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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: PFCS receives substance abuse prevention grants

(October 2014, New Philadelphia, Ohio) We are excited to announce that PFCS has received three substance abuse prevention grants from The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) to help strengthen community prevention services in Tuscarawas and Carroll Counties! OhioMHAS' investment in prevention services represents the largest state-level investment in many years. The grants are in three categories: evidence-based practices; expansion of youth-led programming; and reinforcement of local anti-drug coalitions. PFCS has received grants in all three categories, and will be spearheading each of these initiatives.

PFCS will be coordinating evidence-based trainings in both "Lead & Seed," a youth empowered, environmental approach to preventing and reducing alcohol, tobacco and drugs in the community, and Botvin LifeSkills, a research-validated substance abuse prevention program. Additionally, the agency will be implementing and supporting youth-led prevention groups in the Tuscarawas and Carroll County school systems, and working to strengthen the anti-drug coalition in Tuscarawas County. "We are honored to have received these three grants," says Pam Trimmer, *Executive Director, PFCS*. "With this funding, our staff will be equipped to empower our clients and their families with the tools they need to make healthy decisions, and ultimately help to reduce substance abuse by youth and adults in our community."

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