



## Stepping Up Initiative

By now you may have heard of [Stepping Up](#), a national and state program to assist counties in ways to break the cycle of incarceration for persons with mental illness and addiction. Ohio is now one of three model states.



The project director is Retired Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, and the chief funder is the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation. However, the effort is supported by a wide group of state leaders, both agencies and organizations – including CCAO. Thirty-one counties have now signed up and have begun receiving assistance. Once signed up, counties receive a personal visit from Retired Justice Stratton and Thom Craig, medical director of the Foundation, plus a quick Readiness Assessment to help the program know where to help your county. [Read more...](#)