



OHIO COLLEGE INITIATIVE **to enhance student wellness**

Prevention Action Alliance (PAA) created the Ohio College Initiative in 1996 when leaders from 19 campuses and various state officials united to address the issue of underage drinking on college and university campuses. From its beginning, the Ohio College Initiative formed campus-community coalitions who worked to change the alcohol-related culture surrounding college campuses. In fact, OCI was the first statewide initiative to utilize the environmental management approach to tackle such an issue nationally. To change campus culture, campuses would alter the physical, social, economic, and legal environments (including informal rules in the form of customs, traditions and norms) in order to influence the decisions that students make about alcohol use.

Since those beginnings in 1996, the initiative has grown to include 54 member institutions ranging from two and four-year campuses, public and private schools, large and small, rural and urban colleges and universities. Now, OCI's purview extends beyond alcohol-specific concerns to address all mental, emotional, and behavioral health impacts students may experience. PAA continues to provide technical assistance, training services, and networking opportunities, including meetings, consultations, web-based resource development, linkages with state and national organizations, and effective communications strategies between all partners and supporting organizations. Additionally, Prevention Action Alliance collects and reports data gathered from member institutions.

College and university presidents are asked to make a commitment to OCI and to appoint a designated liaison. Those individuals actively engage in the initiative, participate in meetings and trainings, conduct/update campus needs assessments, form/sustain campus/community coalitions, implement one or more of the five environmental strategies, and become familiar with and strategically uses tenants of research-driven and evidence-based environmental prevention.

The Ohio College Initiative is a network of Prevention Action Alliance, a 501(c)3 nonprofit based in Columbus, Ohio, that is dedicated to leading healthy communities in the prevention of substance misuse and the promotion of mental health wellness. As a network, OCI is a membership-driven network and is led by a college/university president who serves as honorary chair and an advisory council made up of college and university staff who address student substance use and mental health concerns. OCI is made possible with support from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services.

For more information about the Ohio College Initiative,
please visit www.preventionactionalliance.org/oci.



MEMBER INSTITUTIONS

- Ashland University
- Baldwin Wallace University
- Bluffton University
- Bowling Green State University
- Capital University
- Case Western Reserve University
- **Central State University**
- Columbus College of Art & Design
- Columbus State Community College
- **Defiance College**
- Denison University
- Heidelberg University
- Hiram University
- **John Carroll University**
- Kent State University
- Kenyon College
- Lake Erie College
- Lorain County Community College
- Marietta College
- Miami University
- Mount St. Joseph University
- Mt. Carmel College of Nursing
- Muskingum College
- **Northeast Ohio Medical University**
- Oberlin College
- Ohio Dominican University
- Ohio Northern University
- Ohio Technical College
- **Ohio University**
- Ohio Wesleyan University
- Otterbein University
- Shawnee State University
- Sinclair Community College
- Stark State College
- The College of Wooster
- The Ohio State University
- The Ohio State University Mansfield
- The Ohio State University Newark
- Tiffin University
- University of Akron
- University of Cincinnati
- **University of Dayton**
- University of Findlay
- University of Mount Union
- University of Rio Grande
- University of Toledo
- Urbana University
- Ursuline College
- Walsh University
- Wilberforce University
- Wilmington College
- Wright State University
- Xavier University
- Youngstown State University
- Zane State College

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