

D&E COUNSELING CENTER

WE KNOW KIDS!

HEAD START

We are very excited and proud to report that The Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced July 1st that D&E Counseling Center was selected to be the Head Start/Early Head Start provider for the City of Youngstown and Mahoning County. The D&E Center was selected by HHS after review of proposals submitted to them by area organizations. We will begin providing programming by September 1, 2015.

HHS has awarded D&E a program operating grant of \$7,316,486.00 for school year 2015-16 and a one-time new provider start up grant of \$366,097.00. Renewal of program operations funding over a five-year span will be provided to the Center on an annual basis, provided HHS's yearly auditing of the Center's program results in certification of D&E as having met or exceeded standards set by HHS.

Since September of 2014, Mahoning County Head Start and Early Head Start programs have been managed by The Community Development Institute of Denver (CDI), a company contracted by HHS as the interim operator of Head Start programs when the current grantee program responsibilities cease. Such interim operations by CDI continue until HHS has selected a new operator for that location.

The D&E Center will be providing Head Start and Early Head Start pre-schools from 14 locations throughout Mahoning County and will include 20 all-day Head Start classrooms, 13 half-day Head Start classrooms, 5 Early Head Start classrooms, and an Early Head Start Home-Based component. The total number of child slots that the Center is funded for Head Start is 773 and 72 for Early Head Start.

We look forward to the opportunity to apply the Center's total family approach to the running of the classrooms and daycares, an approach which has been fundamental in the Center's care of children over these last forty years.

We have tremendous respect for the staff and the work of the previous grantee. Head Start and Early Head Start programs have been exceptionally delivered and in most areas have a track record of excellent federal reviews. Our goal is to continue that success! Once fully operational the HS & EHS Program will employ approximately 149 individuals in teacher, classroom aide, transport, supervisor, service and administrative support staff. We will be working very closely with the Community Development Institute over the next two months to assure as smooth and seamless a transition of the program and staff during the summer as possible.

Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the Centers new Executive & Clinical Directors



*Joe Shorokey, MS Ed, LPCC-S
Executive Director*

The Center's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Joe Shorokey has been named the Center's new Executive Director following the retirement of Greg Cvetkovic. Greg retired from this position effective December 31, 2014 after serving as the Director for 42 years. In January, Joe Shorokey became the new Executive Director of the D&E Counseling Center.

Joe has been with D&E since 1985, first as a diagnostician and therapist, then in 1989 was promoted to Clinical and Program Department Director; he became the Clinical Director in 2008. According to James Gibbs, D&E Board President, "Joe has been an important piece to the D&E family and has helped grow and develop the clinical department and programming of the organization. I feel Joe will continue to establish and expand the work and vision that Greg has created at D&E."

Jamie Miller was promoted to Clinical Director effective January 1st. Jamie first worked at D&E from 1997-1999 as a therapist. After relocating out of state for eight months, he returned to the area and the Center in 2000.



*Jamie Miller, MA, LPCC-S
Clinical Director*

Employee Spotlight



Jenn Hunt, LPC, began at D&E in 2011 as an in-school behavioral specialist in one of the Youngstown City Schools and continues to be primarily a school-based therapist. She does, however, see some kids at the Belmont office in the evenings and also works during the summer and in the after-school program at Camp Challenge. When the Center began providing the Mobile Crisis Service, Jenn became a team member and she is also a certified trainer for the Youth Mental Health First Aid.

Jenn and her husband, Jim, have four children: Leandrah, 18, Livia, 8; Lainey, 6 and young Jim, 4¹/₂. She is very involved in her children's activities, her church and, when she has some free time, she likes to swim, read and walk.

Mobile Crisis Intervention Services certified by OMHAS

The D&E Center has recently been certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to provide mental health crisis intervention services for children and teens.

Beginning in October, 2014, the Center began providing crisis intervention to families of children who are receiving D&E outpatient services. Our "mobile" crisis therapists meet parents/guardians whose children are in a crisis at their home, emergency room or another safe place to help stabilize the child and to prevent an out-of-home placement.

For more information about the Center's Mobile Crisis Intervention Services, please contact Jim Hyland at D&E.



Crisis therapists pictured left to right, 1st row: Jennifer Hunt, Shonda Layton, Kristen Hartz-McCleery, Anita Williams. Back row: Demetrius Williams, Jim Hyland, Monique Baker Brown, Jamie Miller, Gary Baughman.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR



It has been my pleasure to work at D&E Counseling Center for the past 30 years, but it is my honor to be named its Executive Director this past January. Having the opportunity to be with the Center for so many years, I am proud to be witness to its evolution from a small testing agency (The Diagnostic and Evaluation Clinic – yes, that's where D&E came from for those who might not have known!) to the comprehensive behavioral health provider it is today.

The past six months have been filled with transition and change at the D&E Center. Along with the changes in leadership at both the Executive and Clinical Director level, a new slate of officers was elected by the Center's Board of Trustees. Effective July 1, our new officers are: Kelly Kiraly, President; Jim Cyphert, 1st Vice President; David Buttar, 2nd Vice President; Kenneth Ekis, Treasurer, and Crystal Hawthorne, Secretary. Along with these changes, the Board of Trustees approved an update to our Mission Statement and a revision to the Center's Values. Both of these changes are meant to guide and strengthen the Center's future in terms of what services we provide and how we provide them.

In addition to the Head Start/Early Head Start grant mentioned on page one, I am also pleased to report that the Center has been awarded two additional grants to support current and new initiatives. A \$15,000 planning grant was awarded by the Western Reserve Health Foundation to study the feasibility and development of a business plan for an integrated primary and behavioral healthcare unit. Also, PNC Bank awarded the Center \$5,000 to support our Upstream Program.

Finally, I would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of the entire family of D&E staff. It is hard to imagine a more passionate, friendly, resilient and adaptable group of people who are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done, and done well.

IT WORKS!

UPSTREAM Plus

The Center's UPSTREAM program is designed to help parents of preschoolers. Below is a letter from a mom whose child is enrolled in the program:

"When I first got a letter about the program I was a little skeptical about it. I wasn't sure if I wanted someone coming in and out of my house but I must say the choice I made to allow my son Isaiah into the program was the best decision I made. My son was a little delayed in some areas and the program helped my little boy grow. This program has also helped my son and I get closer. The lessons are fun and I love that he gets a book every time Mrs. Mayo comes because it gives mommy and son time while I help him read. This program has helped my son excel in school and since he has started the program he has learned to sit, not fight and really pay attention. It helped him pass to the first grade and he has been doing excellent in school.

Isaiah started off with Ms. Felicia and is now with Mrs. Mayo and I want to say thank you to them both for being so amazing with my son and with me.

This program is truly a great program and I would recommend it to other parents."

Thanks to a grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Mahoning Valley and Western Pennsylvania, D&E was able to buy numerous books and educational toys and games for the families participating in the UPSTREAM program.

D&E receives funding for its UPSTREAM program from United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley, PNC Bank, The Community Foundation of the Mahoning Valley, the Downard Family Foundation and the Russell Family Foundation.



Building named to honor Greg Cvetkovic



On Thursday, June 11, D&E Counseling Center's building at 711 Belmont Avenue was named The Gregory F. Cvetkovic Building in honor of Greg's 42 years as Executive Director of D&E.

According to Joe Shorokey, current D&E Executive Director, "It has been my pleasure to work beside our former director, Greg Cvetkovic. The contributions that Greg has made to the children and families of our community, to the programs, services and facilities of the D&E Center, and to the "D&E family" have been immeasurable. With the dedication and the naming of the building, his legacy and contributions will now serve as a reminder of his service to the children and families in our community."

Kids' Facts Matter

1. Adults with bipolar disorder (about one in 100) often experienced their first symptoms during their teenage years. (National Institutes of Health, 2001)
2. Substance abuse is also linked to untreated mental illness – 43% of children who use mental health services also have a substance abuse disorder. (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 2002)

D&E Counseling Center

The D&E Counseling Center is a non-profit outpatient provider of behavioral health care for children, teens and their families. Services include counseling, community support, medication management, education, consultation and prevention services. Services are provided in Center facilities, in family homes and at various school and community sites.

THE FAMILY CLINIC – General and intensive individual and/or group mental health services for children and their families. Includes the Trauma Recovery Unit.

EARLY CHILD UNIT – Early child parent and caregiver training and consultation in the social and emotional growth and development of children up to eight years of age. Includes UPSTREAM, an in-home cognitive/social/emotional and literacy school readiness program for children in preschool through second grade.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS – School-based teacher consultation and student counseling. Includes Linkages, a school-based suicide prevention and mental health screening program.

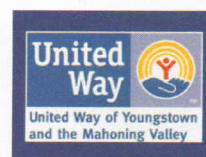
CAMP CHALLENGE – Summer and after-school intensive outpatient counseling and therapeutic recreation services.

The center receives support from:



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