



Access to Wellness Program

Program Overview:

Introduced by Governor DeWine in his SFY 2022-2023 budget, and supported by Ohio's General Assembly, Access to Wellness works to meet the needs of adults with severe and persistent mental illness who are involved in multiple systems (i.e., Aging, Criminal Justice, Developmental Disabilities, Homelessness, and Veterans). Access to Wellness improves connections to needed recovery supports in communities and promotes stability and recovery outside of institutions.

What is Covered:

Up to **\$8,000** per individual per year may be utilized. Examples of things that may be covered:



Rent/security deposits, hotel stays, utilities, furniture, damages, landlord incentives



Fees to obtain ID, birth certificate, social security cards



Bus passes, gas cards



Materials needed for work, job training, GED, certifications, licensures



Assessments, specialized services, case management, co-pays



Parenting classes, life skills



Short-term childcare for individual to attend medical appointments



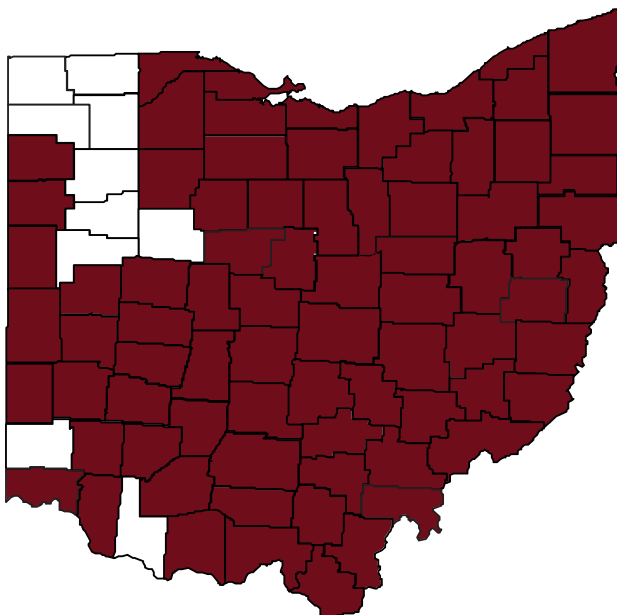
Guardianship fees



Medication alerts, medications/monitoring



Food, clothing, hygiene, pre-paid phone and minutes



Program Locations & How to Refer Someone to the Program:

Currently, there are 45 participating county ADAMH boards, covering 78 counties.

Each participating board has developed a referral process to identify eligible individuals. To find out if your county ADAMH board is participating in the program, see the map to your left or visit our Access to Wellness website at mha.ohio.gov/Access-to-Wellness.



Results from FY23-24:

1,978

individuals served



After receiving services:

81%

did not experience in-patient psychiatric treatment

90%

did not experience incarceration

96%

did not experience a crisis stabilization unit stay

Eligibility:

To be eligible for participation in an Access to Wellness program, a person must meet at least one of the below criteria.

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| 1. Two inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations within the past 12 months and touched by one or more of the following systems: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging (over 65) • Criminal Justice* • Developmental Disabilities • Homelessness • Veterans |
| 2. Two Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) stays within the past 12 months and touched by one or more of the following systems: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging (over 65) • Criminal Justice* • Developmental Disabilities • Homelessness • Veterans |
| 3. One inpatient psychiatric hospitalization and one CSU stay within the past 12 months and touched by one or more of the above systems: | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aging (over 65) • Criminal Justice* • Developmental Disabilities • Homelessness • Veterans |
| 4. Currently involved in an Outpatient Competency Restoration Program (Senate Bill 2) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a significant mental health diagnosis by a licensed professional |
| 5. Currently incarcerated in jail and in need of supports upon release | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a significant mental health diagnosis by a licensed professional |

* e.g., AOT, Probation, Specialty Docket

Questions?

Contact Elizabeth.Poprocki@mha.ohio.gov or your local ADAMH Board.