

Your Dollars at Work

Financial Stability Programs & Services Funded in 2016 2015 Accomplishments



Hancock County Saves:

- One of the biggest accomplishments of Hancock Saves is the number of 7th grade students served by the 5 day Financial Education series. While the coordinator position was vacant until March, Hancock Saves was still able to reach 523 7th grade students in 2015. Hancock Saves was also a key contributor to the Real Money Real World programming provided through the OSU Extension office, and in that capacity was able to reach an additional 742 middle school and high school students.
- Adult programming for Hancock Saves continues to gain momentum through renewed relationships with financial partners and county social service agencies. By building on these relationships and leveraging existing programming currently being provided by others in the community, Hancock Saves can continue to provide relevant financial literacy programs. The neighbors of Hancock County will continue to learn new tools and resources to help increase savings, reduce debt and become more financially stable.



Findlay Family YMCA:

- Open Door Survey Results showed the impact that the Y is having on families and individuals who become members of the Y. Seven developmental assets were listed in the survey and the number of people who circled the results. (They could circle as many as they wished.)
 1. Provided a more stable environment for my family (11)
 2. Improved my/our personal health (25)
 3. Provided me/us a wholesome place to enjoy health and recreation (21)
 4. Relieved emotional and physical stress (19)
 5. Helped me/us adjust to living with a physical disability (11)
 6. I/we are now engaged in healthy, social activities (10)
 7. Allowed me/spouse to continue working (2)
- ~The Health and Wellness Center was the most popular choice, with Free Swim and Swim Lessons listed close behind as activities to participate in when coming to the Y.



Findlay Hope House for the Homeless:

- Bridges Out of Poverty has now engaged over 125 adults in the Getting Ahead process. Through that, over 240 children have also observed and/or participated in this family transition as they begin to emerge out of the cycle of poverty. In addition, we have continued to grow our partnership with the Hancock County Jail, and produced exciting connections for Getting Ahead. We have also recently developed a partnership with Glenwood Middle School to begin offering The R Rules (Getting Ahead for kids) in conjunction with a Getting Ahead class; children and their parents/guardians will be learning the same topics alongside their children. Though new to Hancock County, this program seen success across the country.
- The Shelter continues to have an average 85% success rate for women moving into and maintaining self-sufficiency after staying at the Shelter.
- The addition of a Volunteer Coordinator is the biggest accomplishment for the Housing Office this year. It's the final piece of support that we really need to launch into new projects that can better serve all our clients. To date, volunteer hours double Hope House's efficiency from an approximately \$1.5 million operation to \$3 million. We hope to see that increase to be able to show a 2:1 ratio of volunteer contributions to staff within the next two years.
- Despite many challenges, The Independence Program has been extremely successful at transitioning homeless families into long-term stability, with an average 95% success rate since inception in 2003. United Way funds are used to leverage our state grant funds through Ohio Development Services Agency and were leveraged to create a separate extension program through The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.

**HHWP Community Action Commission:**

- Increased county ridership from 188 to 250.
- Increased miles traveled for county riders from 2,000 to 4,000
- Advertised service in The Courier City and Country. 10 days completed in January of 2015. The ad will run five more times during 2015 in City and Country. Since January, 8 city riders and 7 county riders said they found out about HATS in The Courier. Delivered 300 brochures to area libraries and grocery stores.
- Tracked calls from new riders to determine how they found out about HATS.
- 30 churches in Findlay and Hancock County received written information (a cover letter and brochure) on Hancock Area Transportation Services. Tracking new riders when they call to see how they found out about HATS.