

Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health

FY25 Campus-Community Collaborative Grants (CCG)

Grantee Summary

Central State University (CSU)

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

Project Overview

During the 2024–2025 academic year, Central State University collaborated with Wilberforce University to train members of their and Wilberforce’s campuses in Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper training. Additionally, Central State University hosted mental health events for students living on campus.

Program Objectives

Central State University, in collaboration with Wilberforce University, provided QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper training to at least 300 people by June 30th, 2025.

Central State University, in collaboration with Wilberforce University, provided at least 1 mental health related activity per month through residence halls, outreach, and training by June 30th, 2025.

Outcomes

The mental health focused activities have increased awareness. In addition, the activities have facilitated removing stigma and normalizing seeking help, resulting in CSU seeing an increase in students requesting mental health services. Additionally, 350 students and 25 faculty, and staff were trained in QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper training.

Additional Data

NAMI on Campus and university staff and students handed out educational materials on mental health awareness to over 1000 members of the CSU campus-community.

Key Partner(s)

Wilberforce University

Challenges/Barriers

As per reported by CSU, challenges were experienced in particular when attempting to collaborate and schedule events with partners.