

The Counseling Center of
Wayne & Holmes Counties
2285 Benden Drive
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CENTER UPDATE

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EMPLOYMENT DIRECTOR



The Counseling Center is pleased to welcome **Elaine Bednar, D. Min., M.A., LPCC-S** as the new Director of Employment Services. Dr. Bednar comes to the Center with a strong mix of business, education and counseling experiences. She has been an adjunct professor and Director of Student Affairs at Ashland Theological Seminary, has worked in community mental health and chemical dependency programs, and has been an account manager for Coca-Cola and worked in other food and manufacturing settings. “Her broad experience will be extremely beneficial to our mental health patients who are struggling to gain successful employment,” noted Diane DeRue, Vice President/Chief of Rehabilitation and Recovery Services. The Center’s Employment program offers work assessment, job development and job coaching to mental health patients who are returning to the work force. Program staff also include an employment social worker and two job coaches. Last year the program assisted 71 persons to secure work or volunteer experience and 48 people became successfully employed.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Ten members of the Counseling Center staff are completing the third session of the Center’s year long Leadership Academy. Participants in the Leadership Academy meet twice a month over the course of the year to learn about such aspects of the Center’s operations as: personnel, budgeting, governance, public policy, personal work style and the local mental health system. Each year the group also completes a special project. This year’s team worked on various strategies for increasing access to Center services. As a result of their work, the Center’s Wooster counseling office and psychiatric office are now both open two evenings a week – Monday and Thursday. Participants in the 2014 class included representatives from the residential program, the medical records program, the community psychiatric services program, the administrative staff, the crisis program and the finance staff.

NEW STAFF

Joining the Counseling Center’s clinical staff in the last several months are:

- ◆ Sharon Kephart, LISW-S, therapist in Wooster and Rittman
- ◆ Jeffrey Bradford, L.P.C., therapist in Wooster and Orrville
- ◆ Lauren Logan, Psy.D., psychology resident in the Wooster office
- ◆ Melanie Zuk, L.I.S.W., therapist in Wooster and Orrville

In addition, counseling intern, Andrea Stutzman, has completed her education and will be continuing to serve patients in the Wooster office.

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