



Celebrating 5 years of ...



- Helping Lexington
- Saving lives
- Changing lives

Harm Reduction Program



In March 2015, the Kentucky General Assembly enacted legislation (SB 192) giving municipalities the authority to operate a substance abuse treatment outreach program that includes a needles and syringes exchange component, through the local health department.

Soon after, both the Board of Health and Urban County Council voted to exercise this local option, by unanimously passing resolutions to establish the needle exchange program for Lexington. The program began on September 4, 2015 at the Health Department’s headquarters (650 Newtown Pike). And 5 years later, this initiative has now developed into a comprehensive Harm Reduction Program, which includes needle exchange, opioid overdose prevention resources, and on-site counseling for residents seeking recovery and treatment options. The Harm Reduction Program regularly serves residents 3 days per week:

- Monday 1 – 4 pm
- Wednesday 3 – 6:30 pm
- Friday 11 am – 4 pm

Congratulations to our partners at the [Lexington – Fayette County Health Department!](#)

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Chris Ford, *Commissioner*
Dept. of Social Services

PARENT AND GUARDIAN EMPOWERMENT – PAGE PROGRAM

A program unit within our Division of Youth Services has officially been renamed to Parent and Guardian Empowerment (PAGE), effective July 1, 2020. Formerly known as the Youth Development Center, the PAGE program supports families, including youth, parents and / or guardians, by offering an array of services, including:

- Case Management Services
- Family Nurturing Program
- Referrals to Partner Agencies
- Social History Needs Assessment
- GAIN – I Assessment
- Prevention / Intervention Programs & Workshops

The PAGE program office is located at the Black & Williams Center. PAGE also provides youth programming at the Gainesway Community Center, 3460 Campus Way.

For more information, visit the PAGE [website](#).



LEXINGTON
Youth Services

PAGE Staff Members

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Social Worker Senior

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Social Worker

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(pictured in 2017, left to right)

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Director

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Empowerment Program*

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*Audrey Grevious Center
Day Treatment Program*

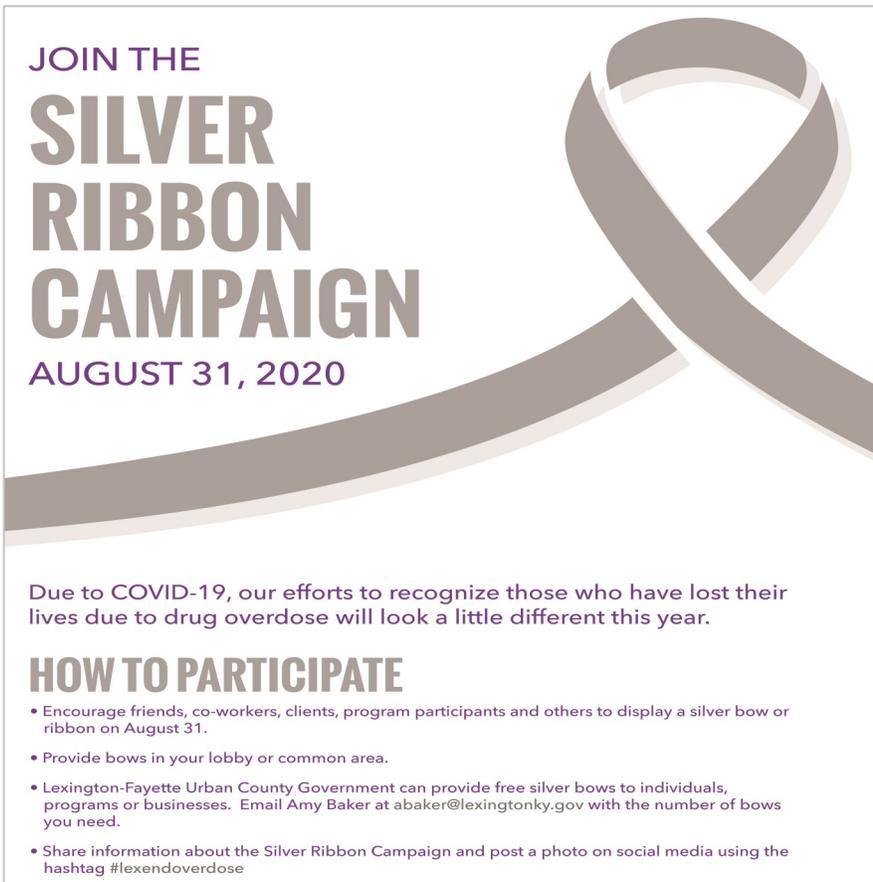


OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

The City of Lexington is asking those who have been impacted by overdose to hang a silver ribbon or bow on their door or another prominently visible location to honor the loved ones and friends we've lost to overdose. This silver ribbon campaign is to show those who are grieving that they are not alone; to show as a community, we support them.

In addition to impacting how we have traditionally come together on Overdose Awareness Day, the COVID-19 pandemic has had devastating consequences related to substance use disorder. After experiencing a decline in overdose fatalities in 2018 and again in 2019, we have experienced a significant increase so far in 2020. Although it is too early to know the exact impact of the pandemic, we do know losing connection to vital support systems can have devastating consequences for individuals with substance use disorder.

We hope that as you travel through Lexington on Monday, August 31st that you see countless silver ribbons and bows on display. As you do, please pause and hold space for the individuals who have passed away and for those who are grieving.



JOIN THE
SILVER
RIBBON
CAMPAIGN
AUGUST 31, 2020

Due to COVID-19, our efforts to recognize those who have lost their lives due to drug overdose will look a little different this year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

- Encourage friends, co-workers, clients, program participants and others to display a silver bow or ribbon on August 31.
- Provide bows in your lobby or common area.
- Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government can provide free silver bows to individuals, programs or businesses. Email Amy Baker at abaker@lexingtonky.gov with the number of bows you need.
- Share information about the Silver Ribbon Campaign and post a photo on social media using the hashtag #lexendoverdose



Social Services is proud to offer multiple services and programs from the Black & Williams Center.

Located at the corner of Booker and Georgetown Streets in Lexington's West End, the center is named in honor of Evelyn J. Black and Alex Williams, Jr.

The center was originally the Booker T. Washington School. LFUCG acquired the building in 1975.

Black & Williams Center is home to the following:

- Community & Resident Services
- Youth Services – PAGE Program
- Elder Crafters
- COACH Fellowship
- National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Lexington
- West End Community Empowerment Project (WECEP)

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: BRITTANY GENTRY

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August 12, 2020*

Welcome Brittany Gentry to her new role with the City as clinical services manager at the Audrey Grevious Center (AGC).

Before coming to the LFUCG in August of 2017, she was a behavioral health clinician at KVC Health Systems in home services for two years. She also spent three and a half years as an outpatient clinician for the Child, Adolescent and Family division of Bluegrass.org, now known as New Vista, and spent four years as a family preservation specialist with KVC.



Discussing what brought her to the City, Brittany said the following: “I had the opportunity to complete my practicum at the AGC during the 2013 – 2014 school year. Under the guidance of Tara Mills, licensed clinical social worker (LCSW), I learned so much about the Division of Youth Services, clinical social work and serving at-risk adolescents. By the end of my practicum experience, I knew I wanted to be able to be a part of the multisystem level of services that this program presents for the at-risk adolescents we serve.”

Brittany’s educational background includes a master’s degree in social work from the University of Kentucky and she is currently attending her first year in their social work doctoral program. She obtained her license in clinical social work in May of 2019 and most recently served as a senior social worker at the AGC.

In Brittany’s new position she will serve as a liaison for community partners and will lead:

- Completing initial intake assessments for incoming students;
- Developing and conducting trainings and best practice programs for AGC staff;
- Providing crisis intervention services with students (when necessary);
- Managing day-to-day programming (including special activities and events); and
- Facilitating supervision and best practice direction for the treatment team weekly.

Regarding her favorite aspect of the job, Brittany says she enjoys the initial intake assessment for incoming students: “It puts me in the position to be the first person to advertise our services and assess for the individual’s needs and area of concerns,” she said.

Originally from Columbus, Ohio, Brittany has lived in Lexington since completing her undergraduate degree from UK in 2009. She is married with two children, ages 4 and 11, and her daughter currently attends the Family Care Center, another LFUCG program she loves.

In her spare time, Brittany loves to watch movies with her family, play soccer, workout, listen to music, and travel. On Saturdays, she also serves as a mental health clinician for a local Trauma-Informed Counseling Center – something she considers a hobby.

“I truly do have a passion for serving those who need assistance with finding their own path to healing and learning relevant evidence based practices,” she said. “Practicing mental health services in my spare time is a choice!”

RHISE

RENTAL HARDSHIP TO IMPACTED SERVICE EMPLOYEES



Program criteria

- Housing costs more than 30 days past due
- Imminent residential eviction
- Imminent utility disconnection

Benefit standards

- Up to \$2,000 per household for rent and/or utility payments



**For more information, call
Community & Resident Services
at (859) 300-5300**

(formerly Adult & Tenant Services)



LEXINGTON

Community & Resident Services

Are you an employee in a service industry which works directly with the public?

- Community Service Organizations (non-profit)
- Child Care and Health Care
- Educational (Schools, Colleges and Universities)
- Retail and Customer Service
- Food, Hospitality & Entertainment

Did your place of employment shut down or close for business due to COVID-19?

Were you laid off or furloughed from your job due to COVID-19?

Are you a Lexington resident, and having difficulty making rent or utility payments?

If yes, then you may be eligible for financial assistance through

RHISE

a federally-funded program to help residents manage housing costs while returning to the workforce. Household income limits apply.

We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law. It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, familial status, age, disability, or national origin.



Program anticipated through June 30, 2021, or until funds are exhausted



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Extended Social Resource Grants Fiscal Year 2021

\$2.1 Million Competitively Awarded to 35 Grantees in 4 Priority Areas



Community Wellness & Safety:
\$735,000



Childhood & Youth Development:
\$440,000



Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access:
\$400,000



Overnight Emergency Shelter:
\$525,000

69 Proposals Submitted



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FIRST-TIME GRANTEES

Central Music Academy
Lexington Gay Services Organization



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TOP-RATED PROPOSALS

BY PRIORITY AREA:

New Beginnings Bluegrass
Lexington Leadership Foundation
Lexington Rescue Mission
GreenHouse17



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MULTI-AWARD GRANTEES

Arbor Youth Services
Community Action Council
GreenHouse17
Lexington Rescue Mission
Lexington Leadership Foundaton
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\$5.8 Million in Total Funding Requests

Agency	Priority Area(s)	Award
Arbor Youth Services*	Community Wellness & Safety; Emergency Shelter	\$205,000
AVOL Kentucky	Community Wellness & Safety	\$55,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Childhood & Youth Development	\$65,000
Bluegrass Care Navigators	Emergency Shelter	\$55,000
Bluegrass Council of the Blind	Community Wellness & Safety	\$32,000
Central Music Academy	Childhood & Youth Development	\$24,000
Children's Advocacy Center	Community Wellness & Safety	\$75,000
Chrysalis House	Community Wellness & Safety	\$100,000
Common Good	Childhood & Youth Development	\$56,000
Community Action Council*	Food Insecurity; Emergency Shelter	\$127,000
FoodChain	Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access	\$52,000
GleanKY	Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access	\$23,000
God's Pantry Food Bank	Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access	\$67,000
GreenHouse17*	Food Insecurity; Emergency Shelter	\$168,000
Lexington Gay Services Organization	Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access	\$29,000
Lexington Hearing & Speech Ctr	Childhood & Youth Development	\$52,000
Lexington Leadership Foundation*	Community Wellness & Safety; Childhood & Youth Dev	\$157,700
Lexington Rescue Mission*	Community Wellness & Safety; Food Insecurity	\$87,000
Moveable Feast Lexington	Food Insecurity & Nutritional Access	\$60,000
NAMI Lexington	Community Wellness & Safety	\$57,400
Natalie's Sisters	Community Wellness & Safety	\$37,900
New Beginnings Bluegrass	Community Wellness & Safety	\$68,000
Repairers Lexington	Childhood & Youth Development	\$5,000
The Nathaniel Mission*	Childhood & Youth Development; Food Insecurity	\$130,000
The Nest	Community Wellness & Safety	\$62,000
The Refuge Clinic	Community Wellness & Safety	\$62,000
The Salvation Army	Emergency Shelter	\$100,000
Visually Impaired Preschool (VIPS)	Childhood & Youth Development	\$38,000
YMCA of Central KY	Childhood & Youth Development	\$50,000

* indicates multiple awards

ESR Funding Total:

\$2,100,000



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Social Services

SERVICES FROM CRADLE TO ROCKING CHAIR!

Lexington Department of Social Services is a **network** of resources and expertise which service the **unmet** basic needs of **multi-generational** constituencies

MISSION

To provide and support an easily accessible system of human services for Fayette County

VISION

We empower our vulnerable and underserved residents with high quality direct services, effective programming, and viable resources

VALUES

Compassion Compliance Coordination Consistency

CLIENT-BASED SERVICES:

- Family Services
- Youth Services
- Community & Resident Services
- Aging & Disability Services

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

- Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention
- Partners for Youth
- Substance Abuse Intervention
- COACH Fellowship

CENTRAL PROGRAM SITES:

Harry Sykes Campus (Red Mile):
Family Care & Audrey Grevious Centers

Idle Hour Park
Lexington Senior Center

West End
Black & Williams Center

East End
Charles Young Center

Tates Creek Campus
Gainesway Community Center

Downtown
Bell House

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