



# Office of Criminal Justice Services

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Operation BRIDGE



# BRIDGE & OCANS

- In 2022 the Department of Public Safety created the Bridging Recovery Interdiction Data Gathering Enforcement (BRIDGE) program in response to studies showing an increase in ODs following disruptions to the illegal drug supply.
- Law Enforcement notifies BRIDGE of significant seizures and arrests
- Operation BRIDGE events bring together public safety and public health stakeholders to provide substance use resources and connections to services outside of the criminal justice system
- In 2023 ODPS-OCJS created the Ohio Community Alert Notification System (OCANS).
- OCJS issues drug market disruption alerts to Ohio communities.
- Local community-based responses designed to prevent or minimize overdoses.



➤ **BRIDGE Operation:** Over a 1–2-day period federal, state, and local law enforcement conduct directed patrol/interdiction operations while simultaneously public health partners conduct a robust resource fair offering expedited access to community resources and treatment opportunities. Additional services such as Rx Drug take back, food pantries, etc are encouraged.



# Behavioral Health / Community Resources

- Public Health
- Behavioral / Mental Health
  - Deflection / QRT Teams
- Harm Reduction Strategies
  - Recovery Ohio
  - Healthcare Systems
- Faith-Based Services
- Food/Clothing Pantries
  - Employers
  - Housing Services
  - Ohio BMV



# Public Safety



- Drug Task Forces
- Police Departments
  - Sheriff's Office
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Deflection / QRT Teams
  - Prosecutors
  - Courts
- Probation & Parole
  - ONIC
  - OIU
  - DEA
  - HIDTA

## Positive Effects of a BRIDGE Event

- Brings together diverse disciplines
- Creates opportunities to enhance and build relationships between key stakeholders
- Creates an environment of community.
- Reduces stigma
- Exposes people to the resources available.
- Reduces impact with criminal justice
- Reduces societal and economic impact of substance use.





# 2025 Combined STATISTICS


## INTERDICTION SEIZURES

Cocaine	1,896 grams	Methamphetamine	3,253 grams
Marijuana	22.9 pounds	Rx Pills	328 UD
Fentanyl	1,480 grams	Counterfeit Rx	395 grams
Heroin	52.43 grams	Ecstasy/MDMA	30-unit doses
Crack	146 grams	LSD	8-unit doses

Traffic Stops Initiated –	3,511
Felony Arrests (Non-Drug Related) -	120
Felony Arrests (Drug Related) -	197
Misdemeanor Arrests (Non-Drug Related) -	104
Misdemeanor Arrests (Drug Related) -	106
Search Warrants -	39
Consent Searches -	136
Criminal Cases Initiated (Non-Drug Related) –	60
Criminal Cases Initiated (Drug Related) -	203
Citations Issued -	850



 Firearms Seized -	35
 Warrants Served -	169

 Devices Submitted for Digital Forensic Examination -	57
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## OUTREACH



Encounters/Engagements -	8,457
Connections to Treatment -	192
Referrals to Treatment -	448
Connections to Community Resources -	480
Naloxone Kits Distributed -	3,892
Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed –	2,883
Community Public Education Events	12
LE/EMS Contacts with Outreach	182
Connections with BMV-	185

## Additional Highlights:

- “Drug Take Back” collected - 233.4.4 LBS
- Over 1,500 hygiene kits were distributed
- Over 1,870 free meals were provided

# The OCANS Proposal

- As part of the 2023 Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant Substance Use Program (COSSUP) grant OCJS proposed the creation of an overdose/drug poisoning alert notification system.
- Drug Market Disruption notifications by law enforcement
- Recovery Ohio Early Warning Dashboard information
- An alert would be issued to impacted Ohio counties allowing community-based response to prevent overdoses/drug poisonings
- Using an existing communication platform (Genasys Connect/Evertel)
- Primary recipients of alert are deflection teams & mental health and recovery boards



# The OCANS Proposal

- A tiered system was created to ensure that alerts were timely and only issued when appropriate.
- Significant drug seizures would include Opioids like Fentanyl, Fentanyl analogs, Non-scheduled adulterants like Xylazine, Medetomidine, etc. and counterfeit Rx drugs.
- Stimulants such as Methamphetamine, Cocaine, and MDMA.
- Included an alert for unknown substances
- Added an enhancement to tiered alert for seizure of a tableting/pill press operation.
- Added an enhancement for EWD “Emerging High Risk”

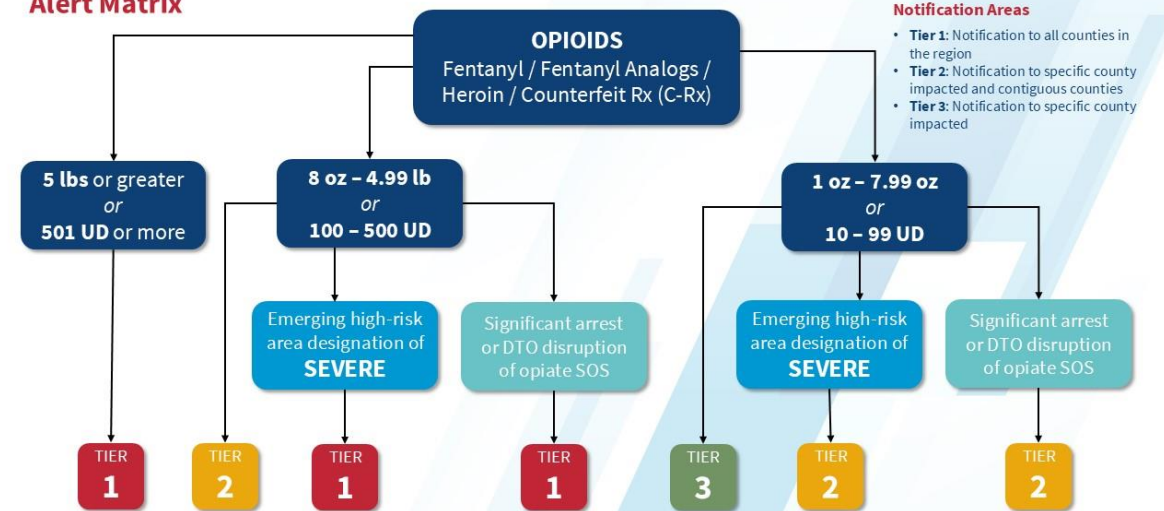
➤ **Significant Seizure and/or Arrest Notification:** Law Enforcement notifies OCJS BRIDGE Coordinator of a significant arrest of a trafficker or impactful seizure. The BRIDGE coordinator reviews the Alert Matrix and issues the appropriate alert to a region, specific county, or specific county and contiguous counties.



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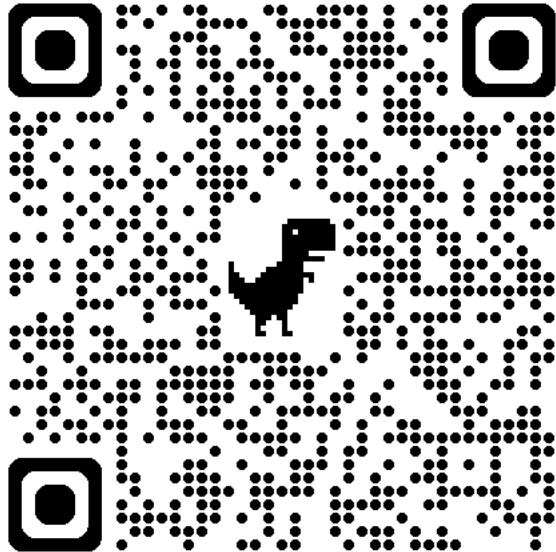
### Ohio Overdose/Drug Poisoning Alert Notification System (ODPANS)

#### Alert Matrix



# ➤ BRIDGE Drug Supply Disruption Notification Form:

➤ <https://ocjs.ohio.gov/law-enforcement-services/bridge/bridge-drug-supply-disruption-notification>



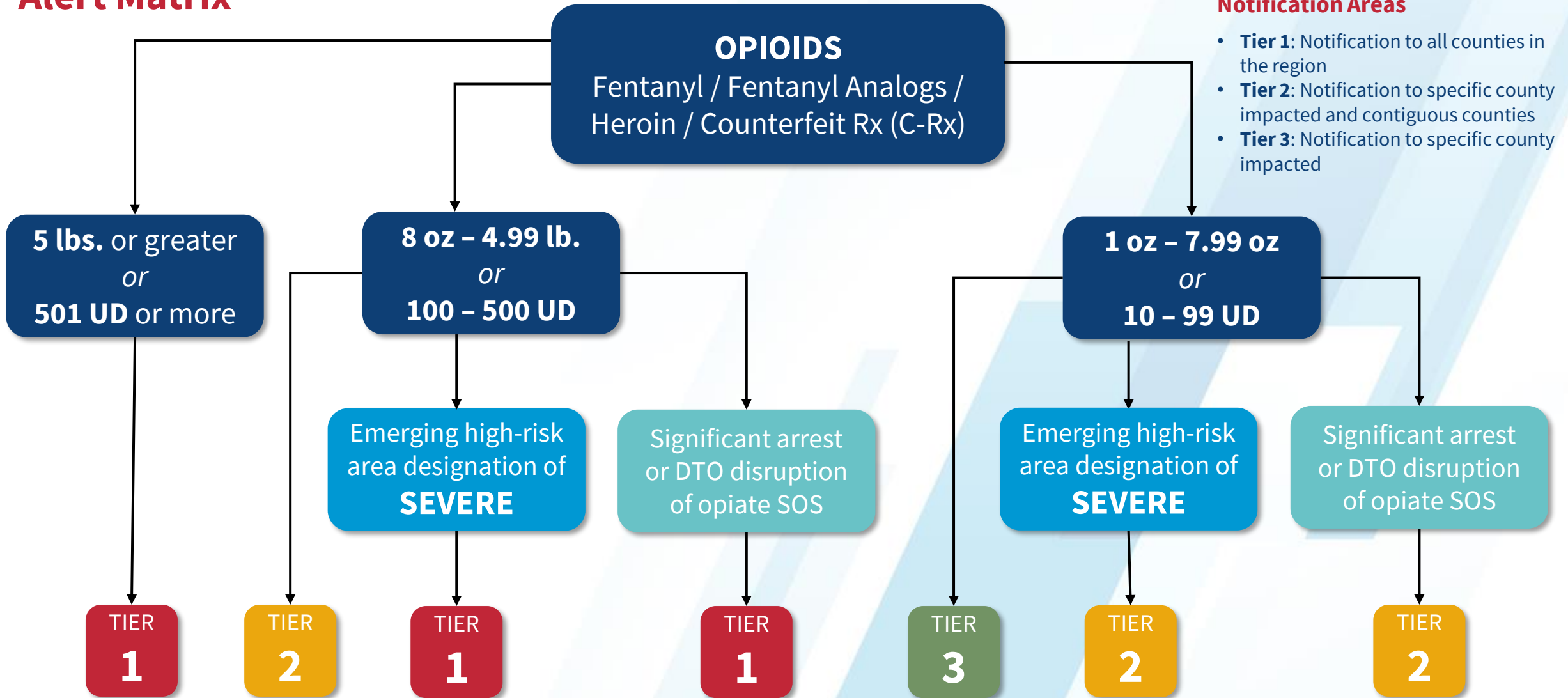
## BRIDGE Drug Supply Disruption Notification

Type of Action *	Date *	Type of Substance *	Quantity *
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Tablet/Pill Press Seized *	Contraband Destination *		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="text"/>		
Reported By *	Agency *	Phone Number *	Email *
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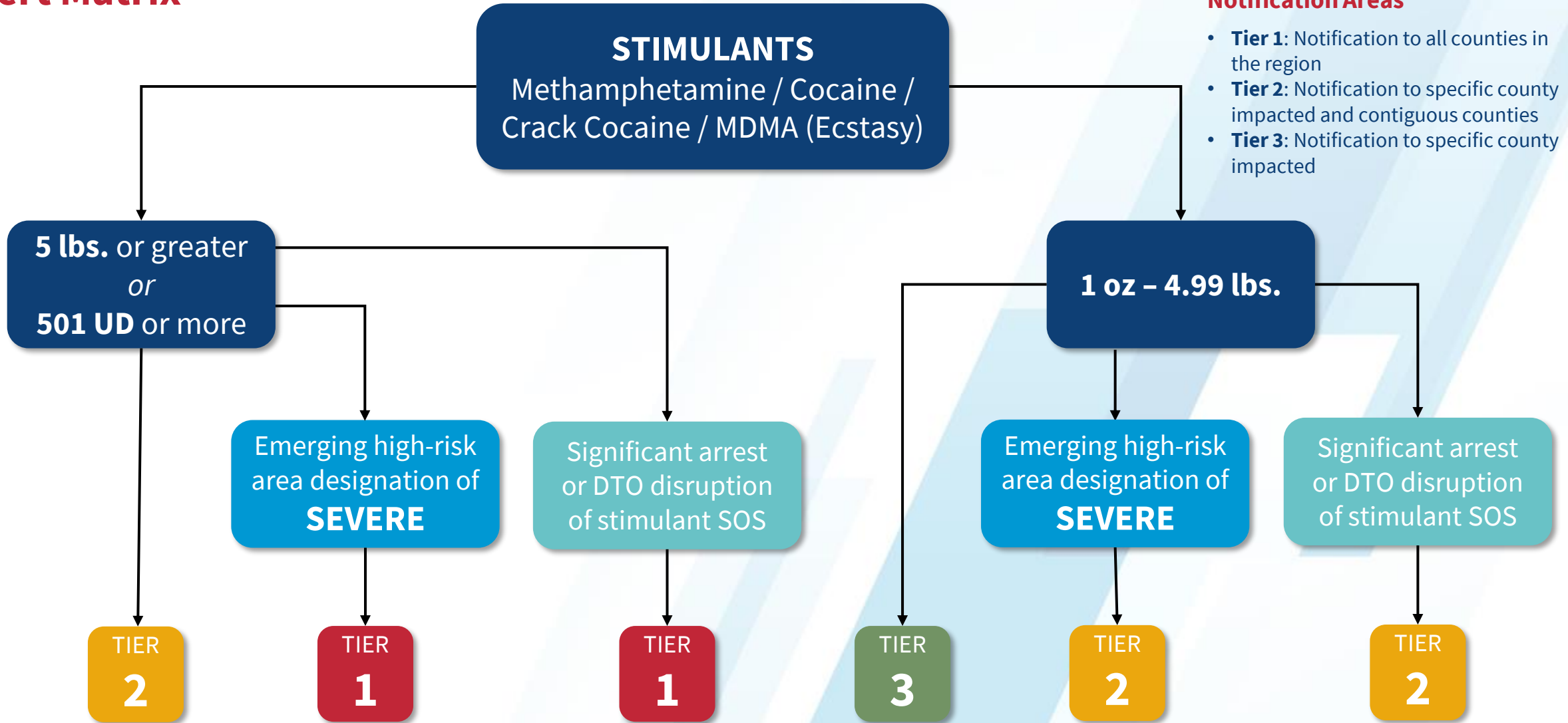
Additional Information


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## Alert Matrix




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FIPS Compliant Military-Grade Encryption	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
CJIS, HIPAA, FOIA Compliance	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Instant Auditability	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Historical Message Access	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓
Screenshot Delection/Disabling	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Centralized User/Data Management	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Audit Logs & Compliance Tracking	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Urgent Device Alerting	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)	✓	✗	 Third Party	✓	✗	✗	✗
Collaborative Document Sharing	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
Agency-Wide Broadcasting	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
Granular Admin Controls	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
Provider Owns the Data	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Room Member Limitation	Unlimited	5,000	200,000	1,000	1,024	20*	250

# OCANS Data Collection

- Important to collect data regarding alerts to determine efficacy & identify areas for improvement.
- Important to ensure proper data collected while not burdening the local jurisdictions
- Fillable PDF would live within Genasys Connect system.
- Overdose data 30 days prior to alert.
- Overdose data 30 days following the alert.
- What strategies were implemented because of the alert?
- Number of Naloxone kits distributed.
- Number of outreach contacts made.





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Columbiana County  
**Operation  
BRIDGE Days**

**July 16-17, 2025**

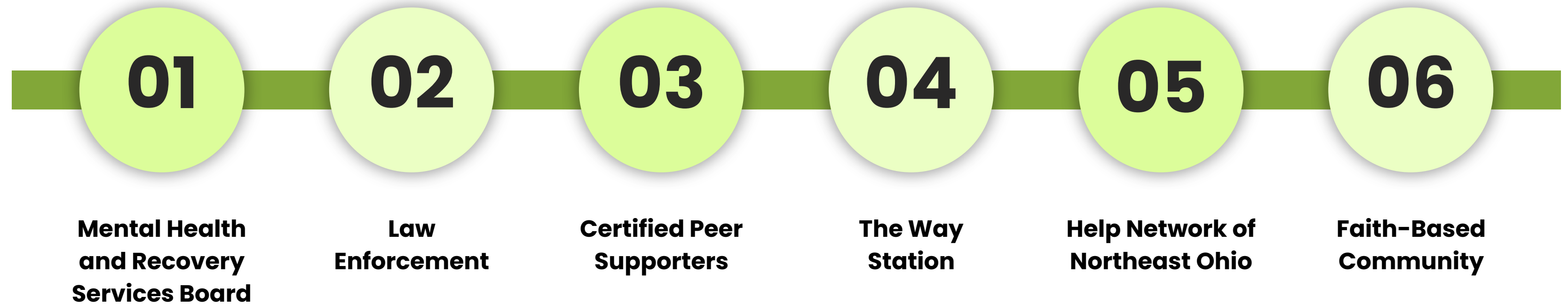


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# Planning Committee



**A dedicated team that worked together to plan and execute the two-day event.**

# Subcommittees



**Venue**



**Donations**



**Food**



**Permissions**



**Media/Government  
Representation**



**Resource  
Tables**

**Our event's success was driven by dedicated subcommittees focused on key areas, ensuring every detail was thoughtfully planned and executed.**

# Day 1: Salem

1,042 points of contact were made and 240 meals were served.

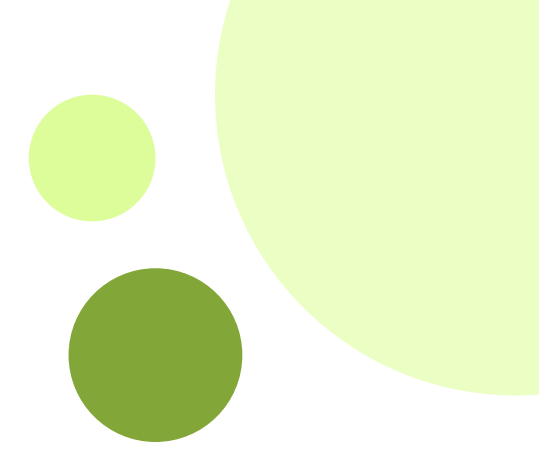


# Day 2 : East Liverpool

2,981 points of contact were made and 630 meals were served.



# Resource Partners



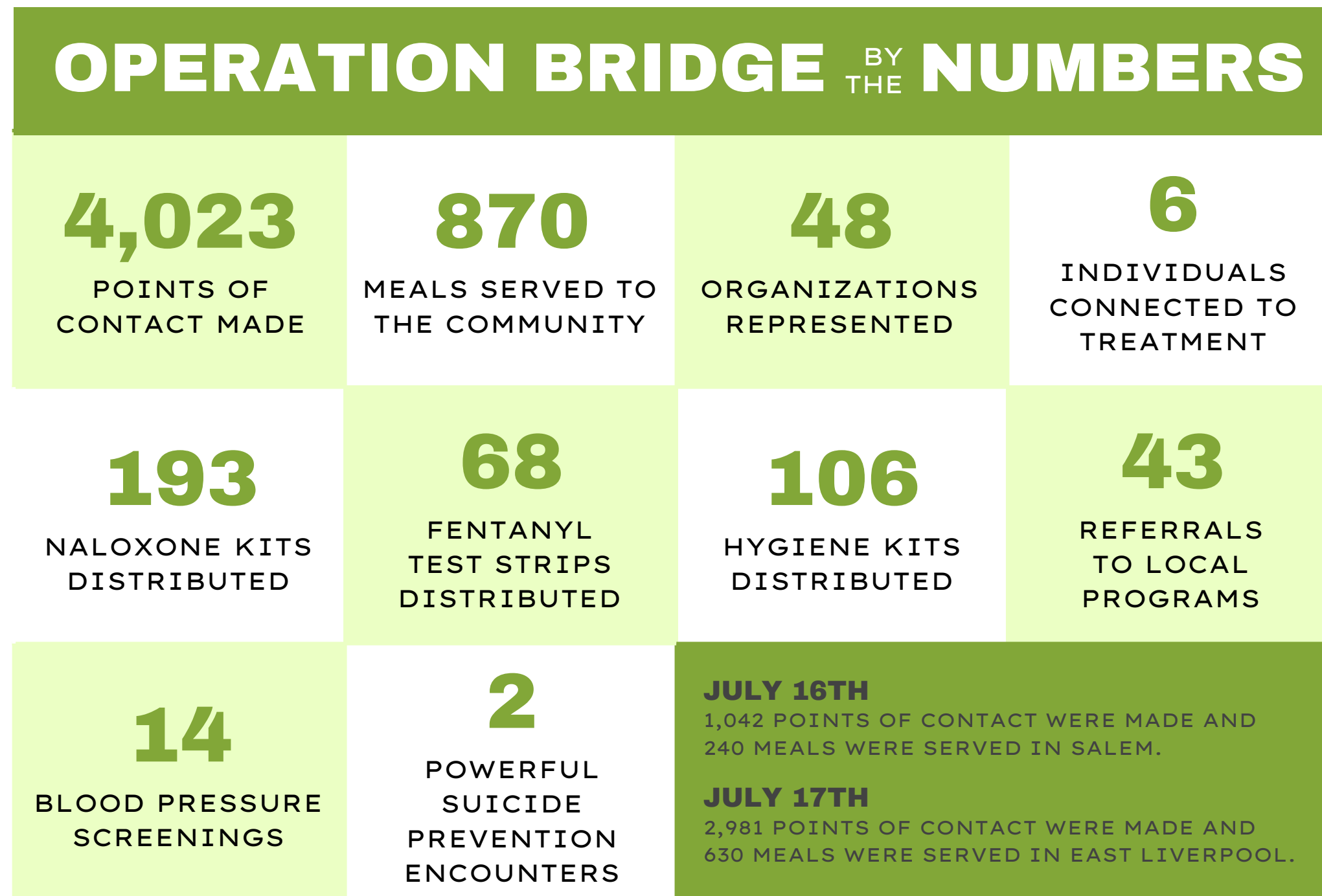
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**Organizations  
and programs  
provided  
resources and  
connection to  
attendees.**

American Maverick Brotherhood  
Appalachian Children Coalition  
Aspire Mental Health  
Attain Behavioral Health  
Broadway Recovery Services  
CAA Behavioral Health and Dental Centers  
CAA Head Start  
Catholic Charities Regional Agency  
CCJFS / Adult Protective Services  
CCMHRB  
Christian Assembly Church / Bridges for Life Ministries  
COAD4Kids  
Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities  
Columbiana County Prosecutor's Office  
Columbiana County Sheriff's Office  
Columbiana County Suicide Prevention Coalition  
Columbiana Metropolitan Housing Authority  
Community Action Agency - Community Services  
Community Legal Aid  
East Liverpool City Hospital  
East Liverpool First Nazarene Church  
East Liverpool Police Department  
Family Care Ministries  
Family Recovery Center - Education Department  
Family Recovery Center - Project Dawn  
First Responder Wellness Program  
Flying High Inc.  
Help Network - Family Support Network  
Help Network - Peer Recovery Resource Center  
House of Grace Resource Center  
Insight Clinical Counseling and Wellness  
NAMI Columbiana County  
Nina's Closet  
Ohio Department of Public Safety  
Ohio State Highway Patrol Lisbon Post  
On Demand Counseling  
One Ohio Salem Recovery Resource Center  
Ozer Ministries, Inc.  
Salem City Health District  
Salem Police Department  
Square 1 Health  
St. Clair Township Police Department  
The Bluffs  
The Counseling Center  
The Counseling Center - Employment Services  
The Counseling Center - Hand in Hand Outreach Program  
The Way Station  
Vi Sano Healthcare

# Overall Event Statistics

CLOSING THE GAPS AND MAKING COMPASSION AND RECOVERY AVAILABLE TO **EVERYONE**



# Suicide Prevention Encounters

MEETING  
PEOPLE WHERE  
THEY ARE  
OPENS THE  
DOOR TO **HOPE**  
AND **HEALING**

“Thank you for sharing the 988 resources - I was able to get my son to call 988 with me just now, and they were able to provide him with resources to help him! **He’s feeling much better now!**”

East Liverpool  
event attendee  
7/17/25

“The Crisis Text Line phone wallets you distributed at this event last year saved my niece’s life! She saw the number and reached out for support. **She’s alive because of you** - thank you!”

East Liverpool  
event attendee  
7/17/25

**Two individuals felt compelled  
to share their stories.**

# Contact Information

**Let's Connect!**

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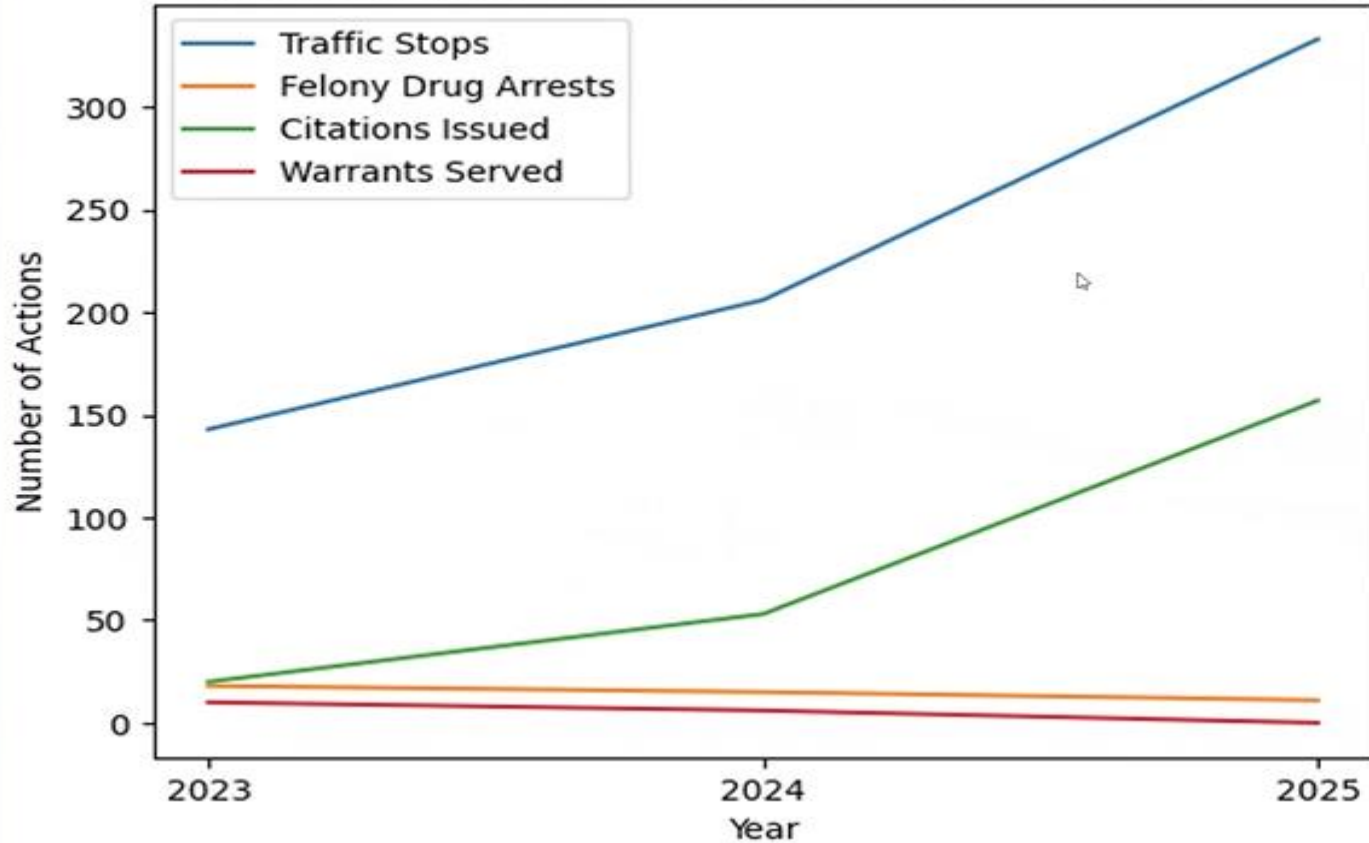
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# Lawrence County: Operation BRIDGE

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## Operation BRIDGE Law Enforcement Trends (2023-2025)



## Operation BRIDGE Treatment & Outreach Trends (2023-2025)

