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LEADERSHIP ACADEMY GRADUATES TEN

Ten Counseling Center staff have completed the Center's first year long Leadership Academy. During the academy, participants covered such topics as the history of the mental health system, financial management, and budgeting personnel, public policy, planning, problem solving, governance and leadership. Participants included: Brennan Galloway, M.A., LPCC; Tara Willis, M.ED., PC; and Steven Wells, M.A., PC from the Specialized Children's Service Program; Ryan Murphy, M.A., P.C.C. from the Emergency Services Unit; Leslie Feder, M.S.W., LISW-S and Sarah Bauman, M.S.W., LSW representing the adult community psychiatric support program; Jennifer Combs, M.A., PC from the Counseling/Psychotherapy Program; Doug Princehorn, M.S.W., LISW and Sandra Smith from the Residential Service Program; and Karen Shaner, B.S., program evaluation specialist. Participants also completed several case studies, read a variety of business publications and completed a personal work style assessment inventory.

NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR HIRED

Mark Weaver, M.A., P.C.C.-S. has been promoted to the position of Director of Community Education and Prevention Services. Weaver is currently employed by the Counseling Center as a therapist in the Wooster office of the Counseling/Psychotherapy program. He also previously worked in the Center's Emergency Services Department, Employment Services Unit and Psychosocial Rehabilitation Day Program. In this position, Weaver will be responsible for providing programs on parenting, early childhood mental health, suicide prevention and other topics of general interest to the community. He is a certified trainer in the use of Mental Health First Aide and will also serve as a member of the local suicide coalition. He holds a master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois and is a licensed as a professional clinical counselor by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board. He replaces Joy Stitzlein, M.S.W., LISW-S.

NATIONAL DEPRESSION SCREENING

The Counseling Center participated in National Depression Screening Day activities earlier this month by making free depression screenings available at the Viola Startzman Free Clinic.

LEADING CAUSE OF DISABILITY

According to a new report from the CDC, mental illnesses now account for a larger proportion of the reasons for disability than any other group of illnesses, including cancer and heart disease.