



## News Release

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### R1 Launches New WCCMHB Funded Programs Page

**ROCKFORD, IL** — Region 1 Planning Council (R1) is launching a page highlighting the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board (WCCMHB) Funded Programs page, which has information on the Funded Programs for the Program Year 2023-2024. This webpage can be accessed via R1's recently launched engagement website, Engage R1, a new platform designed to foster community engagement and facilitate communication.

The webpage is available in eight commonly spoken languages in the area, and its user-friendly and accessible interface enhances ease of navigation, ensuring that visitors can access all relevant information with minimal effort. You can access the WCCMHB Funded Programs page by clicking on the link below and then scrolling down to view all the funded programs. Clicking on each program will take you to a specific page with detailed information about the program, including its description, entrance method, contact information, and website and social media links.

The WCCMHB Funded Program page direct link [bit.ly/WCCMHBFundedPrograms](https://bit.ly/WCCMHBFundedPrograms)

**ABOUT WCCMHB** – The purpose of the [Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board](#) (WCCMHB) is a board of appointed community leaders and public officials dedicated to investing and supporting mental health and substance use services for adults and children in Winnebago County. WCCMHB receives funding through a half-cent sales tax which was approved by Winnebago County residents in March 2020. This sales tax generates approximately \$18 million annually for mental health and substance use services across the county. WCCMHB positively impacts the Winnebago County community by increasing access to local services by providing support and funding to organizations, non-profits, and government agencies that offer mental health and substance use services. This allows Winnebago County residents to live and recover in the community.

**ABOUT RPC** – [Region 1 Planning Council](#) is a special-purpose, regional government agency providing cross-jurisdictional, government-to-government collaborative planning for Northern Illinois. The regional planning model provides an efficient means to promoting a well-informed, comprehensive dialogue that holistically addresses regional issues by fulfilling the needs of government entities for long-range planning, securing funding, and analyzing and providing data in support of regional projects and initiatives. *The Region 1 Planning Council provides staff support to the Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board.*