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The Ohio Council

Of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers

Committed to improving the health of Ohio's communities and the well-being of Ohio's families by promoting effective, efficient, and sufficient behavioral health and family services through member excellence and family advocacy.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

2016 was an extremely busy year for the Ohio Council and its members as both Congress and the Ohio General Assembly considered many legislative bills addressing behavioral health reform and a special emphasis on the opiate/heroin crisis. It was also a year that saw the beginning of major community behavioral health system policy realignment in the Behavioral Health System Redesign and coding realignment work that is underway and is a precursor to the integration of community behavioral health into managed care. The Ohio Council has truly appreciated the incredible level of member involvement, commitment to the potential for positive change, and professional input as this very complex change process continues to unfold.

The Ohio Council's major areas of policy and legislative advocacy in 2016 included:

- Engaged in community behavioral health redesign and coding realignment
- Worked with many statewide advocates to defeat recreational marijuana legalization through a ballot initiative in Ohio.

- Provided input and testimony on behavioral health-related legislation in Ohio and at the national level.
- Led policy advocacy on the state's development of the Specialized Recovery Services (SRS) program related to the elimination of Medicaid spenddown.
- Supported the continued expansion of quality recovery housing throughout Ohio along with engaging in a more visible role on housing-related issues at the state and national levels.
- Worked with the state and key legislators in shaping the implementation of statutorily required continuum of care planning and wait list data collection at the local level including a delay until July, 2017.
- Continued working with managed care organizations and the state on MyCare Ohio implementation – including the successful resolution of nearly \$900,000 in delayed Medicare-Medicaid crossover payments due to providers.



WHO WE ARE

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers is a statewide trade and advocacy association that represents over 150 private organizations providing addiction prevention and treatment, mental health, and family services in communities across the state. The Ohio Council provides four core sets of services to its members: policy and legislative advocacy; member support and technical assistance; product and service development, generally through endorsed vendor programs; and educational opportunities.

SHAPING THE FUTURE

The year 2017 is shaping up to be one of those milestone years that have occurred every few decades in behavioral health. Challenges and opportunities are embedded in the community behavioral health system redesign and coding realignment policy initiatives; increasing state and national focus on behavioral health-related legislation; the state's priority focus on payment reform; a FY 2018-2019 state budget process which will be the last for the Kasich administration; and a growing emphasis on population health planning in Ohio focused on both medical treatment and the social determinants of health and well-being. It is critical that our advocacy efforts ensure the vision of maintaining and improving behavioral health prevention, treatment, and recovery support access, capacity and workforce to ensure person- and family-centered, holistic, population-based care delivery.

The priority areas for the Ohio Council's policy and legislative advocacy efforts this coming year include:

- Ensuring that behavioral health redesign and coding realignment policy initiatives support a healthy community provider system that has the service access, capacity and workforce to meet patient needs and community expectations.
- Advocating for positive resource and policy change in the FY 2018-2019 state budget.
- Ensuring continued growth of quality recovery housing in Ohio and supporting other housing/residential options for adults, youth, and families.
- Supporting regulations that limit the potential for medical marijuana abuse.
- Advocating for mental health and addiction prevention/treatment reform legislation and policies that support resource growth at the state and national levels.

- Ensuring that state implementation of the Specialized Recovery Services (SRS) program, which eliminates Medicaid spenddown, will not cause any eligible patient to lose their Medicaid health care benefits.
- Supporting new and sustainable value-based purchasing models that are rapidly evolving in Ohio.
- Ensuring payer/insurer network adequacy for access to specialty behavioral health provider organizations.
- Supporting legislative solutions to address the needs of multi-system youth.
- Ensuring full implementation of behavioral health parity in Medicaid managed care and commercial marketplaces.
- Supporting investment in early intervention, health promotion and social-emotional development to support families in raising healthy, thriving children.





PRODUCTS & SERVICES

The Ohio Council continually offers quality products and services that enhance member operations and provide economic efficiencies. These include:

- Accurate & timely information through monthly publications and E-bulletins
- Member committees
- Training & learning opportunities
- Biennial Compensation & Benefits Survey Report
- Employee Benefits Benchmarking Report
- An online member database
- Workers' Compensation Group Rating Program
- Organizational Insurance Program
- Unemployment Trust Program
- Legal Consultation Benefit Program
- Telecommunications Cost Recovery and Reduction Program
- Online Learning Solution for Behavioral Health & Human Services Organizations
- Fleet Management Discount Program
- Drug Screening Device Discount Program

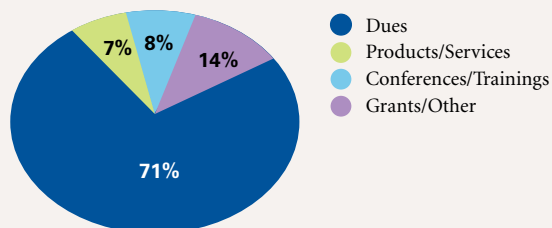


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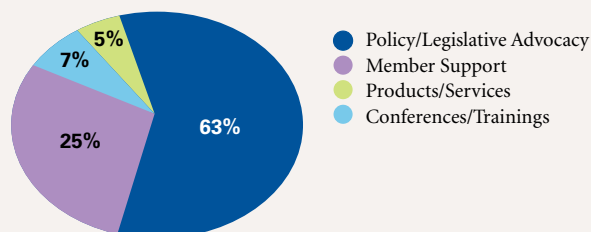
OC-PAC is the Political Action Committee of the Ohio Council. It provides Council members an opportunity to compete with other interest groups that lobby to influence legislative, policy and funding decisions by the Ohio General Assembly. OC-PAC enables Council members to collectively be visible and provide campaign funding support to candidates and elected leaders who have an interest in and share the views of Ohio Council members.

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