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## September 2024 Community Report



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### Current Events:

#### October is National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month

##### Prevent Bullying Every Day

As reported on the *2019 Indicators of School Crime and Safety* report, about 20% of students ages 12–18 reported being bullied in 2017. Among students ages 12–18 who reported being bullied during the school year, 15% were bullied online or by text. National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month is a month-long observance to educate and raise awareness about bullying and cyberbullying prevention. Addressing and preventing bullying is something that everyone can do, every day.

##### Address Bullying At School

Educators and teachers can create a *safe, supportive learning environment* and a classroom culture of positivity, inclusiveness and respect. They can reward students for positive social behavior. Schools can communicate bullying policies at their school to parents, students, teachers and staff and follow through on them. Monitoring bullying 'hot spots' around the school campus can also help prevent bullying.

##### Talk About Bullying At Home

Parents and caregivers can talk with their children about their school and digital life, and the many *roles children can play in bullying*. By asking open-ended questions, they can talk about their children's experience and

communicate expectations about appropriate behavior – in person and in their digital world. Parents are the primary role models for their children, and when they model the behavior they expect from their children, they teach through actions.

### Support Your Community

Mentors can also model kindness, inclusivity, and respect. They can ask open-ended questions of their mentees and listen without judgement. Providing positive reinforcement to children and teenagers can help protect them from bullying and other risky behaviors. They can also provide support to all kids involved, and help make sure the bullying doesn't continue and its effects are minimized.

### Get Help

Youth who experience bullying can reach out to a trusted adult to talk about it and get support. If they're being cyberbullied, they can capture screenshots. They can block the people who are bullying. If they witness bullying, they can change the conversation and deflect it. If they feel they can do it, they can stand up for the person being bullied, either on their own or with friends as a group. If they don't feel safe doing that, they can reach out to the person being bullied to let them know that they don't agree with it. If youth witness cyberbullying, they shouldn't participate or share the posts or texts. They can learn more about how bystanders are essential to bullying prevention. They can also talk to a trusted adult for advice. Check out these videos on how to handle different bullying situations.

### Local Resources:

#### Licking County

Pathways of Central Ohio – Center for Prevention Services

Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm

Contact: Cheryl Hoshor, Program Director

740-345-6166 ext. 220

[pathwaysofcentralohio.org](http://pathwaysofcentralohio.org)

#### Knox County

New Directions – Prevention & Education

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Contact: 740-397-4357

[www.newdirectionsknox.org](http://www.newdirectionsknox.org)



	Sep 23	Oct 23	Nov 23	Dec 23	Jan 24	Feb 24	Mar 24	Apr 24	May 24	Jun 24	Jul 24	Aug 24	Sep 24
<b>Total Calls w/Follow Ups</b>	1245	1217	1185	1250	1314	1131	1156	1203	1358	1183	1446	1455	1293
<b>Knox</b>	246	254	181	210	307	264	271	273	290	223	305	294	242
<b>Licking</b>	999	963	1004	1040	1007	867	885	930	1068	960	1141	1161	1051

For more detailed monthly reports on calls to our 211/Crisis Hotline, visit [www.pathways.211counts.org](http://www.pathways.211counts.org)

## September Unmet Needs from Call Stats

### *Licking County*

Adoption & Foster/Kinship Care Support Groups  
Bed Bug Control  
Burial/Cremation Expense Assistance

### *Knox County*

Home Maintenance and Repair Services  
Laundry Vouchers  
Natural Hair/Wig Donations



## 2024 Agency Updates

Did you know that you can login to the 211 database at any time to review your agency and service information? Just click the 211 Online Resource Directory button to the right, scroll down and click Service Provider Tools.

If you don't know your login/password (sent with Web Survey Request email (at the very bottom of the message), click the Request Password button to request a user name and password. You should receive a reply within 72 business hours.

Don't forget to check your email for the 2024 Agency Update Request from Lyn Romano, CRS-DC at [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org). Please check your Spam/Junk Mail folder, also. Requests are sent out annually to agencies that have given us a current email address.



*Updating your agency listing is vital to keeping our database current!*

*Thank you for your help in providing the most accurate information for our callers !!*

**For anyone in need, the 211/988 Crisis Hotline is available 24/7/365.**



## Help Promote 211 and 988 in Licking and Knox Counties!

Pathways has supplies of 211 and 988 cards, rack cards, magnets and posters for distribution in the community. Help us spread the word about these numbers to connect your neighbors to local resources.

Call 740-345-6166 x200 or email your request to [mail@pathwaysco.org](mailto:mail@pathwaysco.org).

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The 211 Community Monthly Report provides statistics regarding calls received and data on unmet needs in Licking and Knox Counties. New or important agency information and/or highlights of special programs and services available in Licking and Knox Counties are included.

If you have questions about this report or would like to suggest a program for us to highlight, please contact Lyn Romano at [lromano@pathwaysco.org](mailto:lromano@pathwaysco.org) or 740-345-6166 x200.

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There are 3 ways to contact us for free, confidential assistance:

CALL 211, 345-HELP, 1-800-544-1601

TEXT your zip code to 898211

VISIT [211pathways.org](http://211pathways.org)

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211/Crisis Hotline Program Director, Amanda Dawoodarry, is available to answer questions and provide public awareness to your organization about the 211/Crisis Hotline and the services provided.

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211/Crisis Hotline Certified Resource Database Curator, Lyn Romano, can assist agencies with questions about service/program listings in the Resource Database. Call or email her when you need assistance.

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211/Crisis Hotline Resource Database Assistant, Andrea Rudin, works alongside our Database Curator to keep the service/program listings updated in the Resource Database. Email her when you need assistance.

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