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RHAC measures success one call at a time

The Recovery Health Access Center (RHAC) completed its second year of service on June 30th with 29,534 calls and 2,068 appointments logged since July 1, 2004—more than 8,200 calls and 589 appointments than it achieved in the previous year. By all accounts, RHAC organizers, staff and clients have reason to celebrate...and to thank the community for spreading the word about RHAC's assessment, education and referral services.

"We do use community resources to help promote what we do," said Dr. Kamaria Tyehimba, Director of RHAC, about RHAC's need to connect with the community via word of mouth, donated billboard space and other low-cost efforts. "We don't have a PR budget, so certainly being visible in the community helps us a lot. And we realize we owe much of our success to clients and others talking about the positive work we do."

In Dr. Tyehimba's words, RHAC's purpose is "to provide an open door for adults, children and families in need of alcohol and other drug prevention and treatment services. The goal of the program is to respond to Hamilton County consumers' needs for information, assessment, treatment, education, prevention, and advocacy."

To support this statement, RHAC's doors are open from 8 AM to 8 PM Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 8 AM to 12 PM, with a 24-hour live voice to receive calls and assist Hamilton County residents. Also, in the last year, RHAC has enhanced its services to more effectively serve the Hispanic/Latino and

homeless communities.

Initiated originally by the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board, RHAC is operated by The Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area. The program's success is measured by the number of calls received, the number of clients assessed and placed in the appropriate level of care, the number of clients supported by RHAC pre-treatment services, and the relationships RHAC staff maintain with other treatment providers.

Once a client is discharged from a treatment program facility, RHAC calls the client every 30, 60 and 90 days to check on their progress and to see if they are employed, are having employment challenges, or if they have relapsed. RHAC also follows up with clients 12 months after their discharge dates, and provides guidance on finding employment services, prevention and treatment, if needed.

In reviewing the Information and Referral calls received prior to when RHAC was established, the Alcoholism Council received 588.77 hours of calls from July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004, RHAC's first year of operation, the program had received 1829.7 hours in calls, which translates to 21,555 total calls, and had scheduled 1,479 assessments. From July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005, total calls had increased to 29,534, and assessment appointments had jumped to 2,068.

Overall, 926 individuals were assessed between July 2003 and June 2004, and 1,648 individuals were assessed from July

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website is filled with resources for local coalition building, information about the various initiatives in which the The Coalition is involved, and ways the The Coalition engages and involves the many sectors of the tri-state regional community to reduce youth substance use and abuse through awareness, education and prevention. As part of this launch, all Coalition staff have new e-mail addresses, which are First Name Initial and Full Last Name @drugfreecincinnati.org. General e-mail can be sent to info@drugfreecincinnati.org.

The website includes resource areas for parents, schools, employers, faith leaders, and youth. Additionally, there are a variety of tools for



neighborhood coalitions, including materials for starting a coalition, using the strategic prevention framework and building capacity in local communities. In addition to general information, the website also includes highlights of the initiatives and projects The Coalition facilitates regionally, donation information, volunteer opportunities, history and current news, The Coalition's strategic plan, and The Coalition's vision for the Greater Cincinnati region.

The website was designed by LeapSmart of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, who also designed the Ohio Resource Network's ebasedprevention.org website.

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a positive, effective environment. We seek persons who are committed to our mission and will help us achieve a Board representative of the county in terms of gender and race. Individuals identified by the Board are recommended to the Governor and the County

Commissioners who have appointing authority. Please contact Dr. Sherry Knapp-Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the ADAS Board, at (513) 621-7202 for more information about serving on the Board, eligibility requirements, and responsibilities of service.

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Our Vision

We envision a world where every person has the opportunity to live a healthy and productive life.

Our Mission

The Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board uses public funds to plan and monitor alcohol, other drug and gambling treatment, prevention and education services for the citizens of Hamilton County.

The Hamilton County ADAS Board is an equal opportunity employer.

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2004 through June 2005. Clients being assessed are placed in the most appropriate level of care. After they are assessed, clients are referred either to treatment or to Clinical Triage Services for pre-treatment while they wait to be placed into treatment.

RHAC began Clinical Triage Services in July 2003. Clinical Triage Services incorporates two phases of triage service—1) phone calls to RHAC that require more than information and referrals, and 2) pre-treatment groups or services that support clients while they await placement into a treatment agency or program. Clinical Triage Services may also involve an actual case worker, and may make recommendations on the phone or via a scheduled assessment. RHAC received 1,399 calls for Clinical Triage Services from July 2003 through 2004, and 2,569 calls from

July 2004 through June 2005.

Hamilton County residents can contact RHAC by calling (513) 281-RHAC (7422) if they are concerned that they or someone they know may have an alcohol or drug abuse problem. RHAC also operates on site at The Alcoholism Council's office at 2828 Vernon Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45219. All people who are homeless will be served, and all assessments are conducted within three days.

ADAS-Funded Agencies

ALCOHOLISM COUNCIL OF THE CINCINNATI AREA
 2828 Vernon Place, Cincinnati, OH 45219 (513) 281-7880

CENTER FOR CHEMICAL ADDICTIONS TREATMENT (CCAT)
 830 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45214 (513) 381-6672

CENTRAL COMMUNITY HEALTH BOARD
 3120 Vernon Place, Cincinnati, OH 45219 (513) 559-2056

COALITION FOR A DRUG-FREE GREATER CINCINNATI
 2330 Victory Parkway, Suite 306, Cincinnati, OH 45206 (513) 751-8000

DROP INN CENTER
 217 W. 12th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210 (513) 721-0643

DRUG AND POISON INFORMATION CENTER (DPIC)
 3333 Burnet Avenue VP3, Cincinnati, OH 45229
 (513) 636-5063 Business Office (513) 558-5111 24-Hour Hotline

FIRST STEP HOME, INC.
 2203 Fulton Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45206 (513) 961-HOME (961-4663)

GLAD HOUSE (Giving Life a Dream)
 4721 Reading Road, Building A, Cincinnati, OH 45237 (513) 641-5530 or 636-5917

LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH SERVICES, INC.
 1501 Madison Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206 (513) 221-3350

MALLORY CENTER FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 3262 Beekman Street, Cincinnati, OH 45223 (513) 591-2255

PROSPECT HOUSE
 682 Hawthorne Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205 (513) 921-1613

TALBERT HOUSE
 2600 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206 (513) 751-7747

THE CROSSROADS CENTER
 3009 Burnet Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219 (513) 475-5300

TREATMENT ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES (TASC)
 911 Sycamore Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202 (513) 946-3785

UMADAOP (Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program)
 4015 Cherry Street, Cincinnati, OH 45223 (513) 541-7099

WYOMING YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU
 800 Oak Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45215 (513) 821-2428

Community Calendar

January 26, 2006	Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board of Trustees Meeting, 4PM, at the ADAS Center, 3009 Burnet Avenue. For more information, contact the Hamilton County ADAS Board at (513) 621-7202.
February 23, 2006	Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board of Trustees Meeting, 4PM, at the ADAS Center, 3009 Burnet Avenue. For more information, contact the Hamilton County ADAS Board at (513) 621-7202.
March 23, 2006	Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board of Trustees Meeting, 4PM, at the ADAS Center, 3009 Burnet Avenue. For more information, contact the Hamilton County ADAS Board at (513) 621-7202.
April 7, 2006	Medication Assisted Addictions Treatment conference will be taking place at the University of Cincinnati Genome Research Center, Blue Ash. It is co-sponsored by the Hamilton County ADAS Board, ODADAS, Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceuticals, Cephalon, and Talbert House. The keynote speaker will be Charles P. O'Brien, MD, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania. Registration materials will be available in January-February 2006.

Agency Spotlight

The Crossroads Center, Adult Recovery Center

The Crossroads Center had its beginnings in 1951, and over its 54-year history has become a comprehensive behavioral health center. The center provides services for persons who suffer from addictions and mental health problems, assists families and children in preserving the family unit, and helps to reduce child abuse and neglect.

For the past 54 years, a number of clinic programs have been developed in response to client and community needs. These programs are science based and incorporate best practices known through research and experience. A more recent reorganization of a section of services known as the Adult Residential Care (ARC) unit was implemented at The Crossroads Center.

Starting in July 2004, the space vacated by the Social Detox Unit was converted for use for the three separate but similar services that comprise the Center's ARC unit:

ADAS Expansion Short Term Residential Treatment – This program is a non-medical community based residential program providing a wide continuum of services in support of the recovery process and home/community reintegration. Services could include individual and group counseling, family counseling, medical somatic, crisis intervention, and case management services. All services are culturally, gender and age specific. Beds are funded through the Hamilton County Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board. Clients must have substance problems that require short-term residential treatment. Clients who have a dual diagnosis can be admitted to the short-term residential beds if they are psychiatrically stable.

Intensive Outpatient Program – This is an organized thera-

peutic service provided in a non-residential setting at least three days per week, three hours a day in a professionally supervised program. The program's services include assessment, individual and group counseling, family counseling, case management services, drug screening, medical/somatic services, crisis intervention, prevention, and education.

Mental Health Court Residential Treatment – This residential unit provides monitored, safe and staff-secured housing for up to 12 individuals who are eligible for this alternative program for mentally ill offenders. This short-term residential treatment program provides for a focus stabilization of mental illness and adequate engagement in continuing recovery activities in a less restrictive community environment. Potential clients have been charged with misdemeanor charges, excluding charges for domestic violence or driving under the influence (DUI). Clients must also carry a diagnosis of schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, bi-polar, or major depression with some previous mental health system services. Clients may also be dually diagnosed. Residents must be referred by the Mental Health Court and live in Hamilton County. The Center will sometimes accept an offender charged with a violent offense, but only at the Mental Health Court Judge's discretion, and with the agreement of the prosecutor and the victim.

During its first year of operation, 129 individual clients were admitted and received services in the ARC program. Of that number, 53 residents successfully completed all of the criteria for graduation from the program. Thirty-eight of those clients chose on their own to continue in outpatient therapy to reinforce the gains that they had made during their stay at ARC.

Around the State

Survey: Youth Drug Use Declines

Drug use among teenagers is down. That's the good news, as reported by Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. As part of the 2004 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), Leavitt announced illicit drug use among 12- to 17-year-olds was down 9 percent.

The NSDUH found that 19.1 million Americans, or nearly 8 percent of the population ages 12 and older, had used an illicit drug in the past month. This number was similar to the results of the 2002 and 2003 NSDUHs. But the good news is the decline in use among teens.

In the past month, just over 8 percent of boys ages 12 to 17 used marijuana. A decline was also seen in the 18- to 25-year-old category, the group reporting the highest number of users. Just over 16 percent reported marijuana use, down from 17.3 percent in 2002. The use of hallucinogens was also down from 1.9 percent to 1.5 percent.

John P. Walters, director of National Drug Control Policy, said the

Inhalant problem growing among youths

While drug use among young people appears to be on the decline, a scary trend is emerging—the use of many common household products as a method for getting high. The latest item: compressed air products used to clean computer keyboards and other equipment.

Inhalants are cheap, legal and easily accessible to youth. However, these products have the potential to kill. The Ohio Resource Network for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities claims teens commonly call such inhalants “just air.” Some teens have been fatally wrong.

The propellant in the inhalants, such as the keyboard air cleaners, is dichlorofluoromethane, a Freon-like substance that can lead to immediate frostbite, liver or kidney toxicity and death. One national company, Dust-Off, is aware that its product is being abused and has posted warnings on the cans.

Educating parents and children needs to remain a priority in cur-tailing this abuse.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, the peak age of inhalant abusers is 14 or 15 years old. Children as young as fourth grade are misusing household items.

Dr. Marcel Casavant, medical director of the Central Ohio Poison Center, said most parents aren't aware of the extent of

news should be encouraging to addiction and recovery organizations.

“Our balanced drug control strategy is paying off – especially in the most important category: young people.”

The NSDUH states that more than 60 percent of youths ages 12 to 17 had talked in the past year with at least one of their parents about the dangers of drug, tobacco or alcohol use. This is an increase from the 2003 rate of 58.9 percent. Among those who have had the conversations, their rates of current alcohol, cigarette and drug use were lower than their peers.

Another factor that seems to prevent substance use is parental monitoring. Parents who check or help with homework and who limit time spent out on school nights have children who use far less drugs, alcohol and cigarettes. For example, 6.2 percent of youth who reported their parents “always” or “sometimes” helped them with homework used marijuana in the past month. For youth whose parents “seldom” or “never” help them with homework, 14.7 percent had used marijuana.

the problem. He said 45-60 cases of inhaling or “huffing” is reported each year, but he feels many more go unreported. The National Inhalant Prevention Coalition said it knows of about 125 inhalant deaths each year. The deaths are mostly in children ages 10-16. Southwest Ohio has reported more than 30 deaths in 10 years.

The risk of death from first-time use is higher than with any other drug.

Some of the common inhalants used include whipped cream propellants, aerosols, cleaning agents, lighter fluid, correction fluid, felt tip markers and rubber cement. Street names for inhaling include air blast, ames, bagging, poor man's pot, poppers, rush, thrust, and snappers.

Inhaling produces an inhibited feeling that can last several minutes or hours. Health effects include unconsciousness, displacement of oxygen in the lungs and central

nervous system, hearing loss, brain damage, and bone marrow damage. Liver and kidney damage and blood oxygen depletion can also result.

Inhalers may exhibit signs similar to alcohol abuse, and users may report headaches, nausea, vomiting, slurred speech, and loss of motor coordination. A tell-tale rash around the nose or mouth is also common.

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Marcia Brooks fondly remembered

Marcia Brooks, who held the position of Fiscal and Human Resources Assistant for the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board, died September 20, 2005. Brooks was to celebrate her 15-year anniversary with the ADAS Board just seven days later. Marcia was the first employee to be hired by the Director of the Board when it was established in 1990. All at the ADAS Board mourn her passing.

“Marcia inspired each of us at the ADAS Board with her spirit, kindness and dedication. Not only was she dear to her co-work-

Hamilton County recognized local recovery events as part of national campaign

For the 16th year, September was declared National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. This year's theme, “Join the Voices for Recovery: Healing Lives, Families and Communities,” was an effort to improve access to alcohol and drug treatment services and encourage people to overcome the barriers to recovery.

Events were held across the country to raise awareness of Recovery Month and the many agencies and organizations that work hard to promote recovery, prevention and treatment. Through awareness, the tireless efforts of staff and volunteers can help more people each year.

This year, several local events marked the occasion. First, Hamilton County Commissioners proclaimed September Recovery Month in the county, saying “recognition and gratitude are to be given to the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board, its providers and partners for their outstanding services to Hamilton County.”

September 16 was marked with the sellout of the Integrated Dual Diagnosis Treatment (IDDDT) Conference. In fact, about 300 additional people had to be turned away due to space limitations. The IDDDT Conference was also scheduled to air on local Media

Become a Board Trustee

The Hamilton County Alcohol & Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board is recruiting interested individuals to serve on the ADAS Board of Trustees.

The ADAS Board was created in 1989 to ensure the availability of publicly funded and community-based alcohol and other drug addiction services. With the passage of House Bill 477, the Board also addresses gambling addiction. The Board, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Hamilton County Commissioners, administers public funds for

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ers, but by the nature of her role with ADAS, she touched many of those in the community with whom we work regularly. She will be missed greatly and remembered fondly,” said Dr. Sherry Knapp-Brown, CEO of the ADAS Board.

Brooks is survived by her sons Gerald and Brandon and many family and friends. She was a devoted member of the Hamilton County ADAS Board and her presence will be missed by her co-workers, other county employees, especially in the Auditor and Personnel departments, and alcohol and drug service providers in the community.

Bridges cable access channels.

Dr. Sherry Knapp Brown, Chief Executive Officer of the ADAS Board, and Patrick Tribbe, Chief Executive Officer of Hamilton County Community Mental Health Board, spoke at the conference about the history of the Substance Abuse and Mental Illness initiative in Hamilton County.

The Cincinnati Reds joined 18 other Major League Baseball teams in honoring National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month. More than 120 people representing those in recovery attended the Reds game on September 23. The attendees made a “human sign” in the stands that said “Recovery Works.”

The Reds organization welcomed several people in recovery onto the field, and a 30-second message about alcohol and drug addiction recovery was shown on the video board. Roger Zellars, Associate Director of Prospect House, threw out the first pitch to Jeff Vogt of the ADAS Board.

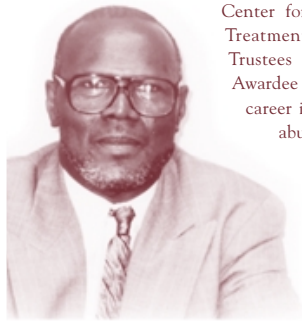
Finally, Dr. Knapp Brown wrote a guest editorial that appeared in several area Community Press newspapers, including Delhi Press and Suburban Life, in early September. The editorial stressed the importance of recovery and how everyone can participate in helping friends, family and co-workers who suffer from addiction. Dr. Knapp-Brown encouraged people to know the signs of addiction and know how and where to refer someone.

local programming and does not directly provide services, but contracts with a network of 16 alcohol, other drug addiction and gambling prevention and treatment provider agencies. Our mission is to assess needs, plan, fund and monitor public alcohol, drug, and gambling treatment, prevention and education services for the citizens of Hamilton County.

Serving on the ADAS Board of Trustees provides an opportunity to educate, enlighten and serve both your individual community and all of Hamilton County, enabling those suffering from alcohol, other drug and gambling addiction to turn their lives around in

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Otis Ray Sr. named Kindred Spirit



Otis Ray, Sr.

Mr. Ray, Sr. has been selected by the Center for Chemical Addictions Treatment's (CCAT) Board of Trustees as the Kindred Spirit Awardee for 2005 for his long career in the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention. During his nearly 30-year career, Mr. Ray has mentored and formally taught hundreds of current professionals in the field.

The Kindred Spirit Luncheon during which the award will be presented to Mr. Ray will take place on December 8, 2005 at the Westin Hotel's Fountain Room in Cincinnati. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. and the luncheon begins at 12 p.m.

Mr. Ray started his career at CCAT in 1977—first as a patient aide and subsequently as a primary counselor. He spent the past 28 years in different capacities, which allowed him to not only counsel the chemically dependent, but train hundreds of candidates to become knowledgeable, ethical and compassionate chemical dependency counselors. In 1996, he formalized this process by creating the Skills Development Program, operated as a Talbert House project, to educate and prepare candidates for the state written and oral chemical dependency exams.

In addition to his skills as counselor and teacher, Mr. Ray has also worked to develop new treatment programs. He worked as a Program Director for Emerson North, and assisted with the development of the chemical dependency component for Talbert House, Spring Grove site. Currently, he is on the Board of Directors for the Drop Inn Center and on CCAT's OASIS Volunteer Advisory Committee.

If interested in attending the luncheon to honor Mr. Ray, call Kit Berger at CCAT at (513) 381-6672 or information@ccat-sober.org. The cost is \$40.00 per person or \$425.00 for a table of 10.

For the ADAS Provider Calendar
The quarterly Continuing Care Graduation at CCAT will take place on December 2, 2005. The evening always begins with fellowship at 6 p.m., and the graduation ceremony at 7 p.m. For more information, call Harry McDowell at (513) 381-6672.

Staff News

CCAT announces new Development Director. Meghan Galvin, formerly of the Alzheimer's Association, has joined the staff.

Talbert House celebrates 40 years

Nearly 300 local and state officials, business leaders, honorees, and sponsors attended a luncheon September 19 at the Hilton Cincinnati that celebrated the 40 years of accomplishments of Cincinnati's Talbert House.

Talbert House works everyday to improve social behavior and enhance the recovery and growth of the people of Greater Cincinnati. The organization provides mental health, community corrections, substance abuse, and welfare-to-work services. Talbert House President Neil Tilow said the luncheon was touching because so many community leaders continue to support Talbert house every year.

"Being acknowledged as a 'go-to' organization for solving tough social problems means a great deal," Tilow said. The organization also recognized three women for their work with Talbert House. Ohio State Representative Michelle Schneider was presented with the Ernest Talbert Award for supporting the agency's step-down services for children.

Suzanne Burke, chief executive officer of the Council on Aging of Southwest Ohio was given the Agnes Seasongood Good Government Award. Burke was chosen for aiding Talbert House with establishing Community Link, a program that helps Ohio Works First recipients move to work placement and self-sufficiency.

Finally, Talbert House recognized Chief Executive Officer and President of the Cincinnati Youth Collaborative Dr. Myrtis Powell with the Community Service Award. Powell launched S.P.A.R.K. (Strengthening Partnerships and Resources for Kids), which provides mentors for children of incarcerated parents.

Alcoholism Council opens Serenity Courtyard



From left, Lupe Hoyt, Alcoholism Council board member; Hope Taft, First Lady of Ohio; and Tim Ammer, Alcoholism Council board president

On Tuesday, November 15 The Alcoholism Council of the Cincinnati Area, NCADD formally celebrated the opening of its newest addition, Serenity Courtyard. Featured speakers during the celebration included Mrs. Hope Taft, First Lady of Ohio, Dr. Sherry Knapp-Brown, CEO of the Hamilton County Alcohol and Drug Addiction Service (ADAS) Board, and Charlotte Wethington, a local recovery advocate.

Serenity Courtyard is a new and permanent addition to the Council's exterior environment that will permanently recognize the achievements of non-profit organizations in Hamilton County

that are working to help individuals and families struggling with alcohol and other drug addiction. The Alcoholism Council has donated 20 12"x12" pavers, each engraved with the logo of an organization, to Serenity Courtyard in recognition of the contributions these agencies have made in the areas of substance abuse treatment, awareness and prevention.

In his remarks during the celebration, Bob Byrne, Alcoholism Council Trustee and Serenity Courtyard Co-Chair said, "There is no place in our community that permanently recognizes the achievements of organizations that are doing exceptional work in the areas of substance abuse prevention, education and treatment. Serenity Courtyard is that one place that will always honor and memorialize the achievements of non-profits who are contributing to the health of our community. We are very privileged that this memorial will be located on the Alcoholism Council's property, for the entire community to enjoy."

Additionally, the public is invited to purchase pavers to recognize, thank, honor, or remember individuals, families, recovery professionals, and substance abuse organizations.

Serenity Courtyard was designed and partially donated by award-winning landscape designer Andy Perrino, and installed by his local firm, Perrino Landscape, Inc. Serenity Courtyard incorporates a mortared fieldstone entryway, a "Light of Recovery" fountain, four separate seating areas, and Hampton Blend pavers that line the entire courtyard.

Substance abuse agencies that will be permanently recognized within Serenity Courtyard include: The Hamilton County ADAS Board; The Ohio Women's Network; The Crossroads Center; Drop Inn Center; Glad House; Center for Chemical Addiction Treatment; Urban Minority Alcohol Drug Abuse Outreach Program; Coalition for a Drug Free Greater Cincinnati; First Step Home; Prospect House; Central Community Health Board; Talbert House; Christ Hospital Outpatient Alcohol and Drug Services; Bethesda Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program; Kids Helping Kids; Recovery Resource Center; the Hamilton County Drug Court; Recovery Link; First Step Home; and Children's Hospital Drug and Poison Information Center.

For more information about Serenity Courtyard, contact Dean Pooe at the Alcoholism Council at (513) 281-7880, ext. 102.

New president and executive director joins Drug-Free Coalition

Holly James joined the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati on November 14 as President and Executive Director. One of Holly's biggest immediate projects is to work with the Coalition's Board of Trustees to operationalize the recently-adopted five-year strategic plan.

"Holly is a strategic thinker with a demonstrated ability to build and cultivate cross-functional relationships, a key compo-

nent of leading an organization such as ours," said Krista Boyle, Coalition Board Executive Committee Officer. "She also has excellent communication, organizational, financial management and administrative skills, and an understanding of the workings of the state and federal governments."

In addition to defining the strategic plan benchmarks, Holly will serve as the primary liaison with The Coalition's Board of Trustees, including Task Forces and Committees, oversees all planning and programmatic activities toward achieving The Coalition's mission, and represents The Coalition to the public and community partners.

One of Holly's goals is to continue to improve The Coalition's ability to collect, analyze and disseminate localized data collected through The Coalition's bi-annual Student Personal Drug Use Survey taken by more than 60,000 seventh through twelfth graders throughout the 10-county, tri-state region. This data allows The Coalition to work with community partners and neighborhood coalitions to make data-driven decisions based on needs throughout our community concerning the issue of substance abuse prevention.

Holly graduated magna cum laude with a degree in Political Science from the Ohio State University, and received her Master of Arts in Public Administration from George Mason University. She is a Certified Association Executive (CAE), with more than 10 years of professional experience with nonprofits and associations. Most recently, she served as Director of a national trade association's education foundation. Prior to that, she served as program director with the National Coalition for Promoting Physical Activity, and was responsible for developing state and local coalitions focused on the issue of physical activity.

Holly is a native of Cincinnati and graduate of St. Ursula Academy. She moved back to the area to be closer to family, especially her two nieces, ages four and one. Holly's personal interests include volunteer work, such as grant writing for Greyhound Rescue, coaching softball with Special Olympics and working with the Lupus Foundation of Greater Washington, DC. She is a runner and recently completed the 2005 Flying Pig Half Marathon and the Halloween Half Marathon in Myrtle Beach.

New president and executive director joins Drug-Free Coalition

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati has launched a new website at www.DrugFreeCincinnati.org. The



Holly James