



# Press Release

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## For Immediate Release

### **Front Steps Housing Receives Three-Year Certification from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**

**June 22, 2017 – Cleveland** – Front Steps Housing and Services (Front Steps), a permanent supportive housing program in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, has received a 3-year certification to provide mental health and alcohol and drug addiction services by the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS). Front Steps has been authorized to operate an outpatient alcohol and drug addiction program, and certified to offer the following mental health services:

- Behavioral Health Counseling & Therapy
- Employment/Vocational
- Referral and Information
- Community Psychiatric Supportive Treatment (CPST)
- Mental Health Assessment
- Art Therapy

OMHAS has statutory and regulatory authority over providers of mental health services to Ohio consumers. Regulatory activities include on-site surveys, inspections, and reviews to determine compliance with the applicable administrative rules. Front Steps' 3-year certification was effective on May 16, 2017 and runs through May 15, 2020.

OMHAS's certification of Front Steps complements the 3-year accreditation the organization received from the Council on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) in July 2016. These accreditations and certifications are indicative of Front Steps' compliance with the highest level of statewide, national, and international standards; as well as its commitment to offering programs and services that are measurable, accountable, and of the highest quality.

#### **About Front Steps Housing and Services**

Front Steps Housing and Services is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization dedicated to ending the cycle of homelessness in our community. Front Steps provides individuals and families in Cuyahoga County with permanent supportive housing and lifelong solutions to increase self-sufficiency and independence. Offerings include safe, affordable housing; client-centered, comprehensive case management; and supportive services. Front Steps transforms the lives of hundreds of people each year by offering myriad services – in addition to housing – which promote family reunification, financial literacy, education, wellness, and independence. The organization also benefits the community by reducing reliance on the legal system, emergency rooms, and hospitals.

#### **About the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services (OMHAS) has statutory and regulatory authority over providers of mental health services to Ohio consumers. Its mission is to provide statewide leadership of a high-quality mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery system that is effective and valued by all Ohioans.

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consisting of more than 900 community behavioral health provider agencies. As of July 2015, the OMHAS Bureau of Licensure and Certification was responsible for regulatory oversight of 422 community mental health agencies, 83 private psychiatric hospital inpatient units, 154 community residential programs and more than 430 addiction prevention and treatment providers. In addition, OhioMHAS provides licensure and oversight of 765 adult care facilities and 44 adult foster homes.

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