

Volunteers & ROSC staff at beginning of FY25







Flvers for all of our events over FY25

## Reducing Stigma Through Community Engagement

Take Action Coalition hosts local recovery events such as Celebrate Life & Overdose Awareness Day that:

- Challenge stigma around mental health and substance use
- Make recovery visible, accessible, and community-supported
- Encourage openness and support for those seeking help

# Raising Awareness of Addiction and Recovery

- Educational materials and recovery resources are shared through social media campaigns & partner organizations
- This helps spread accurate information and strengthens connections to support.
- It also allows us to create and sustain relationships with organizations common causes, like Community Resource Center.

## Advancing Equity for Rural Communities

- Rural stakeholders-including people with lived experience, small-town leaders, and local providers-are actively included in decisionmaking.
- Veterans, LGBTQIA+ community, and Hispanic population of Clinton County were represented in our meetings though the year to share insights of their specific needs..
- This inclusive approach ensures equitable access to relevant, community-informed support and resources.

# The Community Needs Survey of FY25 had 721 responses, showing strong participation indicating community investment!

## People Who Use Drugs Deserve Respect Agree/Strongly Agree: 79%

Most people believe we should treat people who use drugs with kindness and respect. That's a big shift from judgment to compassion.

#### People with Mental Illness Deserve Respect

Agree/Strongly Agree: 95%

Almost everyone agrees people with mental health challenges deserve respect. That's huge for breaking stigma.

### Support for Medication-Assisted Recovery (like methadone or Suboxone)

Agree/Strongly Agree: 62%

More than half of people support using medications to help with addiction recovery.

That shows growing understanding that addiction is a health issue, not a personal failure.



The community comes together for Love Recovery, a valentine's Day inspired event. They gathered together to listen to our speaker highlighting the importance of self love.