Operation Resolve partners:
The Lake County ADAMHS Board

One of Ohio’s premier systems

Very collaborative, proactive

Enjoys significant local taxpayer support which helps immensely
Leadership Lake County

Mission: Develop and engage future leaders to commit to social, economic, and civic excellence in the community.
Lake County Overview

Population: 230,000. Ohio’s 11th largest.
Ohio’s smallest county geographically
Largely suburban with urban and rural areas
Ohio’s seventh wealthiest county

Median household income: $55,000
Poverty rate: 8.86%
Home ownership: 73.9%
Lake County Overview

Employment:

117,389 residents employed

Most common jobs:

Administration
Sales
Production
Opiates: Ohio & Lake County
One

Unintentional drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in Ohio. Drug overdoses now claim more lives than car crashes.

14

Fourteen people in Ohio will die today from accidental overdoses.
One in Five

One in five teens says they know someone who is abusing Rx medications.

Top three

Drug/alcohol abuse is now among the top three leading causes of death among 16 - 24 year-olds.
Substance abuse affects 700,000 children in Ohio. Of those, nearly 14,000 end up in the custody of Children’s Services due to parental drug use.

89

89 children in Lake County are currently in the custody of Children’s Services – the majority due to parental drug abuse.

More than 1,000 grandparents in Lake County are raising their grandchildren.

Building Leaders. Building Community.

LEADERSHIP
LAKE COUNTY

LAKE COUNTY
OPIATE TASK FORCE
Opiates & Lake County

Lake ranks 23 out of 88 counties

Overdose deaths:

2015: 42
2016: 86
2017: Higher again/final data not yet available
Opiates & Lake County

No one’s immune. People in their 20s, 30s, and 40s are equally impacted.

Males outnumber females 3:1

Nearly every Lake County city/township has lost someone to overdose.

Fentanyl is increasing dramatically.
LAKE COUNTY OPIATE TASK FORCE

Started in 2010 by the Lake County ADAMHS Board.

Collaborators include courts, law enforcement, first responders, education, and the offices of the Lake County Coroner, General Health District, and Department of Job and Family Services.
Focus areas: Prescribing Practices
Focus areas:

Rx Drug Disposal

Since 2010 collections have totaled more than 15 tons.

Safe Disposal of Older/Unused/Expired Rx Medications

How & What:
- Why: Getting rid of older, unused and/or expired Rx medications from your home helps ensure they won’t find their way into the hands of abusers, addicts or children. So please dispose of your older, unused and/or expired Rx medications responsibly.
- How: Flushing your meds can cause serious negative environmental impacts. Instead, take them to one of our secure collection bins. Use a felt-tipped marker to obscure any personal information on the labels.

YES!
- Prescription drugs
- Cold/Flu meds
- Pain relievers
- Pet meds

NO!
- Vitamins
- Creams
- Cough syrup
- Needles or syringes

Where: M-F 7a-8p, Sat. 9a-5p, Sun. 1p-5p*
- Lake County Sheriff’s Office
  104 E. Erie St. Painesville
- Eastlake Police Department
  35150 Lakeshore Blvd.
- Mentor Police Department
  8500 Civic Center Blvd.
- Willoughby Police Department
  36700 Euclid Avenue
- Willoughby Hills Police Department
  35405 Chardon Road
- Madison Township Police Department
  2065 Hubbard Road
- Lakeland Community College Police
  7700 Clocktower Drive, Building A, lower level Kirtland (*Closed Sundays)
Focus areas:
Public Education
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Public Education

Successful:
Churches, faith-based community
Schools, educators
Community groups/civic organizations
“Preaching to the choir”

Very limited success:
Business community
It’s estimated that American employers lose $80 billion annually – in productivity, absenteeism, accidents, and healthcare costs – to drug abuse and addiction.
Two-thirds of those abusing Rx meds are on their company’s payroll at the time.

Healthcare costs are 3X higher for employees who are abusing or addicted.

10% of U.S. citizens have a substance abuse disorder. Of those, only 10% will get treatment.
9.1% of F/T employees are illicit drug users.

13.7% of P/T employees are illicit drug users.

Of those who admit to illicit drug use

- 44% sold drugs to other employees
- 64% admitted drugs adversely affected their job performance
- 18% stole from co-workers to support their drug habit
Leadership Lake County

Legacy of civic impact projects ranging from assisting nonprofits to physical construction.

Extensive network of alumni in the business sector

Alumni are often in leadership positions in their companies, and also may serve in public office and on nonprofit boards.

Year-long leadership development programs offered for senior level and early career professionals, high school and middle school students.
Proposed/adopted as a Board Civic Impact Project during fall, 2017 board retreat.

Trustees agreed to leverage LLC connections to open doors for Lake ADAMHS to do presentations to employee groups.

Participating businesses recognized as Operation Resolve Leadership Partners.
Operation Resolve

This organization is a proud Operation Resolve Leadership Partner.

Operation Resolve is an initiative of Leadership Lake County in partnership with the Lake County ADAMHS Board and Lake County Opiate Task Force. The program empowers businesses and organizations to help battle drug abuse and addiction in Lake County.
Presentations cover:

- The nature of addiction
  - *It’s an illness. It’s treatable*
  - *It often begins with the use of Rx meds*
- Warning signs/red flags
- Ways you can fight back
  - *Importance of purging home medicine cabinets*
- Treatment options
- Resources and how to access them
Recognized by Ohio Governor Kasich.

LLC Alumni engaged in an initiative to help combat this crisis that is affecting the health and economy of our community.

Heightened awareness of LLC and its mission.
Impacts: Behavioral Health

Increased awareness regarding available resources and how to access them.

Messages now reaching audiences that had been previously difficult to access.
Impacts: Community

Since November, 2017 we’ve done more than 80 Operation Resolve presentations and reached more than 2,500 employees at Lake County businesses and organizations.
“I had several techs tell me this was an excellent presentation.”

“Many in the audience spoke to me afterward about how many good takeaways they got from the presentation.”

“Great job! Thank you for educating our workforce.”
Next steps:

Continued outreach

Partnership with Small Business Development Center

Link businesses with additional resources