

ODVN Health Access Project Summary

ODVN's Health Access Project, funded by OCJS with \$5.1 million in American Rescue Plan Covid-19 Testing, Vaccines, and Mobile Health Units Supplemental Funding, has four components: **CARE mobile advocacy and mobile health services, The CARE Connection, and improving services for survivors** with mental health and substance use issues and survivors with brain injuries.

CARE Mobile Advocacy and Mobile Health Services

Seven ODVN member programs (subrecipients) employ mobile advocates who meet survivors in a location of their choosing to develop a survivor-defined plan of action to access services. In addition to a funded partnership with the Wood County Community Health Center, ODVN has a statewide contract with [Equitas Health](#) and its MOVE Mobile Health Bus, which will travel monthly to the seven participating counties to provide primary care services, regardless of participants' ability to pay. A health navigator on the MOVE bus will assess patients for domestic violence and assist with bi-directional referral processes to local resources. In addition, sites are partnering with local health care providers to improve access to services for survivors. Domestic violence training was provided to health care staff in September, October and November 2023, and will continue into next year as needed. Training about how to screen for health care needs will be provided to advocates in domestic violence programs in January 2024. The seven member programs are:

- The Cocoon (Wood County),
- SAOP (Athens County),
- Southern Ohio Task Force (Scioto County),
- Crossroads (Allen County),
- Artemis Center (Montgomery County) and
- BRAVO (Franklin County),
- and DVPI (Stark County).



The CARE Connection

The Care Connection, a response to the long-standing problem survivors face accessing behavioral health services, will provide telehealth services to survivors who need immediate mental health support. The CARE Connection is a directory of behavioral health providers who can meet with survivors within 24 hours and on a short-term (5-10 session) basis to provide services until survivors obtain longer term support from local providers. Mental health professionals have been trained by ODVN in the CARE framework as well as domestic violence, brain injury, and working with vulnerable and marginalized populations.

Mental Health and Substance Use

ODVN's mental health and substance use program director, a licensed practitioner, provides support to ODVN's network of 76 members. She is providing more intensive services to the seven mobile advocacy subrecipients, four of which were part of her project cohort. Programs receive four core trainings and on-site training and technical assistance as requested. ODVN is also building relationships with treatment centers in those communities and providing training and other support to help the treatment centers build capacity to address domestic violence. The project director created three tools to help advocates work with substance-using survivors: a Recovery Readiness Questionnaire, Safer Use Plan, and Recovery Safety Plan. The project provided training in SMART Recovery, an evidence-informed approach to overcoming addictive behaviors and leading a balanced life. Staff at select local programs will be trained in facilitation of SMART recovery groups in 2024, with the goal of having onsite support group options. ODVN also has a funded partnership with [THRIVE Peer Recovery Services](#), which will provide peer support services to survivors working with 3 mobile advocacy project partners beginning in 2024. ODVN is a Project DAWN provider and certified to distribute naloxone to all our member programs. ODVN is also a source for fentanyl test strips and other harm reduction strategies.

Brain Injury

ODVN's founder of The Center on Partner-Inflicted Brain Injury is providing on-site training specific to brain injury to both mobile advocacy and mobile health partners. ODVN did a two-part training for mobile health staff on the MOVE Mobile bus and staff at BRAVO in September and November 2023. ODVN is training Wood County Health Center in December 2023. ODVN is also providing brain injury training to all mobile health sites and has provided technical assistance to DV programs on accessing services for brain injury, including assisting with referrals medical partners and the Ohio Brain Injury Connection. ODVN has partnered with the Ohio State University on several research projects and is currently building Ohio's statewide Brain Injury from Violence CARE Alliance, a group of over 40 organizations working together to better understand and address brain injury from violence.