

# **Notice of Funding Announcement**

## **Ohio Campus Community Partnerships (OCCP)**

### **Letters of Intent due September 12, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**

#### **Background and Intent**

Mental and behavioral health on college campuses is a growing concern, with many services unable to fully meet student needs. Strong campus-community partnerships are essential for integrating resources, expanding services, and creating sustainable support systems.

The FY26 OCCP initiative, funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, will support Ohio higher education institutions in creating impactful, sustainable mental and behavioral health initiatives through structured campus-community collaborations.

#### **Award and Timeframe**

This funding initiative is designed to support vital campus-community partnerships by providing financial assistance of up to **\$15,000** per campus. Up to seven campuses will be selected for this opportunity. The funding is intended to be utilized over a period of **ten months**, beginning in **September 2025** and concluding in **June 2026**.

The application period for this funding opportunity will commence on August 20, 2025, and conclude on September 12, 2025. All applications must be submitted by **\*\*5:00 PM EST\*\*** on the closing date. Awards will be announced by September 18, 2025, with the first mandatory meeting scheduled for September 24, 2025, from 2-3:30pm.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Ohio higher education institutions are invited to apply for this opportunity to enhance campus mental health services through collaboration with community partners. To promote broad access and equity, priority will be given to campuses that have not previously received funding under the Rise and Thrive or Ohio Wellness Campus Collaborative initiatives. Institutions that have received prior funding are encouraged to explore other resources.

### **Mentor Campus**

Each funded campus will be paired with a **mentor campus**, a previously funded institution that has successfully implemented campus-community mental health initiatives. The mentor campus will provide **technical assistance and campus-specific guidance** to support the successful implementation of the funded initiatives.

### **Required Activities & Calendar**

Participation in Certificate Course and NASPA Certified Peer Educator Training is essential for grantees, providing a platform to learn, share progress, and receive resources & technical assistance. The quarterly webinars will provide timely, evidence-based strategies, resources and information to help campuses strengthen mental and behavioral health initiatives throughout the project year.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Format</b>
September 24, 2025 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.	OCCP Overview meeting	Virtual
October 1 – November 5 Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.	OCCP Certificate Course	Virtual
Dates TBD – Quarterly	OCCP Webinars	Virtual
November 12, 2025	NASPA Certified Peer Educator (CPE) Training	In-person, Columbus OH
Ongoing	Development of guided Implementation Plan with technical assistance from mentor campus	Virtual
June 2026	OCCP Networking Event	In-person, Columbus OH

## **Proposal Submission Instructions**

To be considered for this funding opportunity, a **Letter of Intent must be submitted by 5:00 PM EST on September 12, 2025**. The Letter of Intent should be emailed to Julie Cameron at [julie@prevention-first.org](mailto:julie@prevention-first.org).

The letter should include the following information:

- **Campus Partner Information:** Information about the higher education institution applying for funding, including the name and contact details of the designated Campus Director.
- **Fiscal Agent Information:** Provide the name, title, email and phone number of the designated fiscal appointee.
- **Community Support:** Describe how your campus currently partners with community organizations, agencies or resources to support mental and behavioral health for students, faculty and staff.
- **Purpose of the Funding:** Provide a brief statement of your campus's commitment to improving student mental health. Identify the most pressing mental and behavioral health needs and concerns of your campus and explain how this funding opportunity supports your broader goals for student well-being and academic success.

## **Contact Information**

For more details on this funding opportunity, including application guidelines and submission procedures, please contact:

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We look forward to receiving your applications and working together to enhance behavioral health support on Ohio's college campuses.