

Our Vision

Where help for life's challenges is openly sought and compassionately given.

Our Values

Compassion, Integrity, Respect, Excellence, Teamwork

Our Mission

To provide mental health and addiction services that touch, teach, and heal.

Preble Services

Serving the people of Preble County, Ohio, Samaritan Behavioral Health-Preble (SBHI) offers a full range of mental health services. SBHI is the only community behavioral health organization in Preble County. The services include mental health counseling, case management, psychiatric services and crisis response. Services offered to individuals of all ages and their families include counseling for a variety of problems such as depression and anxiety, physical and sexual abuse, emotional and personal problems, family and relationship problems, anger, adjustment to out of home placement, and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder. Psychiatric evaluation and psychiatric medication management are also available.

A unique service offered to patients in Preble County is transportation. This service is provided to approximately 75 patients and enables them to keep therapists' or doctors' appointments when their lack of transportation would have resulted in them missing vital services.

Comments on Our Services

"My therapist remembers my concerns and needs. Thanks for always being willing to help me."

"All the staff have been helpful and I thank you all for your help."

"My therapist has the most incredible gift of this profession and is so insightful, understanding, encouraging and non-judgmental. I couldn't have made it without her."

Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST) Services

Samaritan Behavioral Health, Inc. (SBHI) Preble offers case management (CPST) services to the community. Adult case managers currently serve approximately 70 persons in their homes who have severe mental illness. These patients have frequent contact based upon their level of need and functioning level.

SBHI's child case manager works with not only the child, but the family as well to improve overall functioning. These services can occur in the home, community or school setting. A new group for adolescents is Life Skills that covers a variety of topics from Self-Care and Time Management to Relationships and Basic Money Management. The case managers are a vital part of the treatment team at SBHI Preble handling 22-28 cases at a time.

Crisis Intervention

SBHI staff provide crisis intervention services 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Services include:

- Crisis Counseling
- Emergency Walk in Services
- Hot Line (Telephone Crisis Intervention)
- Mobile Crisis: Emergency face to face assessments at community locations including the Preble County jail
- Warm Line (Non-crisis, supportive and active listening)
- Screening/Triage and Pre-Hospital Screening

SBHI Preble served 1,056 clients in the past year for a total of 11,899 service units.

Mental Health Consultation

Help for Depressed or Suicidal Students

Losing a loved one to suicide causes unspeakable pain and many times people are not aware there is a problem until it is too late. Often family members and friends question, "What could I have done?"

In 2005 a depression awareness program and Signs of Suicide (SOS) screening was offered to local sixth graders. Astounded by the number of kids who reported suicidal thinking and/or actual attempts, Preble County Mental Health and Recovery Board expanded the program to include grades 6-12. The day after the program is provided students are offered an opportunity to meet with a licensed therapist. Therapists follow up with those students who have identified themselves as being depressed or suicidal and in need of a mental health services.

Since the 2008-2009 school year, there has been a three percent decrease in students within the risk range for depression and for individuals seriously thinking about suicide. The number of reported suicide attempts has dropped from 145 to 98.

Samaritan Behavioral Health also participates in hosting training for the public and for local clinicians and social service agencies in Preble County.

Jefferson House (JH)

Preble County has a "clubhouse" for persons who have severe mental illness. JH offers a work ordered day for the members where they can work on learning and expanding life skills while increasing their social networks and overall functioning. There are only two clubhouses in the state of Ohio. SBHI provides support with one full time and one part time staff person.

Client Satisfaction

- Satisfaction with helpfulness of services - 98%
- How well have our services helped you function better overall - 96%
- Likelihood to recommend our services to others - 98 %

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