

113 Harding Way East Galion, Ohio 44833

October 2024 BOH Updates

ST/HIV Prevention Grants

* Testing numbers have remained steady in Galion and in Marion.

21 in Marion, 36 in Galion

* 41 active in-person PrEP clients at the end of October 2024
* 20 DIS cases investigated during October 2024
* Abby Volk, DIS completed phlebotomy training October 31, 2024. This is a requirement of the STI prevention grant, allowing her to draw blood to assist with syphilis and HIV diagnoses.
* Three regional testing events (STI/HIV/Hep C) were held during October: First Steps Recovery (Marion Co.), Ashland Co. Jail, Huron Co. Health Dept./Satellite Clinic in Willard
* Program staff attended the Transforming Care Conference in Columbus at The Ohio State University on October 10th. This was sponsored by Equitas Health. Topics included HIV care, HIV prevention, linkage to HIV care and inclusive programming.
* Program staff attended the state-wide Ohio Department of Health STI Prevention team meeting on October 16 in Columbus. This is held twice yearly.
* Prevention supplies were distributed to Crawford County Public Health and Wyandot County Public Health Departments. These supplies include male and female (internal) condoms, lubricant, information on Aware home STI and HIV test kits, and instructions for use. These items, provided to our grant programs by the Ohio Department of Health, are used to stock harm reduction vending machines in each corresponding county.
* The next Region 2 Galion Community Planning Group (HIV Prevention) meeting is Wednesday November 20th from 2-4 PM, OSU Mansfield, 120 Ovalwood Hall. We continue to look at ways to improve services. If anyone would like to be a part of this group, please email myself, Sarah Miley, [sarah.miley@galionhealth.org](mailto:sarah.miley@galionhealth.org) or Christina O’Millian at [omillianc@thirdstreetfamily.org](mailto:omillianc@thirdstreetfamily.org).

Respectfully Submitted,

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