

The Counseling Center of
Wayne & Holmes Counties
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CENTER UPDATE

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Awarded National Accreditation

The Counseling Center has been awarded a three-year national accreditation from CARF (the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities). The three-year accreditation is the highest level of accreditation awarded by CARF and covers all of the Counseling Center's mental health services and programs, specifically:

- Case Management/Services Coordination (Adults, Children and Adolescents)
- Community Housing: Mental Health (Adults)
- Crisis Intervention: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents)
- Intensive Family-Based Services: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents)
- Outpatient Treatment: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents)
- Prevention/Diversion: Mental Health (Adults, Children and Adolescents)
- Residential Treatment: Mental Health (Adults)

According to CARF, the Counseling Center "has met the annual conformance requirements for quality standards that enhance the lives of persons served."

Social Security

The Counseling Center's adult community psychiatric support staff are being trained by Social Security personnel on an expedited process for filing social security disability applications and on the process and requirements of being a representative payee. The Counseling Center will be serving as representative payee for a number of persons with severe mental illness who receive social security funding but are not able to successfully manage their own funds.

Trauma Treatment

Susan Nielsen, L.P.C.C., therapist in the Center's Wooster office, recently completed a two-day workshop on "New Frontiers in Trauma Treatment."

Nielsen previously traveled to South Africa in 1996 and 1999 as part of a post traumatic stress delegation.

Suicide Prevention

Suicide is one of the most frequent causes of death among teenagers. So, it is especially encouraging to note that in the recently completed fiscal year, the Counseling Center used grant funds and funds from the Wayne County Mental Health Coalition to provide Teen Depression Awareness and Suicide Prevention programs in eight local school districts reaching nearly 1000 students. Joy Stitzlein, M.S.W., L.I.S.W - S, Director of Education and Prevention, coordinates this local program and was invited by the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation to present an update of the Center's program at a state-wide conference in November.