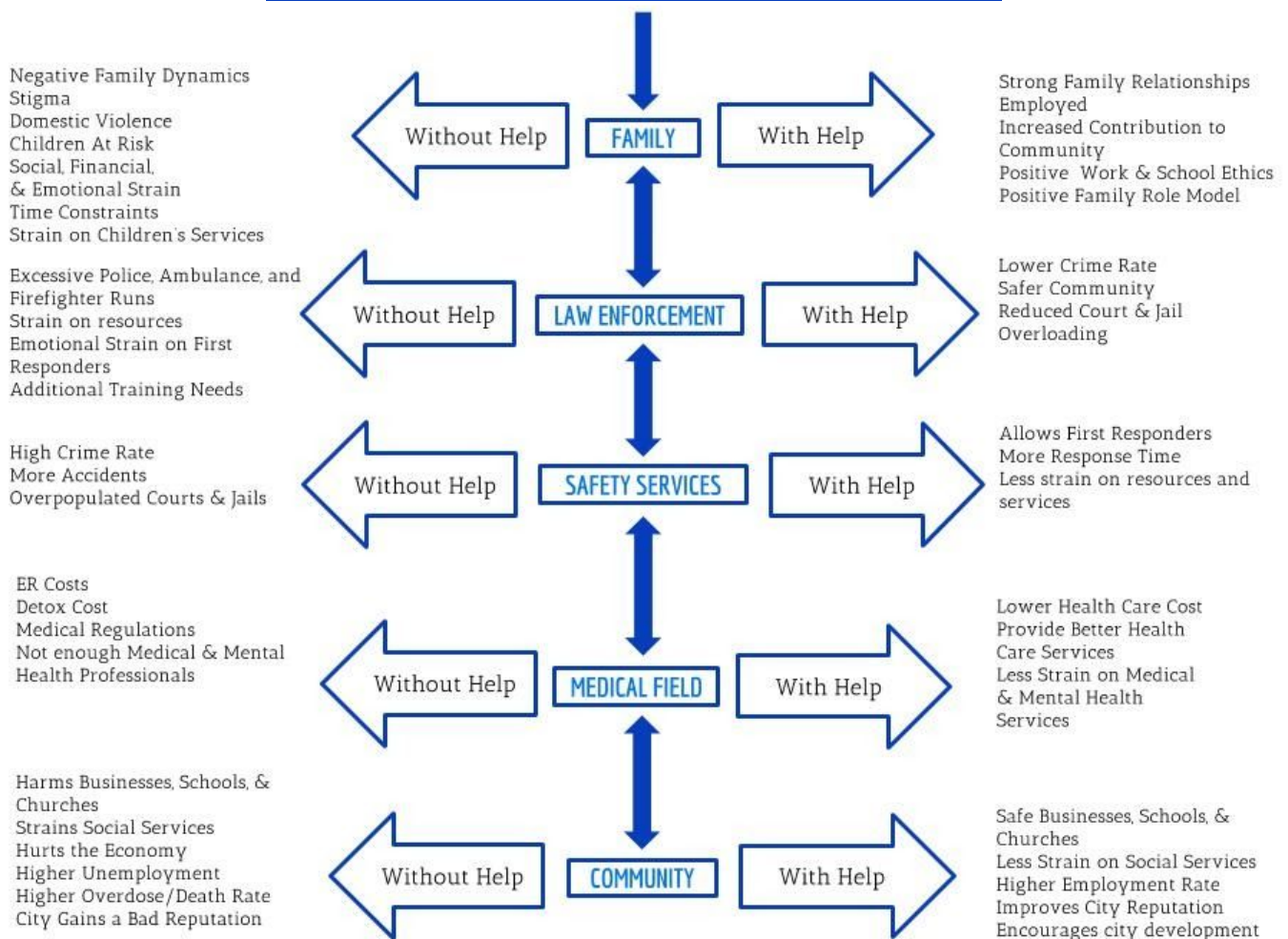




# CLARK COUNTY

Substance Abuse Prevention,  
Treatment, and Support Coalition

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### How Severe It Is

- **One ninth** of America's heroin-related deaths occur in Ohio.
- Ohio's overdose deaths have increased by **21%** in recent years.
- The Clark County coroner states that the morgue recorded an average of **6.6** overdose deaths per month in 2016.
- Police, sheriff, and EMS reports state that **453** Clark County members overdosed in 2016; **79** of those victims died.
- Half of the fatal overdose victims of 2016 were between the ages of **45** and **64**. **89%** were white.
- Through February 2017, **32** deaths are suspected to be drug-related; **12** have been confirmed.
- **40%** of job-seekers fail mandatory drug tests
- The local emergency dept. went from treating a few overdoses per month to treating **6-9** of them per day.

### Where It Hits Us

- **It hits our wallets.** In 2012, the average addiction-related medical and work loss costs reached an average of \$5.4 million per day.
- **It hits our workplaces.** Addiction disorder contributes to unfilled jobs, workplace accidents, productivity loss, conflict between employees, and many other issues.
- **It hits our first responders.** Local first responders spend more time, money, and resources rescuing overdose victims than stopping criminals, dousing fires, or rescuing heart attack victims.
- **It hits our hospitals.** Due to the recent increase in overdoses, the ER staff have less time and energy to treat patients with other ailments.
- **It hits our jails.** Local jails have less room for dangerous criminals because the increased incarceration of addicts has caused overpopulation.
- **It hits our children.** More high school seniors smoke marijuana than cigarettes. Additionally, due to stress, peer pressure, bullying, or mental/emotional issues, addiction often begins in adolescence.

### What We Can Do

1. Sign the Community Action Pledge to support the Coalition in fighting Clark County's substance abuse epidemic.
2. Visit [www.clarkcountysac.org](http://www.clarkcountysac.org) to educate ourselves on substance abuse disorder and the stigma surrounding it.
3. Use our positions of influence to provide hope to addicts, their families, and other affected members of the Clark County community.
4. For answers and resources, reach out to McKinley Hall Alcohol and Drug Services at **937-328-5300**, Mercy Reach Outpatient Services at **937-390-5338**, or the Cornerstone Project at **1200 E. Home Rd, Springfield OH**