

Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health

Campus-Community Collaborative Grant
Grantee One Page Summary



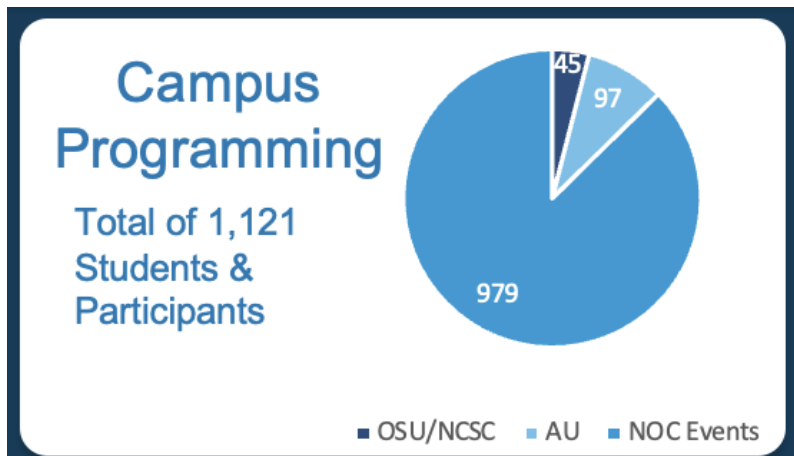
NAMI RICHLAND COUNTY

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 OVERVIEW

NAMI Richland County leads the NAMI on Campus (NOC) peer support group and Green Bandana Project at The Ohio State University at Mansfield (OSU-M) and North Central State College (NCSC) campuses, which promotes mental health education, suicide prevention education, and information to reduce the stigma about mental illness. The Ohio State University at Mansfield Campus and North Central State College are in Richland County, Ohio and are two of the three local colleges available to community members. NOC is designed to bring a topic to monthly meetings that engage students' wellbeing with a focus on support that may be needed to individuals. The planned activities and monthly support groups promoted social connectedness, increased outreach to local resources, provided crisis management education, and increased the development of life skills through a series of discussions, presentations, and hands-on projects

OUTCOMES



With the enhanced funding provided by the Campus-Community Collaborative Grant, activities and support groups outweighed all other engagement brought from typical education events. Education and resources were provided during events, but the engagement was overall higher with fun activities.

Difficulties and Success

Success: There is strong engagement between the OSU-M campus staff and student body. Staff allow extra credit when students attend beneficial on-campus activities such as the ones provided in this plan. There is also strong engagement between the campus and NAMI-Richland administrative staff, making the planning of activities a smooth and seamless process.

Difficulties: There are slight difficulties getting the staff and student body engaged from the NCSC campus. We believe it would be beneficial for the OSU-M and NCSC campuses to increase collaboration. Additionally, there were times where there was a struggle getting consistent engagement from the student body on both campuses due to weather and situational events such as midterms and finals.