



Expressions

Maumee Valley Guidance Center

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MAUMEE VALLEY GUIDANCE CENTER ACHIEVES BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ACCREDITATION FROM THE JOINT COMMISSION

Maumee Valley Guidance Center today announced it has earned The Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval® for [Behavioral Health Care Accreditation](#) by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards. The Gold Seal of Approval® is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective care.

Maumee Valley underwent a rigorous onsite survey. During the review, compliance with behavioral health care standards related to several areas, including care, treatment, and services; environment of care; leadership; and screening procedures for the early detection of imminent harm was evaluated. Onsite observations and interviews also were conducted.

Established in 1969, The Joint Commission's Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program currently accredits more than 2,250 organizations for a three-year period. Accredited organizations provide treatment and services within a variety of settings across the care continuum for individuals who have mental health, addiction, eating disorder, intellectual/developmental disability, and/or child-welfare related needs.

"We commend Maumee Valley Guidance Center for its efforts to elevate the standard of care it provides and to instill confidence in the community it serves," said Julia Finken, RN, BSN, MBA, CSSBB, CPHQ, executive director, Behavioral Health Care Accreditation Program, The Joint Commission.

"Maumee Valley is pleased to receive Behavioral Health Care Accreditation from The Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," added Connie Planson, CEO/President of MVGC. "Staff from across the organization continue to work together to develop and implement approaches and strategies that have the potential to improve care for those in our community."

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MVGC Trains for Crisis Response

Maumee Valley Guidance Center is offering Critical Incident Stress Management Training to 28 staff members to prepare for possible critical incidents in the Four County area. The CISM training will provide staff with guidelines and tactics for crisis situations.

A critical incident has the potential to result in psychological distress and an impairment of normal adaptive functioning. Examples of a critical incidents include: accidents, explosions, fires, hostage situations, robberies, natural disasters, assaults and/ or sudden death. The Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) model is utilized by over 300 communities throughout the United States and in five nations.

Maumee Valley Guidance Center contacted The International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) of Ellicott City, Maryland, to provide a trainer for the group of 28 staff consisting of Masters level counselors & social workers, and Community Psychiatric Support Providers. Dennis Porter, LMSW, FAAETS will be presenting the two day training on July 27th and 28th. The event will be held at the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center in Archbold, Ohio.

A grant from the Four County ADAMhs Board has made this training possible for Maumee Valley Guidance Center who provides the CISM Team to the Counties of Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams in the event of a Critical Incident. Maumee Valley Guidance Center has been providing this service for the past 10 years in the Four County area.

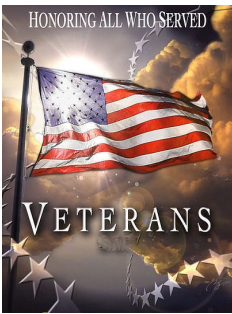
Maumee Valley Guidance Center is a Community Mental Health Agency that has provided Mental Health Services to Defiance, Fulton, Henry, and Williams Counties since 1960. ICISF is a non-profit, open membership foundation dedicated to the prevention and mitigation of disabling stress through education, training and support. ICISF also focuses on continuing education and training in emergency mental health services and assists in establishing crisis and disaster response programs for various organizations throughout the world.

Individuals involved in a critical incident often report a common core of symptoms, generally referred to as Critical Incident Stress. Some of the more common signs include: Fatigue, Fear, Nausea, Depression, Headaches, Intense Anger, Confusion, Difficulty Concentrating, Sleep Problems, Suspiciousness, Poor Problem Solving, and Grief

Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) is a structured educational and intervention process that focuses on mitigating the impact of a critical incident, reducing the chances of long-term psychological symptoms.

The two-day conference will inform and teach CISM theories and practices to professionals working in the fields of mental health crisis intervention and large-scale disaster mental health relief services. CISM is also a means of early detection for individuals who may be in need of more serious professional mental health services following a traumatic or highly stressful incident.

Supportive Services for Veterans Families Program



Maumee Valley Guidance Center is pleased to announce that we have been awarded grant money for Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (SSVF) for our sixth grant year through the Department of Veteran Affairs. This program helps Veterans in the five county area of: Fulton, Henry, Defiance, Williams and Paulding counties. The primary aim of supportive services (SSVF) program is to help Veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness quickly regain stability into permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis. Since Maumee Valley Guidance Center started this program 5 years ago, we have helped 442 Veterans and their families.

To learn more, please contact Jenny at (419) 785-3825.

Staff Anniversaries

January

Mattea Gilbert

February

Sherry Ward Abby Hoffman
Jeannie Wagner Kim Cavanaugh
Megan Gerken Christa Ruppel

March

Jennifer Napier

April

Shelly Wendt Kendra Torbet
Laura VanderHorst Haley Ramey
Nicole Nolan

May

Craig Parliment Dakota Emahiser
Shelly Ackley Linda Pavel
Kathrine Knoderer Anne Mallett

June

Bethany Shirkey

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

-William Arthur Ward

One Step at a Time

On September 23, 2017 staff from Maumee Valley Guidance Center participated in the “One Step at a Time” 5K Run/Walk. The race is to help raise awareness about depression and its sometimes fatal result... Suicide. This run/walk is in memory of Scott Hammersmith and those who have died by suicide. The race consists of a 3.1 mile run or walk, or a one mile memory walk around the Defiance College campus. Money raised through the annual 5K is used to support suicide prevention and awareness throughout Defiance County, Ohio. Depression is a treatable illness and depressive illnesses account for more than 90 percent of all suicide deaths.



Approved Provider of Continuing Professional Education



Maumee Valley Guidance Center has been approved to be a provider of Continuing Professional Education for the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker & Marriage and Family Therapist Board.

This will allow staff members to attend trainings and receive approved CEU's toward their license renewal requirements.

Donations

Northwest Ohio Electric monetary donation for Clubhouse Services

I think a hero is an ordinary individual who finds strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

-Christopher Reeve

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Enhancing the Quality of Life for
Those We Serve



Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of those we serve across the life span emphasizing treatment, community involvement, and innovative programs and to diminish the prevalence of behavioral health disorders. Our mission also supports preservation of the attributes, traits, and qualities of small community life unique to Northwest Ohio.



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