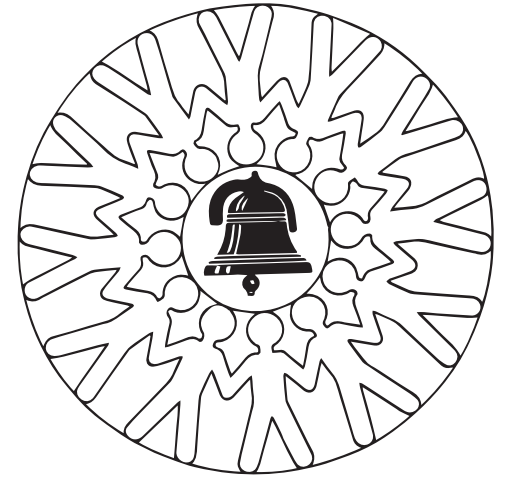


# Mental Health Association in Butler County



***A Window of Hope***  
for Mental Health  
Consumers, Families,  
and the Community

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## Funding

- The Mental Health Association of Butler County receives grants from the Butler County MH/EI/ID Office
- The Mental Health Association of Butler County is a county based United Way Agency
- The agency also accepts bequests and individual donations
- The remainder of funding comes from fund-raisers and residents of Butler County who sponsor the MHA, through memberships

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# Mental Health Association

The Mental Health Association (MHA) in Butler County is a non-profit organization of dedicated staff and volunteer programs who are interested in and concerned about the issues of mental health.

The Mental Health Association in Butler County began operations in 1956, from the vision of Charles and Pamela Grabe. For almost six decades MHA in Butler County has been providing services to individuals with mental illness and their families.



## The Mental Health Bell

The Mental Health Bell the symbol for Mental Health America, made its debut on April 13, 1956, being cast from the shackles and chains that once bound individuals detained in asylums across the country. Today that bell holds the hope of eliminating stigma and discrimination of individuals suffering from mental illness

### The mission(s) of the MHA is:

1. To promote public awareness of mental health and acceptance of mental illness.
2. To promote public recognition of mental health disorders and reduce stigma.
3. To assist persons with mental illness and their families to enrich their lives in the hospital and in the community.
4. To serve as advocates for those with mental illness, their friends and families.

Recovery is the central focus of all services that seek to help those with mental illnesses. The goal of recovery should be available to all who struggle with mental illness.

# Association Programs

During the 1990's, the MHA has been involved with a variety of programs and services. Below are the description of our services today.

**Compeer and Compeer Corps** – Is a friendship program that links volunteers with individuals in mental health recovery. The program offers supportive friendships and mentoring relationships to both civilians and veterans to help bring happiness and offset feelings of loneliness that can sometimes occur.

**Educational Advocacy** – Offers support to families to help children and young adults acquire the best education that they can attain. The advocate can provide support at Individual Educational Plan meetings, Inter-Agency Service Treatment Plan meetings, and Evaluation Report meetings.

**Ombudsman** – Can provide individuals information about managed care services and can assist with filing complaints and grievances if they feel dissatisfied with provided services and/or decisions made by the managed care organization.

**Guardianship** – Offers protection to individuals who are incapacitated, by giving decision making responsibility to a qualified, trustworthy individual. Guardians are appointed by a judge of the Orphan's Court in the Court of Common Pleas in the county in which they reside.

**Representative Payee Program** – Provides assistance in bill paying and financial accountability to individuals with a mental health diagnosis who are unable to manage their own personal finances. The program is available to individuals with no close family or friends that are able to assist them with managing their funds.

**NAMI PA in Butler County** – NAMI helps the community by providing support, education and advocacy for better services and treatment of individuals afflicted with mental illness, their friends and families.

## To Become a Member:

Enclosed please find my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ donation for the Mental Health Association in Butler County.

**Please make checks payable to: The Mental Health Association**

\_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Friend of the MHA      \_\_\_\_\_ \$75.00 MHA Patron  
 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50.00 MHA Sponsor      \_\_\_\_\_ \$100.00 President's Club

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