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## *2015 Distinguished Civilian Leadership Award*



**Theresa Kay Snyder**  
Perry Behavioral Health Choices

Theresa Kay Snyder's contributions to the community of New Lexington are exceptional and far-reaching. She has been a driving force for addiction prevention and recovery as director of Perry Behavioral Health Choices, an outpatient drug and alcohol treatment center, and as a member of the Perry County Drug Coalition.

New Lexington Police Chief Scott Ervin praised Snyder's efforts against drug abuse. "Through Theresa's positive leadership skills, along with her passion and dedication to the community, she has teamed up with local law enforcement to assist us in any way possible in working through the opiate epidemic that affects our community."

Through the treatment center, Snyder secured a grant to open a sober house for addicts in recovery and Evolution, a men's rehabilitation facility. Using her health-care knowledge, Snyder, a registered nurse, has educated many in the community about addiction. She has taught prevention in schools and talked to addicts about the medical aspects of their disease.

Judge Luann Cooperrider of the Perry County Probate and Juvenile courts said Snyder has been a guiding force for students involved in the ALPHA Program, a service for children who have been in trouble for truancy and delinquency. Snyder has also served as a foster parent.

In addition, Snyder is a founding member of the Perry County Cancer Alliance, a volunteer group that raises money for cancer patients. She is also a member of the Ohio Women's Network, a group of professionals who work to promote rehabilitation programs for women.