

OhioGuidestone

The purpose of these grants is to promote collaboration between college/university and community stakeholders to develop programming to prevent suicide, promote mental health and reduce stigma about mental illness or its treatment on campus.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

OhioGuidestone (OGS) will collaborate with Stark State College to raise awareness of mental health services on Stark State's Summit County campus. Stark State College has collaborated with OhioGuidestone for over three years, most recently collaborating on a Rise and Thrive initiative building more collaboration between community partners and the university to better serve student mental health needs. OhioGuidestone staff member will spend 40 staff hours working with Stark State staff members to conduct monthly events to raise awareness of mental health supports and services available to students, and to help reduce the stigma of seeking mental health services on campus.

Additional Collaborators

- Rise and Thrive partners
- NAMI-Summit
- NAMI-Stark
- Hope and Healing Summit County Community Partnership
- StarkMHAR
- University of Akron
- Summit ADM DVPI

EVENT SUMMARY

Date	Summary
October 2022	27 attendees; participation in Stress Less Fest with other community partners; OGS provided information about mental health services and stress-relieving skills. OGS also interacted with community partners and students, ensuring all were aware of how to seek mental health services or refer others for services.
November 2022	20 attendees; participated in a tabling session on campus; providing information about mental health services to students and staff
December 2022	15 attendees; participated in a community outreach event with community partner CANAPI, Community AIDS Network Akron Pride Initiative, providing educational information about their services and about the LGBTQIA+ community.
December 2022	20 attendees; Hosted a lunch and Learn session, joined by community partner Summit County Continuum of Care, Partner distributed materials to students explaining their services, OGS staff member also provided educational information to attendees during the session.
January 2023	20 attendees; Attended a student meet-up related to Substance Use Disorder recovery needs; provided support for Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board (SummitADM) as they shared information about resources available to Summit County residents
February 2023	20 attendees: Partnered with organization Hope and Healing to provide resources to Stark State Students
February 2023	15 attendees: Partnered with Victim Assistance Program to provide community outreach to Stark State students and staff
March 2023	70 attendees: Collaborated with community partners to facilitate a Youth Housing Summit; 15 community partners came to the campus to share resources and information about youth housing and homelessness
April 2023	15 attendees: Participated in outreach on campus with community partner Street Outreach Services
May 2023	15 attendees: Participated in outreach on campus with community partner SOS Shelter Care
June 2023	10 attendees: Participated in outreach on campus and provided resources and materials related to mental health and suicide prevention

Across all events, more than 270 students were exposed to our outreach efforts!