



# PREVENTION IS FOR EVERYONE

## Annual Report FY23







## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Prevention Action Alliance is dedicated to fostering meaningful relationships and embracing cultural humility in our mission to serve communities across the state. Ohio is a wide and diverse state, and we recognize the importance of tailoring solutions to address local challenges while staying grounded in scientific principles.

This past fiscal year, we launched the Prevention and Wellness Academy of Ohio, hosted the inaugural statewide Ohio Alcohol Conference, and spearheaded the implementation of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) Standards for Ohio prevention agencies. These initiatives reflect our commitment to providing innovative learning opportunities for both professionals and communities.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, I am pleased to share Prevention Action Alliance's FY 23 annual report with you. In this report we showcase these local solutions for local problems. reaffirming that prevention is inclusive and essential for everyone, regardless of age or

background. We remain steadfast in our dedication to meeting people where they are, learning

from them, and offering practical, evidence-based strategies. It has truly been a rewarding year, and we're excited to share our progress with you!

- Frances R. Herbig

Frances R. Gerbig, MPH, OCPC, ICPS

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# PAA HIGHLIGHTS JULY 2022-**JUNE 2023**

Prevention & Wellness Academy of Ohio Launched



Launched in FY 23 with funding from the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation, PAA worked with four school districts to address behavioral health needs. Learnings from this initiative provided groundbreaking insights. PAA staff provided customized support to address challenges, preparing for a better tomorrow for students.







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Inaugural "Stick Your Neck Out for Prevention" Awarded Dr. Amy Acton is awarded the inaugural "Stick Your Neck Out for Prevention" for her work in advocating for substance misuse prevention and mental health wellness. The award was given at PAA's first fundraiser featuring Beth Macy as the Keynote Speaker.

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Ohio Adult Allies Summit is Back in Person

The Ohio Adult Allies Summit was back in-person for the first time since 2019. We celebrated seeing each other face-to-face again and heard from Keynote Speaker Kathleen Tebb as she explored Social Determinants of Health and the impact on youth-led programs.

After three years of virtual gatherings, The We Are Change Rally (formerly We Are the Majority) returned to in-person for the first time since 2019, uniting over 600 youth from across the state! This year, marked by a fresh brand, focused on youth embracing their authentic selves.

### Held the First Ohio Alcohol

A new partnership with Ohio Liquor addressed the need for alcohol misuse and abuse prevention across the lifespan. Participants were introduced to FASD prevention strategies, learned more about an evidence-based young adult alcohol prevention curriculum, and were given the opportunity to build collaboration and understanding with regulatory agencies.

CLAS Standards as a Catalyst for Prevention Launched



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Held at KembaLIVE!

This learning collaborative was created in collaboration with the Great Lakes Prevention Technology Transfer Center, the NIATx Foundation, The Ohio Center of Excellence for Behavorial Health Prevention and Promotion, the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Services, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addication Services. Eleven prevention agencies across various Ohio regions (NE, NW, Central, SW, and Appalachia) participated, using a customized NIATx assessment tool to evaluate their understanding and utilization of the National CLAS Standards

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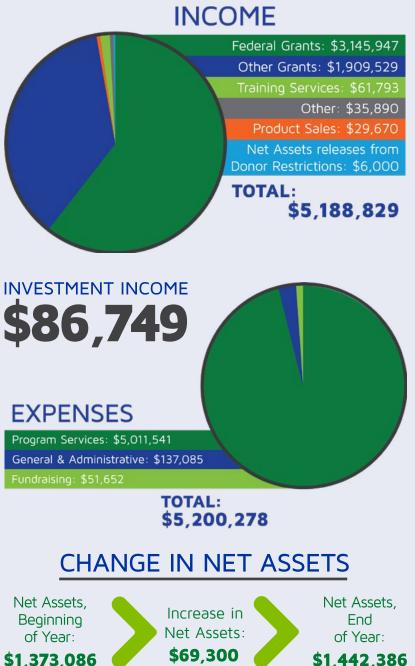
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