# October 2025 Community Report





# **Local Agency Updates:**

# **Licking County Updates:**

# ALEX CORWIN CHOSEN AS NEW LCBDD SUPERINTENDENT

The Program Director of OCALI's Lifespan Transitions Center, Alex Corwin, has been selected to be the next Superintendent/CEO of the Licking County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD).

Interim Superintendent Wendy Gorrell will continue to lead LCBDD until Corwin starts his new role on October 27.

The LCBDD can be contacted at 740-349-6588.



# **Knox County Updates:**



The Knox County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce its official relocation to **11 South Mulberry Street** in downtown Mount Vernon. The new office is located in the former Kahrl & Company Insurance building, a familiar landmark in the community.

In addition to the Chamber's new office, an adjacent space at **9 South Mulberry Street** is available for lease. Businesses seeking a new location are encouraged to contact Nick Blanchard at 740-399-5122 for details regarding square footage, lease terms, and private tours.

#### **Current Events**

#### FLU SEASON IS UPON US

As flu season begins, health experts are encouraging individuals to take preventive steps to protect themselves and others. One option to fight against the flu is the seasonal influenza vaccine, which is now widely available. The vaccine is updated each year to target the most common circulating strains and is recommended for most people aged 6 months and older. Getting vaccinated can help reduce the risk of serious illness, especially for those at higher risk, including young children, older adults, and people with underlying health conditions. Visit your local Health Department or Pharmacies for more information on how you can get the vaccine if desired.



#### **Local Resources:**

Licking County Heath
Department
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm
675 Price Road, Newark
740-349-6535
www.lickingcohealth.
org

Knox County Community
Health Center
Mon-Thu 7:30am-5pm;
Fri 8am-4:30pm
11660 Upper Gilchrist
Road, Mount Vernon
740-399-8008
knoxhealth.com/index
.php/knox-countyhealth-center



#### October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer Awareness Month is an international health campaign that's held every October. The month aims to promote screening and reduce the risk of the disease, which affects 2.3 million women worldwide.

In the month of October, there are specific dates designed to raise awareness of specific groups within the breast cancer community. October 13 is nationally recognized in the U.S. as Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day seeks to educate the public about the challenges that people with metastatic breast cancer face and the need for more research and more treatments for this deadly disease.

Men's Breast Cancer Awareness Week is October 17–23. According to The American Cancer Society about 2800 men in the U.S. will be diagnosed with Breast Cancer in 2025. Lack of awareness and stigma can be barriers to detection and care in

- If you know someone who is living with breast cancer or has been affected by the disease, check in with them to ask them how they're doing.
- Schedule your annual mammogram.
   Encourage your friends and family to do the same.
- Learn more about breast cancer and how it affects people's lives from Breastcancer.org's news, educational content, podcasts, and more.
- Join <u>community discussion forums</u> to ask questions or connect with others.
   Breastcancer.org also hosts multiple <u>virtual support groups</u> each

#### **Local Resources:**

## Knox County -

Help spread awareness at **Kno-Ho-Co Community Action Commission's Breast** Cancer Awareness Event! Thursday, October 16, 2025 | 6:00 - 9:00 PM Ramser Center, Knox **County Fairgrounds** 700 Perimeter Drive, Mt. Vernon Join us for an evening dedicated to breast cancer awareness and community impact. The event will feature: A professional panel to answer your questions Free giveaways for attendees Silent auction items All proceeds from the event will benefit United Way of Knox County. For more information, please contact Danielle Berger at 740-397-0145 or 740-485-7446.

#### Licking County -

Eligible women in Licking County can apply to receive mammogram screenings and other treatments through the SASS Program. For more information or to week.

inquire about eligibility contact,
Eligibility Approval
BCCP, Breast and Cervical
Cancer Project
(866) 418-4963
BCCP@lickingcohealth.org

### **Pathways News:**



# **Funding Updates/Agency Updates!**

Funding cuts are impacting vital services across the community, leaving many individuals and families without the support they rely on. As resources shift or shrink, it's more important than ever to keep 211 informed. If your organization provides services, please ensure your 211 listing is current—so those in need can still find help when it matters most. Update your information today to help us connect people with the resources that remain available.

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 24 business hours. You can also reach out to our Resource Database Manager, Michaela Paulik to request your login/password directly. You can email her at mpaulik@pathwaysco.org



# **Holiday Food and Gift Assistance:**

If your agency is offering help with holiday toys/gifts and or food/meals for the community, contact Lyn at lromano@pathwaysco.org or Sara at sgigliotti@pathwaysco.org for your programs details to be included in our database.



#### Knox and Licking County Call Totals for the Past 12 Months

	Sep 24	Oct 24	Nov 24	Dec 24	Jan 25	Feb 25	Mar 25	Apr 25	May 25	Jun 25	Jul 25	Aug 25	Sep 25
Total Calls w/Follow Ups	1293	1371	1197	1351	1514	1269	1473	1533	1581	1684	1859	1607	1720
Knox	242	270	230	284	260	194	244	238	259	330	352	265	300
Licking	1051	1101	967	1067	1254	932	1130	1177	1212	1194	1335	1342	1260

For more detailed monthly reports on calls to our 211/988 Crisis Hotline, visit pathways.211counts.org/

#### August Unmet Needs from Call Stats

#### Licking County

Gas Money General Yard Work Automobile Insurance Payment Assistance

#### Knox County

Home Maintenance and Minor Repair Services Home Rehabilitation Programs



# Unmet Needs; Why they matter to 211 and to you!

"Unmet needs" refer to requests for help that 211 cannot fulfill due to a lack of available resources, services, or program capacity in the community. These can include things like housing, transportation, childcare, or utility assistance that callers urgently need but cannot access.

Tracking unmet needs is critical for a 211 agency. It helps identify service gaps, highlight emerging trends, and inform local agencies and funders about where more support or investment is needed. Understanding what needs go unmet empowers local agencies to advocate for systemic solutions, support community planning, and ultimately, help close those gaps to better serve individuals and families in crisis.

# 2025 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 24 business hours.

Don't forget to check your email for the 2025 Agency Update Request from Michaela Paulik, RD Manager at mpaulik@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 x322 or email your request to mpaulik@pathwaysco.org.

#### Pathways Facebook page

Join our 1,300 followers by liking us on Facebook and keep up with current news and information in our communities!

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Click the logo to go to our page. >>>



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 Michaela Paulik at mpaulik@pathwaysco.org or 740-345-6166 x322.

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 <u>211pathways.org</u>



211/988 Crisis Hotline
Program Director, Michaela
Paulik, is available to
answer questions and
provide public awareness to
your organization about the
211/Crisis Hotline and the
services provided.

Michaela Paulik, MS 740-345-6166 ext. 229 mpaulik@pathwaysco.org



211/Crisis Hotline Resource Database Assistant, Sara Gigliotti, works alongside our Database Curator to keep the service and program listings updated in the Resource Database. Call or email her when you need assistance.

Sara Gigliotti, RDA 740-345-6166 ext. 306



211/Crisis Hotline Certified Resource Database Curator, Lyn Romano, works alongside our Database Assistant to keep the service and program listings updated in the Resource Database. Call or email her when you need assistance.

Lyn Romano, CRS-DC 740-345-6166 ext. 200









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