



“We know that mental health and addiction treatment services are effective and people heal. Governor Kasich’s proposal means that an estimated 69,000 uninsured residents would have access to vital physical and mental health service through the expansion of Medicaid. It is estimated that people with mental illness die prematurely nearly twenty five years earlier than the general population. This will allow Franklin County to expand important services to people with serious mental illness such as:

- **Integrated physical and mental health services** – treating preventable diseases like diabetes and heart disease while also treating mental illness.
- **Permanent supportive housing** – providing a safe, affordable place to live so that individuals can recover.
- **Peer Support** – through structured Peer run recovery groups, wellness and self-advocacy activities to help individuals with mental illness and addiction challenges develop and enhance their own natural support networks to further their recovery and more fully integrate within their communities.
- **Prevention Services** – increasing investment in proven prevention programs that work to reduce the stigma associated with seeking mental health and addiction treatment, and prevent the incidence of alcohol & drug abuse.”

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