advocacy for those living with serious mental illness and their families.
Recovery Support Systems Ad Hoc Committee	Formed by the MHRB to identify and evaluate current recovery support systems in Medina County and make recommendations for ways to increase access and potentially expand and sustain those services.
Stepping Up Initiative	In FY2024, the Medina County MHRB became a Stepping Up County. Stepping Up is a national initiative targeted at reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jail.
State Recovery Conference	Funding registrations for local providers and individuals in recovery.
Suicide Prevention Coalition	Funding for committee operations, sponsorship of the annual suicide prevention walk, development and implementation of a LOSS Team (Local Outreach to Suicide Survivor) in Medina County.
Youth Resiliency & Counseling Center (YRCC)	MHRB's collaboration with OhioGuidestone to provide treatment in a state-of-the-art trauma-centered environment for youth and family.

REVENUES

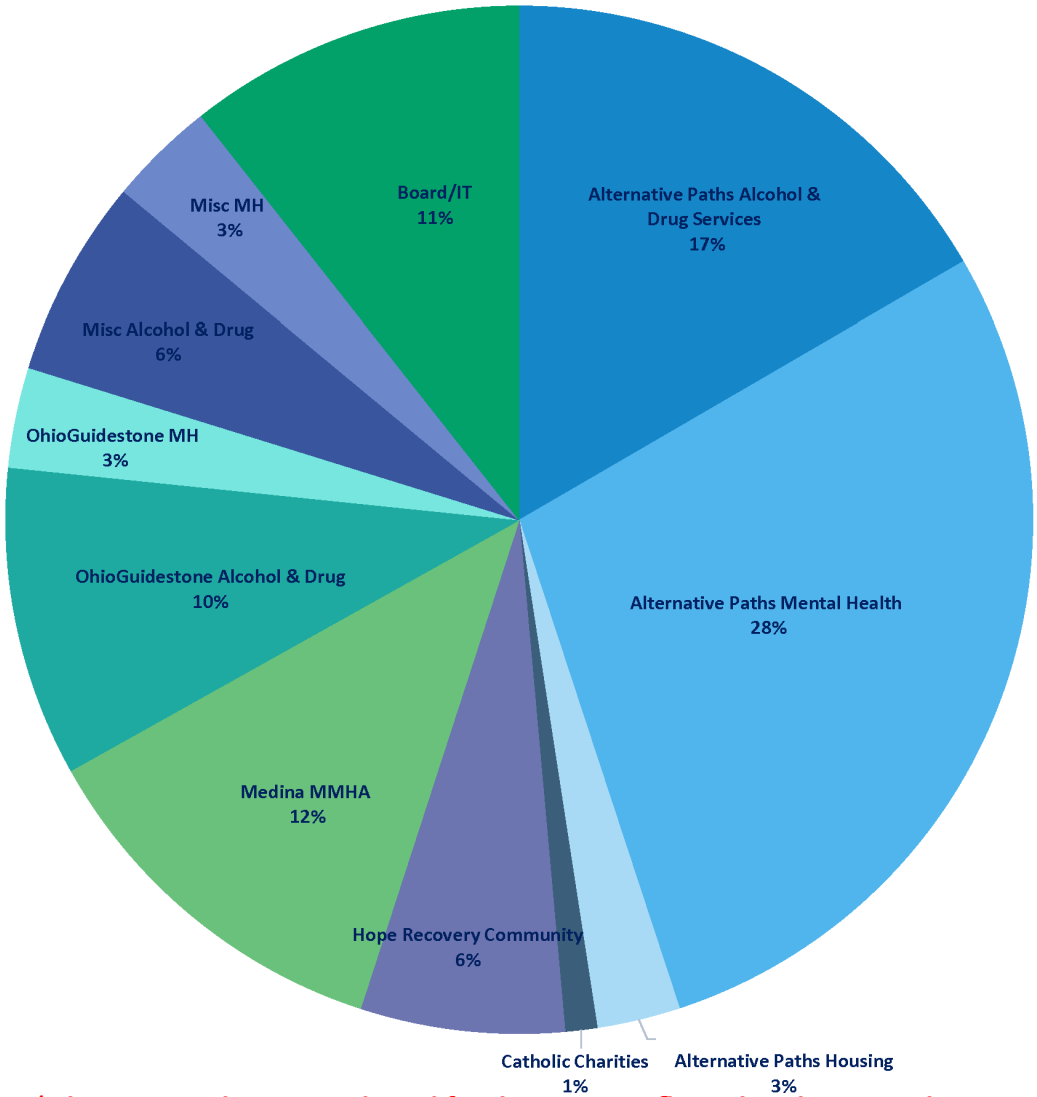
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Housing and Urban Development (HUD)	$225,042	3.3%
Medina County Human Services Levy	$1,763,939	26.0%
Ohio Department of Behavioral Health	$4,505,294	66.3%
Rental Income	$298,449	4.4%
Other	$0	0.0%
TOTAL	$6,792,723	100%



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EXPENDITURES

	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Alternative Paths, Inc. Alcohol & Drug Services	$1,112,321.13	16.62%
Alternative Paths, Inc. Mental Health Services	$1,895,809.98	28.33%
Alternative Paths, Inc. Housing Services	$175,368.62	2.62%
Catholic Charities Community Services	$67,224.52	1.0%
Hope Recovery Community	$429,823.63	6.42%
Medina Metropolitan Housing Authority (MMHA)	$795,575.66	11.89%
OhioGuidestone Alcohol & Drug Services	$652,634.25	9.75%
OhioGuidestone Mental Health Services	$211,060.17	3.15%
Misc. Alcohol & Drug Providers / Consultants	$416,710.52	6.23%
Misc. Mental Health Providers / Consultants	$224,500	3.35%
MHRB Operating & IT Budgets	$711,188.63	10.63%
Capital Projects	$0	0.0%
TOTAL	$6,692,217.17	100%



Please note that encumbered funds are not reflected in the expenditures

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Overdose Awareness Day at HRC



Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., US Secretary of Health & Human Services

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MEDINA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

REAL HELP FOR REAL NEEDS

MEDINA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES

Medina County MHRB Mental Health & Recovery Board

MEDINA COUNTY SENIOR & ADULT SERVICES



MCJFS Medina County Job and Family Services

We address three
GROWING CRITICAL NEEDS
so no one gets sent away!