2025 Impact Report

College of Social Work

Office of Continuing Education



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Continuing Education

The Office of Continuing Education is committed to becoming the leader and expert in providing lifelong education to social work professionals and creating a interdisciplinary community of extraordinary advocates, clinicians, and community organizers.



Reflections From the Associate Director, Community Outreach and Engagement, Career Services and Continuing Education

Katie Justice, MSW, LISW-S



The Office of Continuing Education is committed to strengthening the social work profession by supporting graduates, community members, and the broader workforce.

We provide a wide range of training opportunities designed to support licensure goals, enhance résumés, and foster meaningful professional connections. Whether you're a student seeking additional credentials, an alum maintaining continuing education requirements, or an employer looking to expand training options for your team, the Office of Continuing Education is here to help. We look forward to partnering with you and discovering how our office can best support your professional journey.

Reflections From the Director of Continuing Education

Ashley Garcia, LISW-S, OCPC



Social Workers and behavioral health professionals are a pivotal part of our communities working across multiple systems. Ongoing professional development is a defining component of our field to maintain credentials and ensure alignment with evolving best practices. This includes staying informed on evidence-based interventions, ethical standards, and emerging behavioral health needs. Our Office of Continuing Education strives to help professionals uphold professional integrity and maintain competence by offering varied CE trainings.

This year saw the emergence of SB1 where we advocated to ensure that our trainings were able to continue to address our ethical responsibilities to cultural competency while also addressing social determinants of health that impact client wellbeing. Our partnerships with the Department of Behavioral Health (formerly OHIOMHAS), ADAMH of Franklin County, and community organizations has allowed our program to continue to offer programming that helps to sustain and grow the behavioral health workforce both nationally and in the state of Ohio.

Accreditations

ACE (ASWB)

The Ohio State University College of Social Work, (Provider: 1628), is approved to offer social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) Approved Continuing Education (ACE) program. Organizations, not individual courses, are approved as ACE providers. State and provincial regulatory boards have the final authority to determine whether an individual course may be accepted for continuing education credit. OSU College of Social Work maintains responsibility for this course. ACE provider approval period: 4/30/25-4/30/28.

CSWMFT Board

The Ohio State University College of Social Work provides approvals for continuing education for counselors, social workers, and marriage and family therapists that are accepted by the State of Ohio Counselor, Social Work, and Marriage and Family Therapist (CSWMFT) Board.

Chemical Dependency Board

The Ohio State University College of Social Work has been approved by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals (CDP) Board as a provider of Continuing Education, approval number: 50-24068.

988 | LIFELINE TRAINING SERIES

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988 Trainings

Impacting Lives Since 2021

Since 2021, The office of Continuing Education has hosted this nationally recognized suicide hotline worker training series through Governor DeWine's initiative to enhance the behavioral health workforce.

More than 13,500 hours of continuing education was provided to the community



The Ohio 988 Lifeline Training Series has provided on-going live and asynchronous trainings for 988 and other crisis line call, chat, and text workers. This project is made possible thanks to generous grant funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health.

In 2025, the 988 Training Series team worked diligently with the new Ohio State Office of Professional and Continuing Education to ensure the smooth transition of dozens of asynchronous training offerings into a new enrollment management system.

The 988 Training Series team also began working on a new 16-hour Call Specialist 101 certificate for all new 988 call specialists to complete upon their hire at a call center in Ohio. Finally, two direct-to-asynchronous staff development trainings for over 500 Ohio 988 call workers were created to assist with the rollout of MRSS formally working with 988 call centers.

38
live trainings

6,232
live training participants

ADAMH
ALCOHOL, DRUG AND MENTAL HEALTH
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ADAMH Trainings

For the past seven years, the Office of Continuing Education has partnered with the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County to present in-person and virtual training sessions for Ohio's social workers, counselors, marriage and family therapists, chemical dependency treatment and prevention professionals, nurses, community health workers, teachers, health educators, and public health professionals.

The 2025 ADAMH training series focused on Engaging Neighborhoods highlighting transitional age youth & young adults , faith-based communities and supporting intergenerational households and aging populations.

753

Participants attended five in-person and virtual trainings

97%+

of participants agreed/strongly agreed that the ADAMH trainings met their expectations and were useful for their interests and professional development

2,700

Hours of continuing education was provided

College of Social Work Partnerships

The Office of Continuing Education collaborated with the College of Social Work to offer CEs for a 12-part lunch and learn series with the regional campus in Lima, a 3-day Psilocybin-Assisted Psychotherapy Training with the CPDRE, the national meeting with HECAOD, and the Field Office.

Field Instructor Training (FIT) Highlights:

7
Training courses

228
Professionals attended

97%+
of participants agreed/strongly agreed that the FIT trainings met their expectations and were useful for their interests and professional development

Community Partnerships

Through a partnership with the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio, four virtual trainings were held to enhance understanding of gambling in Ohio.



97%
of participants agreed/strongly agreed that the course content met their expectations and was useful for their professional development

Social Work Licensure Review Training Highlights:

4
Training courses

70
Individuals preparing to take the Bachelors, Masters or Clinical licensure exam attended

100%
of participants agreed/strongly agreed that the Licensure Review course content was useful for their interests and professional development

Data Highlights

The Office of Continuing Education partners with subject matter experts within the University, locally, state-wide and nationally to lead the CE trainings.

"It's always great working with the team at OSU!"

"I appreciated the early planning, regular follow-up, and prep right before the session. The [CE] Team was very responsive, helpful, and friendly!"

Comments from CE Presenters



100%

of presenters agree/strongly agreed that they would recommend presenting with the College of Social Work to colleagues

7,200
Participants attended a Live CE Training

92
Live, Virtual, and Hybrid trainings were conducted

6,577
# of CE Certificates Provided

19,881
Total # of CE Hours Provided

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Our strategic focus

We are excited for 2026 where we will continue our ADAMH Engaging Neighborhood Series, collaborative partnerships with the College of Social Work Field Office, the six CSW Research Centers, and maintaining our position as a resource for the other areas of the University. Our strategic focus in 2026 will be to grow our online self-paced trainings and certificate programs including a path for new professionals to enter the Substance Use Treatment profession as licensed Chemical Dependency Professional Assistants (CDCA). Thank you to our subject matter experts who have served as training instructors and developers. I also want to thank our dedicated staff for all their hard work to maintain our program.

