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Court Celebrates Mental Health Awareness Month



Cleveland: May is Mental Health Awareness Month and the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court is collaborating again with [Recovery Resources](#) for an art display.

This is the third year that artwork is being presented on the first floor of the Justice Center. Along with pieces created by Recovery Resources clients, there is also information available about mental illness, treatment options, and intervention.

“Recovery Resources is such a valuable asset to the community,” says Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court Chairperson Judge Hollie Gallagher. “I’m glad the Common Pleas Court can provide more information, as well as a showcase for the considerable artistic talents of their clients.”

In 2002, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, suburban court partners, and community stakeholders created the Mental Health Court Initiative. Together, they developed the Mental Health Court Docket model.

Now known as the [Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Court](#) (MHDD), the **dedicated** docket has five judges (Judge Hollie L. Gallagher, Judge Deena R. Calabrese, Judge Michael P. Shaughnessy, Judge Shannon M. Gallagher, and Judge Robert C. McClelland).

The collaborative effort between the courts and community agencies like Recovery Resources has helped to provide improved care for the MHDD offenders while promoting increased safety for the community through therapeutic approaches and evidence-based practices.

Recovery Resources is a community behavioral health agency that assists those struggling with addiction or mental health challenges in Cuyahoga County. They provide a broad continuum of care to more than 13,000 annually: Education and Prevention, Outpatient Treatment and Supportive Services.

The art display will be up for the month of May, and some of the pieces are available for purchase.