

Expressions

Maumee Valley Guidance Center

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NEW PROGRAM AT MVGC— Veterans Grant Awarded

Maumee Valley Guidance Center is pleased to announce that we are recipients of a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) grant. The program is Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF). The aim of supportive services is to help Veteran families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and / or homelessness.



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Maumee Valley Guidance Center had a special guest visit in October. Ryan L. Mack, the District Representative from Congressman Robert E. Latta's office stopped into Maumee Valley Guidance Center to congratulate us for receiving the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) grant.

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Supportive Services for Veteran and Families Program (SSVF)

This grant will be used to provide a range of supportive services designed to resolve the immediate crisis and promote housing stability. Some of the supportive services are as follows: outreach services, case management services, assistance in obtaining VA benefits, and assistance in obtaining and coordinating other public benefits available in the community.

There is a screening process to find out if the participant is eligible for this program. They must (1) Be a Veteran or in a household where a veteran is the head of the household (2) Very Low income (see Jenny for income guidelines) or (3) Homeless or at risk of homelessness

After their eligibility is determined, we will be able to assist them with both prevention and referrals. Or if they are at risk and qualify for the SSVF program we will be able to provide outreach and a variety of referrals: health care services, legal services, credit counseling, case management *and* temporary financial assistance to include time limited payments to third parties for rent, utilities, security and utility deposits.

We are proud to provide outreach and these services to the Defiance, Fulton, Henry and Williams county Veterans.

For more information call Jenny Hoeffel at 1-(800-569-3980) x 2114



Suicide Prevention—MVGC Awarded Grant

We are happy to announce that Maumee Valley Guidance Center is a recipient of the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation Grant.

Maumee Valley Guidance Center is an Ohio Department Mental Health Certified Community Behavioral Health agency that provides mental health assessment and treatment services to youth. Defiance County has been identified as one of the counties in which suicide rates exceed both national and state averages for youth.

With the Signs of Suicide grant, Maumee Valley Guidance Center will provide a comprehensive program of evidence-based youth prevention strategies to high school students in the Defiance County School district.

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United Way-Day of Caring 2012



On Friday, September 14, 2012, United Way conducted a "Day of Caring". Staff from The State Bank provided Maumee Valley Guidance Center with some much needed cleaning of the agency vehicles.

These vehicles transport Maumee Valley Guidance Center clients to various appointments in the community.

The experience was a positive one and the work done was very much appreciated. We thank them for their hard work and dedication to helping other community members.



New Psychiatrist joins Maumee Valley Guidance Center

Maumee Valley Guidance Center is proud to welcome Dr. Sandra Vonderembse.

She began working at Maumee Valley Guidance Center in August 2012 on a part time basis.



Dr, Vonderembse specializes in Adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness. She did her Psychiatric Residency at Medical College of Ohio and received her Doctor of Medicine from Medical College of Ohio.

She previously worked in Forensic Psychiatry for 13 years.

Grants and Donations

- 1. Ohio Suicide Grant
- 2. United Way of Defiance County
- 3. Supportive Services for Veterans and Families Grant

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

-John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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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.