



Lake County  
ADAMHS Board

# FY 2024

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# Annual REPORT

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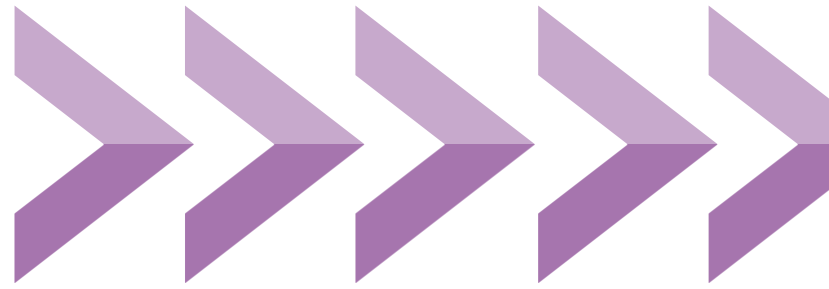
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## Statement From Kim

FY2024 has been a year of progress and improvement for the Lake County ADAMHS Board system of care. I reflect on the past 12 months with pride and gratitude, for what we have been able to collectively accomplish.

This year the Lake ADAMHS staff rolled up our sleeves, literally and figuratively, to carry our system forward. It was all hands on deck as the team relocated from our office of 25 years to our new home in Mentor. Every box moved, every paint swatch scrutinized, and every file relocated was a labor of love. And all was completed without losing sight of the Board's mission: to ensure accountability, accessibility, and effectiveness in every service delivered.

### Executive Director

This year has been defined by the word collaboration. Lake ADAMHS, our network agencies, community partners, and

neighboring counties came together to begin developing the framework for a regional crisis response center. The foundation we have laid is destined to grow into a life-saving and life-changing facility for individuals and families in crisis. We've collaborated to grow our relationship with the criminal justice system and expand our court liaison program to include the Lake County Juvenile Court. We have worked in partnership with Lake County superintendents to ensure that school-based treatment and prevention services are meeting or exceeding the needs of their faculty, parents, and students. We've diversified community treatment options for individuals in need, enhanced training and support for service providers, and updated our data processes to ensure accountability.

Finally, this year we began laying the groundwork for our 2024, 0.9 mill levy renewal campaign. With the support of the Lake County Commissioners, our system will work to ensure that levy funding – lifeblood funding – continues to flow into the 16 network providers and 90 distinct services that Lake Countians depend upon. Since 1976 voters have recognized the importance of the Lake County ADAMHS Board and our system of care. With gratitude to the community, we will continue to provide **essential services that improve and save lives.**







# About Lake County ADAMHS Board

## Lake County

### Population - U.S. Census

- 2020 - 232,603 (+1.1%)
- 2010 - 230,041

### Population - Estimates

- July, 2021 - 232,023 (-0.2%)
- April, 2020 - 232,603



We are established by Ohio statute, and the Lake ADAMHS Board plans, monitors, evaluates, and funds services for Lake County residents with mental illness and/or substance use disorders. These services are delivered through a network of providers.

### Network Service Providers :

- BRIDGES: Mental Health Consumer Empowerment
- Catholic Charities Community Services
- Cleveland Rape Crisis Center
- Crossroads Health
- Extended Housing
- Family Pride of Northeast Ohio
- Fine Arts Association
- Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers
- Lifeline, Inc. and 2-1-1
- NAMI Lake County (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
- Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare / Community Services Network
- Signature Health, Inc.
- Torchlight Youth Mentoring Alliance
- University Hospitals
- Windsor-Laurelwood Center for Behavioral Medicine
- WomenSafe, Inc.

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# Board Moves to Mentor

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## CITY OF MENTOR

The Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board moved to Mentor. The organization began looking for new office space with the news of the planned changes coming to Victoria Place including the exterior being remodeled, new entrances, planned restaurants, and permanent housing zoned for the location.

Lake ADAMHS searched for another office space and appreciated the assistance from the City of Mentor officials in finding a place that fits our needs better. We wanted a location that was accessible and a good fit for our small staff. We found this new office location in Mentor, 9237 Mentor Ave., Unit B. We are along the public transit corridor and more centrally located in the county. Our new location is behind Bob Evans and Walmart along Mentor Ave. and Heisley Rd.



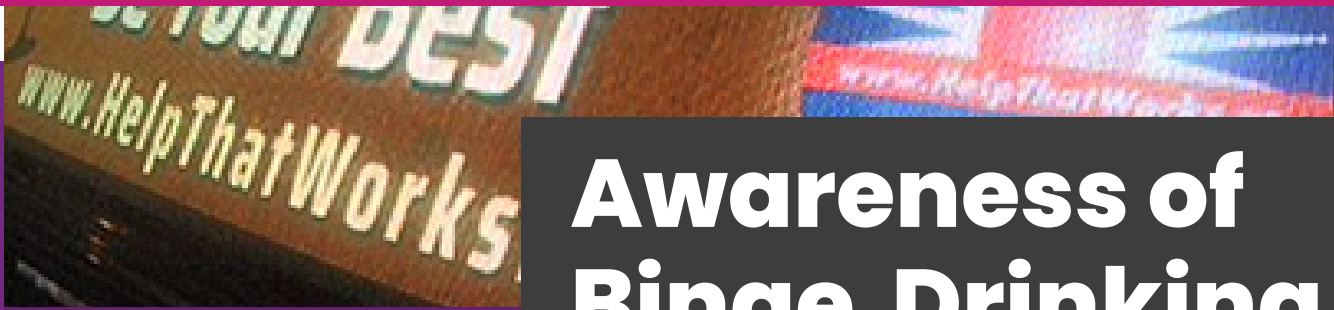
## **\$ 3.5 million, Helps Recovery Housing**

Lake ADAMHS secured a \$3.5 million grant for the creation of two new residential treatment facilities.

One is called the C. H. Everett Center and is located in Mentor and the other is a new facility breaking ground in Concord Twp. The vision of these facilities came with the overall desire to expand residential capacity and provide an alternative to hospitalization for individuals experiencing an increase in mental health symptoms. The Mentor facility is operated by Signature Health while the Concord Twp. facility will be operated by Crossroads Health.





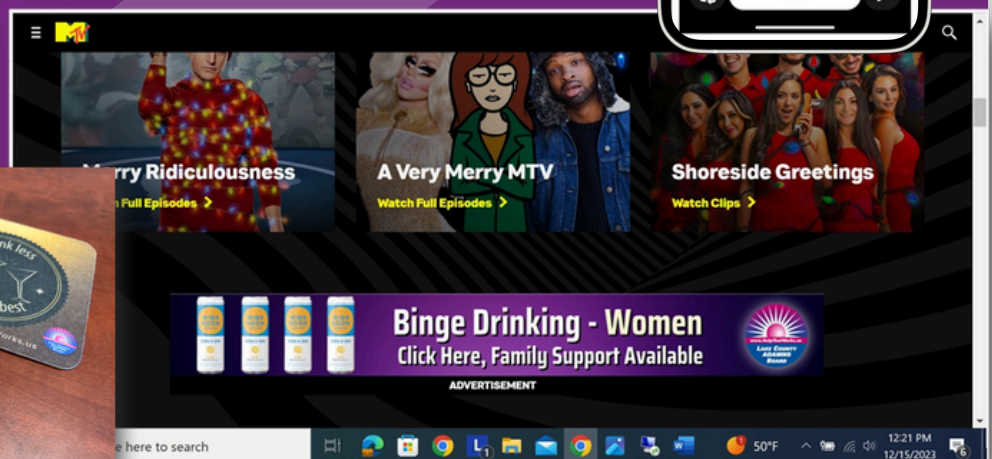
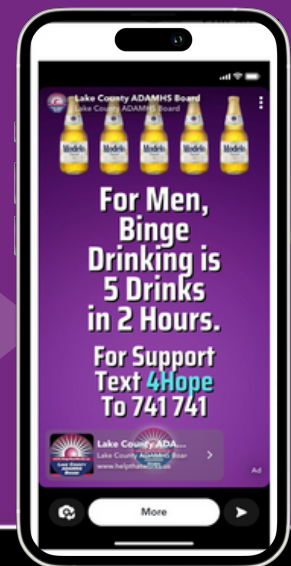


# Awareness of Binge Drinking

## Binge Drinking Awareness

Lake County has experienced a higher rate of binge drinking among our residents as compared to surrounding or similar-sized counties in Ohio. In response, the Board has invested a portion of our Alcohol Use Disorder Grant to educate the public about binge drinking fundamentals. We used a diverse campaign with a simple question "What is a Binge Drinker?"

Binge drinking is when someone consumes alcohol to become intoxicated. It also occurs when an adult female has at least four drinks or an adult male has at least five drinks within a two-hour timeframe. Substance use and suicide are often correlated. The board used the binge drinking campaign alongside a targeted suicide prevention campaign to curb increased suicide rates in 2023-2024. This campaign reached over 4.1 MILLION impressions in Lake County through social and online platforms. Most importantly we tracked that over 4,700 individuals clicked for resources and support services.



# 2024 Levy

# '24 Photos

## Commissioner's Support 2024 Levy

Friend of Lake ADAMHS (FOLA) is a Political Action Committee that funds tax levy initiatives for the Lake County ADAMHS Board. Lake County voters will vote on whether they want to renew a levy for the county's mental health and addiction services and supports. The levy will be on the ballot on November 5th. Voters will decide whether to extend the 0.9-mill property tax levy for the operation of community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers. The 0.9-mill levy was last approved in 2015 and generated \$5.48 million in 2024 according to county budget estimates, this accounts for 30% of the ADAMHS annual budget.







## Juvenile Court Liaison Added

All Lake County Municipal Court Systems (Willoughby, Mentor & Painesville) utilize Behavioral Health Court Liaisons supported by the Lake County ADAMHS Board. The goal of the Court Liaison Program is to intervene at an early stage in the court process and address behavioral health and criminogenic needs in treatment in order to reduce recidivism.

All individuals involved in the program have symptoms of a mental illness or substance use disorder. These liaisons seek to empower clients, identify and understand their symptoms, and effectively reduce and cope with their symptoms so that they may improve their quality of life and level of functioning. The Court Liaisons work to increase follow-through with treatment referrals and to decrease re-arrest rates. The Court Liaisons also provide consultation to the courts if requested. The court liaison team members work closely with court personnel, probation, collaterals, community services workers, and other service providers to coordinate care beyond a client's court involvement. Lake ADAMHS was proud to expand the Court Liaison Program in FY2024 to include Lake County's Juvenile Court. The Liaison Program will help to ensure youth involved in the criminal justice system have access to care and strong referrals for ongoing care once their court involvement is complete.

## Dave Enzerra Retires from Lake County ADAMHS Board:

The Lake County ADAMHS Board congratulated Board Member Dave Enzerra who retired from his fourth term on the Board. Dave led a comprehensive strategic planning process for the entire system. The resulting strategic plan continues to serve as Lake ADAMHS's guide today. Dave's contribution to this Board will have a lasting impact and he certainly will be missed.

## Learning Through Training:

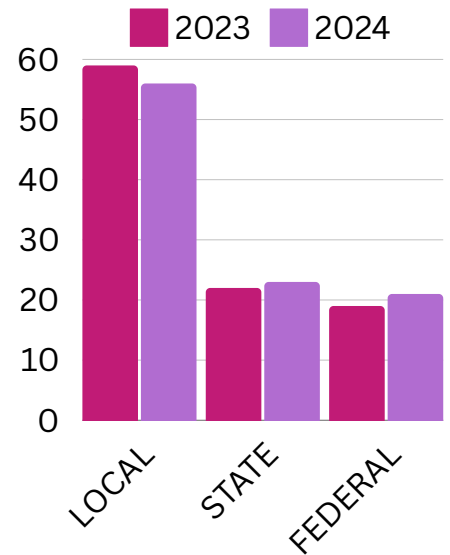
Lake ADAMHS continues to emphasize the importance of education and professional development for the staff of provider agencies. To this end, the Board has assisted with facilitating seven types of training at minimal or no cost to agency personnel. This initiative best serves the community by aiding providers' staff in obtaining continuing education credits, thereby staying current with their clinical licensures and maximizing their impact on clients. Dan Rowles, Director of Quality & Clinical Operations, stated, "When working with clients, we want to provide them with all the most current tools, policies, and best practices available."

This year's courses included training in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Trauma Response Team, Human Trafficking & Awareness, Peer Recovery Supporter, Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Clinical & Direct Care, Health Officer, and OhioMHAS training for our Client's Rights Officers.



# Financial Report

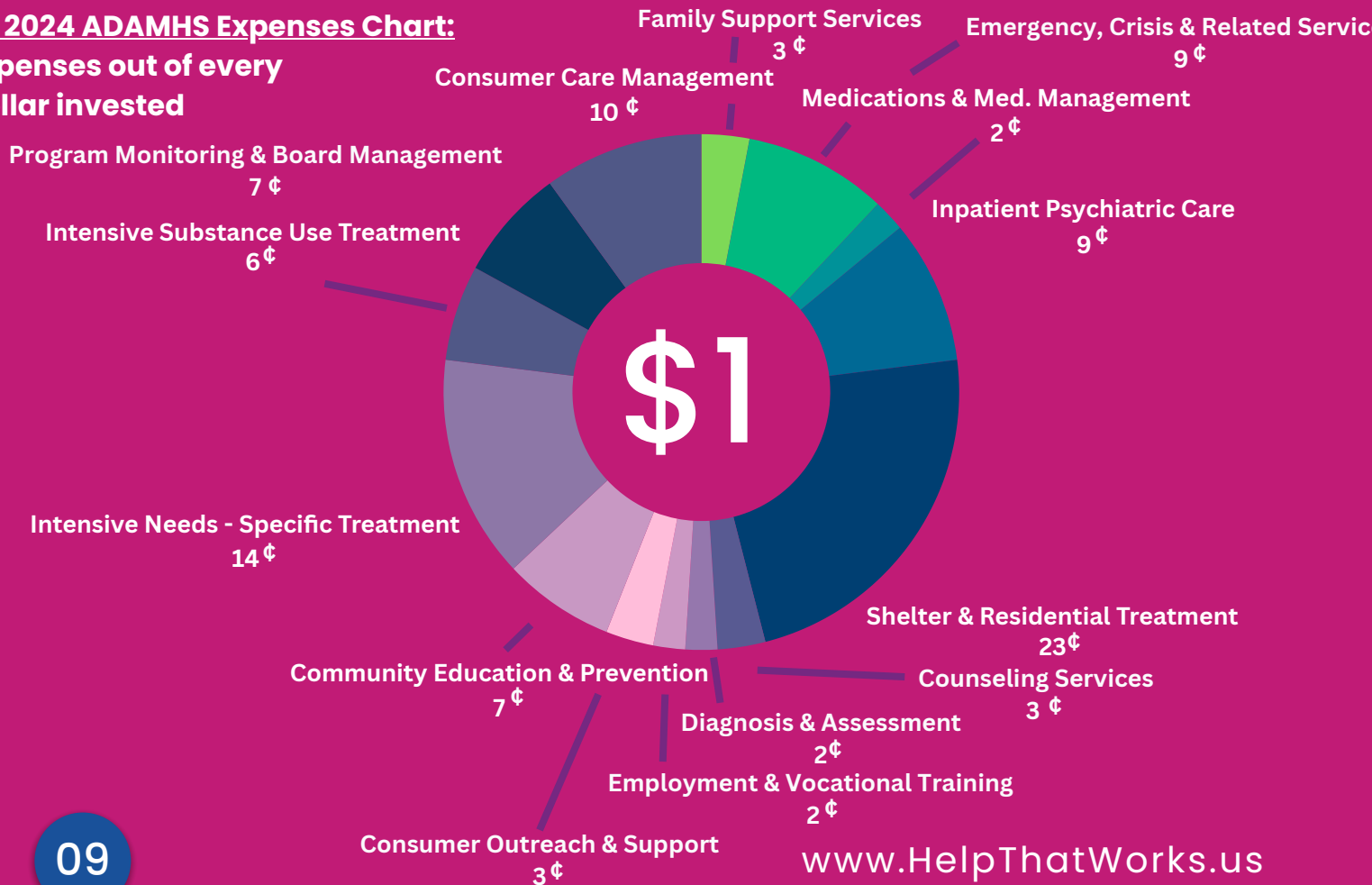
The Lake County ADAMHS Board received an increase in federal funding due to ARPA funding awarded this year. The funding will continue through part of FY2025 for one project and the other we expect to develop through the year. This funding has helped with mental health residential treatment by doubling the bed capacity. The board has been able to increase bed capacity from 14 to 30 beds. Our State funding also increased slightly primarily due to some one-time Alcohol Use Disorder funds. Local funding decreased a small amount but is expected to stabilize in SFY2025.



There was also an increase in Intensive Needs Specific Treatment which has helped with filling the gaps in services where acuity has been higher with some clients and requires more specialized attention. We have also seen higher cost of service due to Medicaid rate increases recognized midway through the year but the contracted agencies have also recognized increased funding due to additional Medicaid funding.

## FY 2024 ADAMHS Expenses Chart:

Expenses out of every dollar invested





# FY 2024 Executive Committee

All board members are Lake County residents who serve with passion and without compensation.



**Roberta Kalb**

Chair



**Pam Kurt**

Vice-Chair



**Amber Gonzalez**

Treasurer



**Nicole Parker**

Secretary

**Matt Sabo**

Past Chair



## Board Members

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Dave Enzerra

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Curtis Lau

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William Wilson





# FY 2024 – Team



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Director of Quality & Clinical Operations



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Director of Marketing & Communications



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**Carla Reynolds**  
Billing System Specialist



**Danette Richards**  
Behavioral Health Navigation Specialist



**Sandra Tenkku**  
Community Outreach Specialist



**Amy Tulenson**  
Transportation & Reporting Specialist



**Kelly Tuttle**  
Secretary & Receptionist