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ADAMHS funding for opioid sub-acute detoxification program

Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) is providing funding for up to 20 beds for opioid detoxification services starting Monday, November 17, 2014. The beds will be located in a newly renovated detox unit at NOVA Behavioral Health in Dayton and will serve people from a 13-county region. Twelve of the beds specifically will be designated for Montgomery County residents, according to the \$778,400 grant awarded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

“Many opioid addicts were first exposed to these drugs through prescriptions for legitimate pain issues, which led them to become dependent or addicted to these powerful substances or worse,” said ADAMHS Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley. “Addiction is a chronic disease and is not something that can be cured by a single dose of treatment. Access to treatment close to home is critical for individuals working to overcome addiction and lead productive lives in our communities.”

In 2013, there were 226 unintentional drug overdose deaths in Montgomery County, with heroin responsible for 132 deaths. The most commonly misused or abused prescription drugs are OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, Fentanyl, Valium and Xanax.