

Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health

FY25 Campus-Community Collaborative Grants (CCG)

Grantee Summary

Washington State College of Ohio

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

Washington State College of Ohio (WSCO), in collaboration with community partners, implemented two key initiatives through the Campus-Community Collaborative Grant (CCG). These initiatives aimed to foster a culture of care and mental wellness on campus, expand awareness of support services, and equip personnel with tools to support students experiencing mental health challenges.

Program Objectives

Washington State Community College, in collaboration with community partners, invited at least 100 community members and students to one hosted Community Mental Health Awareness Day by June 30, 2025.

Washington State Community College provided Mental Health First Aid training to 25 staff/faculty members, including the campus emergency response team and building wing coordinators by June 30, 2025.

Outcomes

WSCO hosted a mental health fair promoting kindness, connection, and wellness. Activities included a craft station, refreshments, giveaways, and a resource fair with community mental health partners. Additionally, a Mental Health First Aid training session was offered to faculty and staff. The events increased awareness of mental health resources on campus, supported positive community-building, and equipped faculty and staff to assist students in distress. Both programs received positive feedback and established momentum for future wellness efforts.

Additional Data

181 students, faculty, and staff attended the mental health fair. 27 faculty and staff were trained in Mental Health First Aid.

Key Partner(s)

Washington County Behavioral Health Board
Suicide Awareness Alliance of Washington County
Riverside Counseling
BrightView
Hopewell Health Centers
Rigel Recovery Services
Safe Harbor Mental Health
Southeastern Ohio Counseling Center

Challenges/Barriers

Inclement weather on the day of the mental health fair may have negatively impacted attendance.