Youngstown State University
Counseling Program (M.S.Ed.)
Department of Psychological Sciences and Counseling
Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Science & Education

Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College Counseling & Student Affairs; and School Counseling (CACREP-Accredited Graduate Program Tracks)

Annual Report
2022-2023
Submitted by Dr. Jake J. Protivnak
Counseling Program Director
The Counseling Program is located in the Department of Psychological Sciences and Counseling in the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences and Education (BCLASSE). The Counseling Program has four CACREP-accredited program tracks to prepare students for careers as professional clinical mental health counselors, school counselors, addiction counselors, college counselors and student affairs professionals.

Mission:
The mission of the YSU Counseling Program is to educate students, and to help them develop into licensed professional counselors and related professionals who are sensitive to the impacts of human development, culture, and context upon students and consumers of counseling services - who are caring and compassionate counselors and people; who are self-reflective; who promote opportunity and social justice for the impoverished urban and rural populations; and, who are committed to empowering consumers of counseling services to thrive, and to achieve their fullest potential.

Academic Focus:
Practical experiential activities are required of students to demonstrate skills from each course and the graduate program culminates with a yearlong 750-hour practicum/internship in the community. The Counseling Program continues to remain committed to its stated mission through ongoing accreditations by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The Counseling Program has full approval by the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapists Board, Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, and the Ohio Department of Education. The Counseling Program engages in ongoing program development based on accrediting bodies’ and licensure boards’ developments and recommendations.

Student Centered:
Counseling faculty provide a learning climate that is open, accepting, intellectually honest, and professionally challenging for students. Program faculty directly advise and mentor students, to enhance students’ learning experiences, to serve the community, the counseling profession, and consumers of counseling services. The Counseling Program manages a Community Counseling Clinic in which students are required to provide a semester of counseling to a variety of individuals in the community. The YSU Counseling Program maintains a chapter of the International Honor Society for Counselors (Chi Sigma Iota), and also another student organization (SALSA) Student Affairs Leadership Support Association that provide additional opportunities for student engagement, professional development, community service, leadership, and recognition. Four Counseling Program scholarships are available for students as well as a number of Graduate Assistants. Counseling faculty consistently receive strong teaching evaluations (and other awards recognizing teaching excellence). Current students/alumni often refer friends and family to the Counseling Program because of their positive experience.

Regional / State / National Needs:
There is a strong market demand for counselors as evidenced by a 100% hiring rate of our Counseling Program graduates by community mental health centers, addiction counseling agencies, private practices, schools, and colleges who are actively seeking positions. Within the tri-state area, YSU is the only Counseling Program that offers four CACREP accredited program tracks (i.e., Addiction
Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, College Counseling & Student Affairs). Remarkably, many of our Counseling Program interns are hired by their agency before they graduate. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), there continues to be a strong need for licensed professional clinical counselors, licensed school counselors, licensed/certified chemical dependency counselors, student affairs professionals, and workers in community and social service organizations. The Counseling field is expected to grow “much faster than average” for all occupations.

Community Impact:
2175+ master’s students have graduated from the Counseling Program since its inception in 1968. The Counseling Program maintains strong partnerships in high need urban and rural areas for field-based training resulting in strong connections with alumni, program supervisors, agencies, schools and community leaders. The Counseling Program has a history of a strong service to our community through the field placements of our interns, services delivered by our Community Counseling Clinic, and a number of contracts for Graduate Assistants working in local school districts and colleges. Each year, Counseling Program interns provide in sum an excess of 20,000 hours of counseling, advising, programming, and other duties to the community. Faculty also engage in the community through their collaborative participation in grants, research, program evaluation, and service on advisory boards for community agencies and our student organizations provide a number of hours of community service each year.

Highlights:
The Counseling Program faculty has consistently high research productivity, strong teaching evaluations, and service involvement on-campus, in the community, and within the profession (e.g., faculty and alumni have served as officers of national and state Counseling organizations). The Counseling Program was a recent recipient of the Outstanding Counselor Education Program Award from the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision (ACES). Alumni serve as practitioners, supervisors and administrators in counseling agencies, schools and universities in Northeast Ohio, Western Pennsylvania and across the nation. Most graduates pursue employment in the field of counseling and student affairs, however some chose to use their Counseling degree in other areas (e.g., current Mayor of the City of Youngstown, Jamael Tito Brown, is a program graduate). The Counseling Program has been a program of distinction at YSU due to the productivity of faculty and success of our alumni.
Counseling Program Descriptive Information

Counseling Program Leadership:

- Graduate Program Director – Dr. Jake Protivnak
- Program Coordinators
  - Addiction / Clinical Mental Health Counseling – Dr. Victoria Kress
  - College Counseling & Student Affairs – Dr. Kristin Bruns
  - School Counseling – Dr. Emily Herman McMillan
- CACREP Coordinator – Dr. Victoria Kress
- Community Counseling Clinic Director – Dr. Victoria Kress
- Assessment Coordinator – Dr. Emily Herman McMillan
- Student Organization Faculty Advisors:
  - Chi Sigma Iota, Eta Chapter – Dr. Jake Protivnak
  - SALSA – Dr. Kristin Bruns

Counseling Faculty for 2022-2023:

- Kim Barrella
- Dr. Kristin Bruns
- Angie Cameron
- Kubra Civan
- Dr. Justin Edwards
- Tysa Egleton
- Meghan Fawcett
- Rick Fawcett
- Hillary Fawcett
- Daniela Ghizzoni
- Christy McAllister
- Dr. Emily Herman-McMillan
- Carmella Hill
- Joshua Hill
- Erin Hungerman
- Jim Hyland
- Alison Kaufman
- Dr. Victoria Kress
- Dr. Bilal Kalkan
- Anne Lally
- Julie Lenyk
- Dr. Don Martin
- Danielle Matos
- Christy McAllister
- Jessica McRoberts
- Dr. Kenneth Miller
- Dr. Jake Protivnak
- Staci Tessmer
- Sonya Thompkins
- Stephanie Volpini-Hann
- Dominic Venetti
- Diana Wolf
- Chris Yannon

New Faculty/Staff for 2022-2023:

- Shelley Urchek-Geist, Community Counseling Clinic, Academic Operations Specialist 2, effective March 19, 2023
- Dr. Bilal Kalkan, Full-time Lecturer in Counseling (Core) effective Fall 2022.
- Kubra Civan, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, effective Fall 2022
- Joshua Hill, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, effective Spring 2023
- Dominic Venetti, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, effective Spring 2023
- Chris Yannon, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, effective Spring 2023
- Diana Wolf, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, effective Spring 2023
Departures of Faculty/Staff in 2022-2023:
- Dr. Don Martin, Professor and School Counseling Program Coordinator (Core Faculty) retired in August 2023.
- Dr. Bilal Kalkan, Lecturer, Counseling Program (Core Faculty) resigned and accepted a tenure-track position at Marymount University in August 2023
- Christy McAllister, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, accepted admission into the doctoral program at University of North Carolina - Charlotte.
- Alissa Pletcher, Community Counseling Clinic Secretary, in Summer 2022.

Selected 2023-2024 Applied for Doctoral Intern (hired as PT Faculty):
- Mykka Gabriel, Counselor Education Doctoral Student at Kent State University

Counseling Program Facilities:
- Program Office (4th Floor Beeghly Hall)
- Faculty Offices & Classrooms (4th & 3rd Floor Beeghly Hall)
- Community Counseling Clinic (3rd Floor Beeghly Hall)

Counseling Program Online Information:
- Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/ysucoun
- Twitter - https://twitter.com/ysu_coun
- Instagram - https://www.instagram.com/ysu_coun/
- Linked In - https://www.linkedin.com/company/youngstown-state-university-counseling-program/
- YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/@ysu_coun
- Website - https://ysu.edu/academics/beeghly-college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/counseling-msed
- YSU Graduate Catalog - https://catalog.ysu.edu/graduate/graduate-programs/master-science-education-counseling/

Counseling Program Assessment/Outcomes:
- Student Outcomes - https://ysu.edu/academics/beeghly-college-liberal-arts-social-sciences-education/counseling-msed
- Program Data (YSU Office of Institutional Research and Analytics) - https://ysu.edu/institutional-research-and-analytics/campus-facts

Counseling Program Documents/Data:
- Physical files – 4th floor storage room, 3rd Floor storage closets
- Digital files – YSU Teams/One Drive (CACREP; Counseling Program, etc.)

Counseling Program Modifications or Substantial Changes in 2022-2023:
- CACREP Reaccreditation site visit April 21-23, 2023. Program adjustments and modifications made in preparation for the site visit (e.g., updates to program assessment,
course syllabi, forms, etc.). All four Counseling Program options (i.e., Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, College Counseling & Student Affairs, and School Counseling) were reaccredited through October 31, 2031.

**Faculty Publications, Presentations, and Grants – Examples:**

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Develop Products & Resources for Use by Ohio School Psychologists in Improving Learning Outcomes for Children with the Most Intense Learning Needs. Grant from the Ohio Dept. of Education through U. of Cincinnati ($34,083).

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strategies to facilitate resilience development in families with a child diagnosed with a low-incidence disability. Presentation made to the Low Incidence Committee, Ohio Department of Education, Columbus, OH.

Jake Protivnak  
**Protivnak, J. J. & Dooley, K.** (2022, Oct. 19th). *Mental Health Advocacy: Community Partnerships and Creative Interventions.* Presented at the 2022 All Ohio Counselors Conference, Columbus, OH.

Jake Protivnak  
**Protivnak, J. J., Kress, V. E., Spisak, T., & Clause, F.** (2022, Oct. 18th). *Supporting Struggling Supervisees: Strength-Based Support and Remediation Strategies.* Presented at the 2022 All Ohio Counselors Conference, Columbus, OH.

Jake Protivnak  
Blanchard, R. & **Protivnak, J. J.** (2022, October). *Preparing Clinical Mental Health Supervisees for Work in a School Mental Health Setting.* Presented at the 2022 American Counseling Association (ACA) Virtual Conference.

Jake Protivnak  
**Protivnak, J. J.** (2023, April 5th). *Community Partnerships and Creative Interventions for Mental Health Advocacy.* Presented at the Department of Psychological Sciences and Counseling Symposium, Youngstown, OH.

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**Student Scholarship**

- Kress, V. E., **Forner E., & Reider, A.** (2022, Oct. 18th). *Nonsuicidal Self-Injury: Ethics and Legal Considerations for Counselors.* Presented at the 2022 All Ohio Counselors Conference, Columbus, OH.
- Protivnak, J. J., Kress, V. E., **Spisak, T., & Clause, F.** (2022, Oct. 18th). *Supporting Struggling Supervisees: Strength-Based Support and Remediation Strategies.* Presented at the 2022 All Ohio Counselors Conference, Columbus, OH.

**Student YSU Campus Wide Presentations – Office of Assessment:**

In collaboration with the Institute for Teaching and Learning, YSU graduate students in the College Counseling & Student Affairs program track have designed and implemented continuous improvement projects building on student data collected through the National Survey of Student
Engagement & Noel Levitz Student Satisfaction Inventory. As the culminating activity of the work they have done, students publicly presented their data and fielding questions from campus stakeholders.

- **Veronica Erjavec & Christopher Santangelo** (Spring, 2023). Experience of First-Year Students Changing Majors.
- **Carmel R Cerimele & Sophie M Hecht** (Spring, 2023). Experience of International Students with Residence Hall Facilities.
- **Amelina T Herman, Becca McCurry, & Aaron Scott** (Spring, 2023). Exploring Experiences of Youngstown State University Transfer Students

### Faculty Service Activities 2022-2023 (Examples)

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Study Abroad – Africa:
- **Dr. Victoria Kress** led a group of Counseling Program students on a Study Abroad trip to Africa in Summer 2023. Counseling Program students participated in a study abroad experience in Rwanda, Africa presenting on mindfulness, social emotional learning, trauma informed care, and emotion regulation. They also visited places in Rwanda (e.g., the Genocide Memorial, the U.S. Embassy, Gisimba Memorial Centre, Urukundo Learning Center, Nyamirambo Women's Center, and Azizi Village). The students had the opportunity to share their knowledge, work alongside the people of Rwanda and experience their ways of life.

Community Involvement:
- The **Counseling Program** collaborated with YSU Student Counseling Services and recognized Teal Day in April 2023 with an information table to connect with YSU students outside of Kilcawley Center. Teal Day celebrates the work of Counselors and encourages awareness of the importance of counseling and self-care for Counselors. A special thank you to YSU Student Counseling Services for collaborating on the event, and to Clinical Mental Health Counseling internship students for sporting their ribbons for Teal Day!
- **Community Advisory Board Members** from Addiction Counseling, Clinical Mental Health Counseling, School Counseling, and College Counseling & Student Affairs areas met in Beeghly Hall to connect with each other and learn about the Counseling Program. The faculty met in small groups with advisory board members by program area to learn how we can continue to adapt our Counseling Program to produce highly knowledgable and skilled graduates to meet the needs of area agencies, schools, and institutions.
- Counseling Program graduate students (i.e., **Julia Carson, Ara-Leah Hammann, Macy Metzger, Emily Stran, Stephanie Waltman**) led 50-minute small group 'Insight' book discussion sessions related to mental health themes found in the books selected for the YSU English Festival.
- **Kim Barrella**, Part-Time Counseling Faculty, presented a workshop for students and faculty entitled: LGBTQIA+ Affirming Practices in Counseling. She shared counseling practices utilized at Navigate when working with clients who belong to the LGBTQIA+ community, and how they foster an accepting environment for all identities.
• **Dr. Kristin Bruns** organized and led Counseling students and faculty to support the mental health and wellness of YSU students by offering a campus-wide Depression Screening Day.

• **Dr. Bilal Kalkan and Stephanie Waltman**, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Intern, spoke to YSU student athletes in their 'Life After Sports' KSS 1504 course in about career opportunities with a graduate degree in Counseling.

• **Dr. Bilal Kalkan**, Dr. Rich VanVoorhis, **Emily Stran**, and Maggie Galentine (Faculty and graduate assistants from the Counseling and School Psychology Programs) recruited students at the Spring 2023 YSU Career Exploration & Graduate College Fair on March 29th.

• **Dr. Kenneth Miller, Morgan Fisher**, Dr. Rich VanVoorhis, and Maggie Galentine (Faculty and graduate assistants from the Counseling and School Psychology Programs) delivered a presentation entitled Supporting Mahoning Valley's Parents of Children with Disabilities: A Resilience Model at the inaugural YSU Community Engagement Conference.

• **Dr. Jake Protivnak** served as President of State of Mind: Hudson. A community organization focused on increasing mental health awareness and reducing stigma for seeking treatment.

• **Dr. Jake Protivnak, Dr. Kristin Bruns, Dr. Carrie Jackson, and Dr. David Frank and Maggie Galentine and Stephanie Waltman** (Faculty and graduate assistants from the Counseling, School Psychology, & Psychology Programs) spoke to undergraduate students today about future graduate school options and career possibilities with a degree in psychology at the 'How to Prepare for Graduate School' workshop.

• **Dr. Jake Protivnak and Tiffany Spisak**, Clinical Mental Health Counseling Intern, co-led online community book discussion groups on how common attachments styles (i.e., secure, anxious, avoidant, anxious/avoidant) influence social relationships and mental health. The free online discussion groups offered during National Mental Illness Awareness Week were based upon the book 'Attached' by Levine and Heller and sponsored by State of Mind: Hudson, a community mental health advocacy organization.

• **Dr. Jake Protivnak**, Professor in Counseling / Program Director, delivered a presentation entitled "Community Partnerships and Creative Interventions for Mental Health Advocacy" to YSU students’ faculty, and community members on April 5th in DeBartolo Hall. The presentation focused on advocacy strategies for promoting mental health awareness and increasing access to treatment.

**Collaboration:**

• Students from Dr. Morgan Bagley’s Athletic Training Master's Program and from **Dr. Jake Protivnak**’s Counseling Program (COUN 7002 Prac 2 course) met together in Beeghly Center to practice clinical skills. Counseling student’s role played the criteria of a specific DSM V-TR diagnosis (e.g., Adjustment Disorder, Major Depressive Disorder, PTSD, etc.) along with a minor physical injury typical of an athletically active person/student athlete. This assisted the Athletic Training students in providing a role play example of patients that may have both physical and mental health concerns. The Counseling Program students then switched and had a conversation with an Athletic Training Program student. The Counseling Program students demonstrated basic counseling skills (e.g., active listening, empathy, open-ended questions, immediacy, reflection, etc.) modeling the types of skills that Athletic Training Program students could incorporate into their work with patients.
Faculty / Student Honors & Awards - Examples

Faculty Recognition:
- **Dr. Kristin Bruns** - Student Service Award at the 2023 Annual YSU Student Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 27 at 6pm in the Kilcawley Center Chestnut Room. The Student Service Award recognizes an outstanding individual who has demonstrated exceptional commitment to students.
- **Dr. Kristin Bruns** – Received a University Research Professorship for 2022-2023. Suicide Competencies for Counselors in Training Scale. Youngstown State University Research Professorship.
- **Daniela Ghizzoni** – Eta Chapter CSI, Outstanding Practitioner Award at the 38th Annual Eta Chapter Chi Sigma Iota Induction Ceremony (2023)
- **Erin Hungerman** – Gillespie-Painter Award, YSU Student Awards (2023)
- **Dr. Emily Herman-McMillan** - Outstanding Full Time Faculty Award from the Dean’s Dozen. Presented on Tuesday, April 25th at the 2023 Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, & Education (BCLASSE) Honors Convocation (2023)
- **Dr. Victoria Kress** – Leadership Award. North Central ACES (NCACES) in 2022.
- **Dr. Jake Protivnak** – Distinguished Professor Award for Scholarship on Tuesday, April 17th at the 2023 Annual YSU Faculty & Staff Showcase. As a recipient of past awards for teaching and service, he also received the special title of Distinguished Professor from the YSU Office of Academic Affairs on April 25th.
- **Dr. Jake Protivnak** – Susan J. Sears Counselor of the Year Award presented by the Ohio Counseling Association to a counselor who has gone beyond the call of duty by demonstrating exceptional service applying the goals of the Ohio Counseling Association supporting and advocating for professional licensed counselors, clients, counselor educators, and supervisors throughout the state (October 2022).

Student Recognition:
- **Frances Clause** – Honorary Student Marshall for Fall 2022 Commencement
- **Amber Rothwell** - Mental Health Awareness Art Contest 2021, YSU Student Counseling Services
- **Emily Stran** – Eta Chapter CSI, Outstanding Student Award (2023)
- **Adrian Waldron** - Counseling Student Pet Photo Contest, Adrian Waldron (Clinical Mental Health Counseling Track Student) and her adorable dog Goldie (short for Golden Hashbrown)

Recipients of the 2023 Counseling Program Scholarships:
- **Laura McDonough** - Catherine & Kenneth Baker Scholarship
- **Hannah Lanza-Roth** – Dr. Robert A. DiGiulio Scholarship
- **Adrian Waldron** – Dr. Lawrence DiRusso Scholarship
- **William Horn & Shelby Wellington** – Harvey Neal Kretzer Memorial Scholarship
- **JoAnna Villaneva** – Chuck H. Whitman Student Services Scholarship

Student Leadership:
- **Nyasia Lewis** - Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program student, was selected to serve as the Graduate Student Representative on the Beeghly College of Liberal Arts, Social Science, and Education (BCLASSE) Dean's Dozen. The Dean's Dozen serves as an advisory group to the Dean of BCLASSE.
• **Emily Stran** – Clinical Mental Health and School Counseling Program Student & Graduate Assistant, who has been selected as the BCLASSE representative for the 2022-2023 Graduate Student Advisory Council. This group meets throughout the year to serve as a student advisory board to the Dean of the Graduate School, Sal Sanders, and has representatives on standing committees.

**Students Inductions into Honor Society (Chi Sigma Iota):**

Counseling Program graduate students were inducted into Eta Chapter, Chi Sigma Iota on Thursday, April 6th at the 38th Annual Induction Ceremony in McKay Auditorium in Beeghly Hall. Ms. Staci Tessmer, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with Supervisor Designation and Training Coordinator at Kent State University’s Counseling and Psychological Services, was the special guest speaker.

Congratulations to the following 29 graduate students inducted into the International Honor Society for Counselors: Makayla E. Arcuragi; Jasmine Black; Sebastian Brown; Julia Carson; Marissa Cashbaugh; Gabrielle A. Chapman; Hailie B. Durst; Veronica Erjavec; Emma H. Forner; Amy M. Friend; Kendra M. Godiciu; Mioma G. Gore; William T. Horn; Austin Klingensmith; Justine Knauf; Nyasia Lewis; Molly Leonard; Morgan Martin; Jordan Sarjeant; Aaron Scott; Aline Scott; Sharon D. Singletary; Cody V. Smith; Emily Stran; Benjamin E. Unger; Christina VacLav; Beverly E. VanDyke; Jo Anna M. Villanueva; and Heather Willems.

New 2023-2024 CSI Officers, Emily Stran, Emma Forner, Julia Carson, and William Horn were recognized. Daniela Ghizzoni, Outpatient Behavioral Health Counselor at COMPASS Family & Community Services, received the Eta Chapter CSI Outstanding Practitioner Award and Emily Stran, Clinical Mental Health Counseling & School Counseling graduate student received the Eta Chapter CSI Outstanding master’s Student Award. For more information about Chi Sigma Iota (CSI), contact Dr. Jake Protivnak, Professor / Counseling Program Director and Chapter Faculty Advisor at jjprotivnak@ysu.edu.

**Eta Chapter, CSI Officers for 2022-2023:**
- President – Morgan Fisher
- Vice-President – Jessica Knickerbocker
- Treasurer – Meredith Grimes
- Secretary – Lindsay Sinkovich

**Eta Chapter, CSI Officers for 2023-2024:**
- President – Emily Stran
- Vice-President – Emma Forner
- Treasurer – Julia Carson
- Secretary – William Horn
Student Affairs Leadership Support Association (SALSA):
A student organization with a focus on issue and events applicable to graduate students within the College Counseling and Student Affairs counseling program track.

SALSA Officer for 2022-2023:
• President – Sophie Hecht
• Vice President: Rebecca McCurry
• Treasurer: Christopher Santangelo
• Secretary: Samantha Johnson

SALSA Officer for 2023-2024:
• President – Erin Urbaniak
• Vice President: Veronica Erjavec
• Treasurer: Jordan Record
• Secretary: Aaron Scott

Counseling Program Graduates

Spring 2023 - 15 Counseling Programs students received their master’s degrees.
• Tiffany Dorsey
• Anthony Durkin
• Nina Frattaroli
• Mioma Gore
• Meredith Grimes
• Sophie Hecht
• Jessica Knickerbocker
• Autumn Manfredi
• Rebecca McCurry
• Kyle Metzger
• Mackenzie Olesky
• Christopher Santangelo
• Jenna Siefert
• Nino Vigorito
• Stephanie Waltman

Fall 2022 - 10 Counseling Programs students received their master’s degrees.
• Frances Clause
• Amelia Cornell
• Akilah Daniels
• Mallory Drummond
• Gryphon Johnson
• Raven Logan
• Emily McConnell
• Carrie Miller
• Alexis Musgrove
• Tiffany Spisak
**Summer 2022** - 28 Counseling Programs students received their master’s degrees.

- Alek Ball
- Alexandra Adler
- Ashley Anthony
- Lenora Boyer
- Alexander BuCher
- Anna Beeker
- Gavin Colligan
- Lindsey Dugan
- Ash Edwards
- Rebecca Eggleston
- Francesca Frazeskos
- Olivia Fustos
- Allison Hernandez
- Isabella Iures
- Anthony Jasinski
- Taylor Jones
- Holly Kane
- Bryan Kline
- Sarah Marek
- Nicolette Mendez
- Dean Moyer
- Carly Ondash
- Meghan Perretta
- Rebecca Potkanowicz
- Justin Shaughnessy
- Rachel Strollo
- Clarie Testa
- Abby Wilson

**Community Partnerships in 2022-2023 (examples)**

**Addiction Counseling & Clinical Mental Health Counseling**

- Alta Behavioral Healthcare Group
- Cadence Care Network
- Columbiana Counseling Center
- Community Counseling Center
- Compass Family and Community Services
- Comprehensive Behavioral Health
- Greentree Counseling Center
- Family and Community Services
- Hope and Healing Survivor Resource Center
- Human Services Center
- Insight Clinical Counseling and Wellness
- Mahoning County Juvenile Court
• Neil Kennedy Recovery Centers
• New Day Recovery
• PsyCare
• Sharon Regional Medical Center
• Stepping Stones
• The Centers
• Valley Counseling Services
• Youth Intensive Services
• Youngstown Treatment Services

**College Counseling & Student Affairs**
• Baldwin Wallace University
• Eastern Gateway Community College
• Kent State University
• Thiel College
• University of Mount Union
• Youngstown State University

**School Counseling**
• Case Elementary School
• Conneaut Area High School
• East Middle/High School
• East Liverpool School District
• Harding Elementary School
• Impact Academy
• Liberty High School
• Taft Elementary School
• Robinwood Lane
• Volney Rogers
• Youngstown City School District