



## **Nine counties awarded funds to help prevent underage drinking, reduce prescription drug misuse**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has awarded funding to Champaign, Coshocton, Hardin, Holmes, Mercer, Seneca, Tuscarawas, Warren and Wayne counties to help prevent underage drinking and reduce prescription drug misuse



among youth and young adults. Each county will each receive \$80,000 to implement Ohio's [Strategic Prevention Framework-Partnership for Success \(SPF-PFS\)](#) initiative, a five-year grant awarded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (SAMHSA/CSAP) and administered by OhioMHAS.

As sub-grantees, counties will be expected to establish community stakeholder teams to select evidence-based programs, practices, policies and strategies that address the prevention or reduction of underage drinking for ages 12 to 20, and the reduction of prescription drug misuse and abuse for ages 12 to 25. Grant funds may be renewable for up to two additional years, dependent on the availability of federal funds and on demonstrated progress toward outcomes.

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