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## ODVN Launches Substance Use and Mental Health Project with Support from HealthPath Foundation and the American Rescue Plan



Cheryl Stahl joins ODVN as the Substance Use and Mental Health Program Director.

For years ODVN program directors have asked for more training and support for their advocates who feel unprepared to work with survivors who struggle with substance use and mental health issues. Thanks to funding from the HealthPath Foundation and the American Rescue Plan, ODVN launched a new substance use/mental health initiative in the spring.

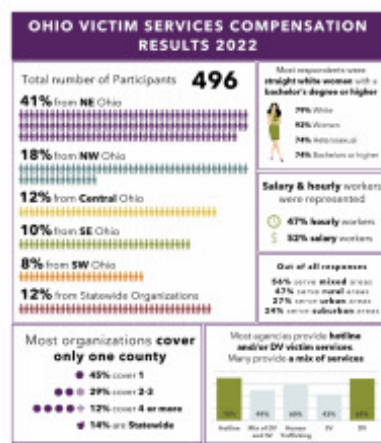
The three-year project will be led by Cheryl Stahl, a licensed professional clinical counselor, who has worked in both outpatient and residential drug and alcohol treatment programs for the last 17 years.

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## Survey: Inadequate pay plagues Ohio's victim service workers

A new report sheds light on how poorly workers in the anti-violence movement are compensated for their vital work with some of Ohio's most vulnerable crime victims. The [Victim Services Compensation Questionnaire Report](#) was a collaborative effort among ODVN, the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, the Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers, and the Ohio Victim Witness Association.

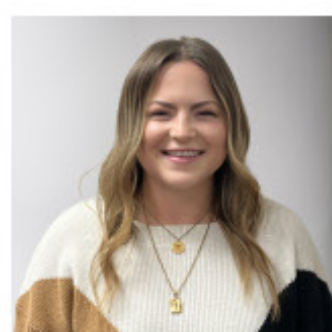
The report, based on surveys of 496 hourly and salaried staffers from victim service organizations across Ohio, was organized by ODVN Prevention Team members Rebecca Cline and Dr. Sandra Ortega.



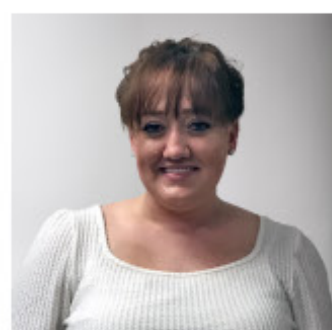
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## ODVN Announces New Hire and Staff Changes



**Taylor Smithey** is the new Administrative Coordinator. She coordinates ODVN's Hotel Program which includes assisting advocates and programs with applications, processing payments, and building community partnerships with programs and hotels. In addition, she assists with duties for the Relocation Program such as processing payments for vendors within the program.



ODVN is aligning its policy and systems work and is revising staffing to reflect the new, coordinated focus. **Maria York** (left) is now serving as the Policy Director, where she will monitor pending legislative proposals and represent ODVN in national and state domestic and sexual

violence efforts. **Lisa DeGeeter**, Esq., (right) is the Director of Systems Advocacy and Policy Counsel.

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## Thank You to our Funders!



commitment.

The Cardinal Health Foundation honored Human Resources Executive Brian Worth for his nine years of service as a member of ODVN's Board of Directors. ODVN received a \$3,500 Essential to Community Leadership Grant in recognition of Brian's volunteer

The Longaberger Family Foundation gave ODVN a \$25,000 general operating support grant to support its advocacy work. This is the second grant ODVN has received from the foundation. ODVN greatly appreciates the continued support of our work.



survivors with financial education, job readiness, and economic empowerment. The Allstate Foundation has been an ODVN partner for more than a decade.

Thanks to the Allstate Foundation for a \$5,000 grant from the Moving Ahead Grant Program. ODVN will use the funding to train more than 250 advocates from domestic violence programs to support

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**Domestic Violence Awareness Month Press Conference & Advocacy Day**  
 Wednesday, October 12th at 10 a.m.  
 Ohio Statehouse Atrium

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