

Behavioral Health e-Update

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John R. Kasich, Governor
Orman Hall, Director

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a collaboration between state agencies and in recognition of the changes occurring through health-care reform, *eUpdate* will become a behavioral health-focused publication. Articles, Training and Grant Opportunities for all facets of behavioral health will be featured in this and future issues. Please feel free to submit news pertaining to mental health, addiction or co-occurring issues for future editions. Thank you for your continued readership.

Caring for Every Child's Mental Health

SAMHSA's "Caring for Every Child's Mental Health" public awareness effort was created in 1994 with the mission to increase awareness around children's mental health. The "Caring for Every Child's Mental Health" team works to support SAMHSA-funded sites through the strategic use of social marketing and communications strategies. The overarching purpose of the team is to stimulate support for a comprehensive system-of-care approach to children's mental health. For more information on this initiative go to the [SAMHSA website](#).



In Ohio, you're invited to celebrate **Children's Mental Health Day 2012** on **Thursday, May 10**, by joining in Ohio's Resiliency Ring at the Statehouse in Columbus, or by developing events in your community. Children's Mental Health Day was developed by families of youth with emotional, behavioral and social challenges to focus on the needs of their children and families, as well as to highlight their strengths, abilities and resiliency. Almost 21 percent of children and adolescents ages 9-17 in the United States have a mental health disorder; nearly 11 percent experience a major challenge that results in significantly impacted behavior at home, at school and among peers; and five percent have extreme difficulty with day-to-day life challenges. It is important that children and adolescents, along with their families and communities, learn about mental health and how to obtain assistance and treatment when necessary.

The annual Ohio Resiliency Ring will occur on the west plaza of the Statehouse lawn when families, youth and advocates hold hands to encircle the Ohio Statehouse. Youth entertainment starts at 11:00 a.m. with presentations to follow and formation of the Ring at noon. New this year are the Resiliency Awards honoring selected youth, family members, advocates, providers and programs. The event is sponsored by the Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health, [www.ohiofederation.org](#).

To stay informed about initiatives related to mental wellness of children and youth in Ohio, read the Ohio Department of Mental Health's Kids Newsletter: *Building Ohio's Future*. Issues are archived at: <http://bit.ly/HD87au>.

600+ Registered for "I am the MAJORITY" Youth-Led Prevention Rally at Statehouse — April 30

Just ahead of May's *Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention* and *Mental Health Awareness* month activities, Ohio's Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) Youth Council will host an "*I am the MAJORITY*" rally at the Ohio Statehouse on April 30 to empower peers to create a healthier tomorrow by breaking the stereotype that teen drug use is the norm. Registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at Huntington Park, followed by a march down High Street, with a police escort, to the Statehouse for the Rally. The first 450 registered participants will then move to the Statehouse Atrium for lunch and an afternoon program. For more information, contact Kim Workman, Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network State Coordinator, at kim.oylpn@gmail.com.

April is Alcohol Awareness Month. Visit www.alcoholscreening.org for helpful info and a free screening tool.



Governor Signs Executive Order to Fight Human Trafficking
Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Created to Coordinate Services and Treatment for Victims

On March 29, Gov. John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2012-06K creating the Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force, which will coordinate statewide efforts to identify and rescue victims, create a coordinated law enforcement system to investigate and prosecute crimes of human trafficking, and provide necessary services and treatment for victims.

Joining Gov. Kasich for the Executive Order signing ceremony were two human trafficking survivors — Governor’s Courage Award Winner Theresa Flores and Rahab’s Hideaway Founder Marlene Carson. Flores unveiled a [public service announcement](#) she and Gov. Kasich made in an effort to enhance awareness of human trafficking. Also in attendance were Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine, Representative Teresa Fedor (D-Toledo), and Governor’s Cabinet members — including ODADAS Director Orman Hall and ODMH Director Tracy Plouck — who will serve on the Task Force. A PDF of Executive Order 2012-06K can be [viewed here](#).

Human Trafficking Facts:

- Every year an estimated **1,078** Ohio children are victims of human trafficking, and another **3,016** Ohio children are at-risk of being victims of human trafficking.
- **13 years old** is the most common age in Ohio for children to become victims of human trafficking.

ODADAS Fills Key Senior Staff Positions

ODADAS filled three key senior leadership positions this month, naming Tammy Collins, Ph.D., as Chief of Prevention Services, Christine Morrison as Opiates Project Manager and Matthew J. Popovich as Chief of Management Information Systems.



Dr. Collins



Morrison



Popovich

Dr. Collins, who has an extensive background in alcohol and other drug addiction prevention programming and research, most recently served as a statistical analyst/researcher with the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia. As Chief, Dr. Collins will direct Ohio’s statewide alcohol, tobacco, other drug, gambling and violence prevention education and outreach efforts, including initiatives aimed at reducing underage drinking and prescription painkiller abuse, promoting healthy choices and strengthening families and communities. She earned a Doctorate of Philosophy in Human Development and Family Science from OSU and holds a Master of Arts in Counseling and Bachelor of Arts in Journalism/Public Relations, both from Marshall University.

Morrison will guide the many efforts across state departments to attack the opiate epidemic – to reduce addiction and overdose deaths. She joins ODADAS from Secretary of State Jon Husted’s Office and brings extensive experience serving both the Senate and House of the Ohio General Assembly as a Senior Level advisor to the Senate President and Speaker of the House. She graduated from Wright State University with a BA in Political Science.

Popovich is a result-oriented IT Specialist who brings more than 11 years of proven success with designing and implementing a wide-range of technologies derived from business objectives in both the private and public sectors. As Chief, Popovich will direct the Department’s IT operations, which includes network and systems functionality and security, business continuity and disaster recovery planning, strategic planning, budgeting and policy governance, as well as developing streamlined applications that improve communications between the state and local communities. He has a degree in Information Technology Management from Franklin University and a degree in Business Management from Belmont Technical College.

Ohio Women’s Network Issues White Paper on Substance Abuse Among Women

The Ohio Women’s Network has published a new white paper, [Addressing the Needs of Ohio’s Drug-Addicted Women: Identifying Issues and Cost-Containment Strategies](#). While the paper focuses on issues related to the use and treatment of any illicit drug use among women, the increasing illicit use of prescription drugs, especially prescription pain medications, warrants special attention and has unique implications for the women who abuse them. The paper examines prescription painkiller addiction and pregnancy, noting that each opioid-addicted newborn can cost the State an estimated \$352,000 in medical care.



MADD Sponsoring Second Annual PowerTalk 21 Day — April 21

MADD will host its second annual *PowerTalk 21 Day* on April 21 — a national day for parents and other adult caregivers to talk to their children about alcohol and the consequences of underage drinking. MADD plans to use the day to educate parents on how to make a positive impact in their kids' decisions about alcohol. This includes setting boundaries and following through with consequences when the rules are broken. According to MADD, 10 million young people aged 12–20 reported drinking alcohol during the previous month, and 33 percent of all teen drivers killed in crashes had alcohol in their system in 2010. Visit madd.org to download a [free Power of Parents handbook](#) for guidance on starting the ongoing conversation about alcohol with teens.

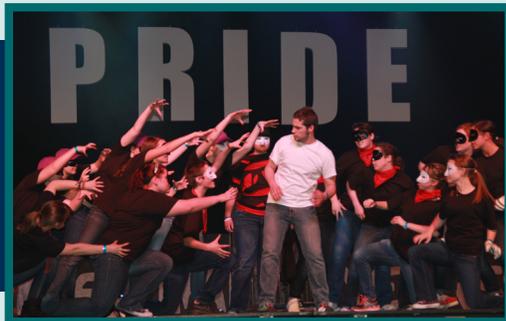
On April 19, ODADAS Director Orman Hall will present a proclamation from Gov. John R. Kasich at a 10 a.m. press event in the Ladies Gallery at the Ohio Statehouse.

CSAP's Inaugural "National Prevention Week" Slated for May 20-26

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is launching a new initiative to prevent substance use and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being — [National Prevention Week](#). This inaugural observance of National Prevention Week will bring communities together through local events, rallies, and celebrations. National Prevention Week 2012 will be held May 20-26, and will embrace the theme, "We are the ones. How are you taking action?" Last year, Gov. John R. Kasich signed [Senate Bill 101](#) into law, officially designating May as "Substance Abuse Awareness and Education Month" in Ohio.

DEA Hosting Fourth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on April 28

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has scheduled a fourth National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, April 28, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Last October, Americans turned in more than 377,086 pounds (188.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at more than 5,300 sites nationwide. Check out the DEA's [Collection Site Locator](#) for a list of participating communities.



35th Annual PRIDE World Drug Prevention Conference Draws 900 to Downtown Toledo

Hundreds of youth from throughout the U.S. attended the 35th annual PRIDE World Drug Prevention Conference April 4-6 in Toledo. PRIDE's mission is to educate, promote and support drug-free youth who care for the safety and health of self, peers, family and community. The theme of this year's conference was "Imagine." PRIDE 2012 was sponsored by ODADAS, Drug-Free Action Alliance, the Ohio National Guard, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Pictured above: At left, PRIDE teams from throughout the nation performed skits and song-and-dance numbers about their commitment to living drug- and alcohol-free lives. At right, ODADAS Director Orman Hall and David K. Mineta, deputy director of demand reduction at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (center) talk about the importance of youth-led prevention with youth representatives from around the nation at PRIDE 2012.



Ohio Selected for Buprenorphine Research Study

NIATx has received a grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) as part of the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) program announcement to promote evidence-based practices. NIATx will test a "Payer-Treatment Agency" intervention to increase the use of buprenorphine. Ohio is the only state selected for this research, which will take place over the next five years. There will be a "control" group and "research" group that will be randomly selected. NIATx will work in association with the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers. The ODADAS Division of Planning, Outcomes and Research will help NIATx implement the study, (e.g. assist in the selection of participants and data collection yet to be determined). NIATx will provide training, technical assistance and coaching throughout the project; there will be limited direct ODADAS staff involvement. For more information or questions, contact ODADAS Planning, Outcomes and Research Chief Sanford Starr at sanford.starr@ada.ohio.gov.

Brain Injury Association of Ohio Hosting 6th Annual "Trot for Thought" 5K Run/Walk — May 12

The Brain Injury Association of Ohio will host its 6th annual "Trot for Thought" 5K Race and Walk in support of Ohioans living with brain injury on May 12 at Sharon Woods Metropark in Westerville. Team registration must be completed prior to the event, and individual registration can be completed up to the day of the event. For complete details, visit: <http://biaoh.org/trotforthought2012.htm>.



Whip-Its Regaining Popularity Among Teens, Experts Say

Whip-Its — small canisters filled with nitrous oxide — are once again becoming popular among teens and young adults as a recreational drug, *ABC News* reported recently. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Whip-Its are the most popular inhalant among young adults. Inhaling nitrous oxide, either from a whipped cream canister, or a nitrous tank, leads to a high that can last anywhere from a few seconds to a few minutes. Many online retailers sell large quantities of Whip-Its, without asking the purchaser's age or what they will be using the product for, according to the [news report](#). Inhalants such as Whip-Its can be deadly. Inhaling nitrous oxide can cut off oxygen to the brain, causing severe consequences for the heart, nervous system and organs, he said.

Federal Legislation Seeks to Link States' Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs

A new federal bill would link states' prescription drug monitoring programs, allowing physicians to see if a new patient has a history of drug abuse in another state before writing a prescription. H.R. 4292, the *Interstate Drug Monitoring Efficiency and Data Sharing Act*, was introduced by a bipartisan group of House and Senate legislators, including Rep. Steve Austria (R, OH-7). The proposed system would make it easier for law enforcement officials to track and prosecute drug dealers. Currently, there is no national standard for exchanging prescription drug monitoring information across state lines. Forty-eight states, including Ohio (Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System) have prescription drug monitoring programs in some form.

Internet Radio Program Focuses on Recovery-Based Programming

Recovery Zone Radio, an Akron-area, web-based talk radio programming network dedicated to life issues has been profiled in the April "[Faces and Voices of Recovery](#)" newsletter. The Recovery Zone internet radio project provides insight and information to listeners, discussing topics such as 12-step recovery to Ohio's prescription drug epidemic. "MorningBrew" is a daily show covering alcohol and other drug addiction-related current events with a recovery perspective, and "PTSD Hour w/Jim McGarrity" is a weekly program geared toward military veterans. Listen in at www.rzradio.com



Block Grant Funding Priorities Survey Identifies Strategies Endorsed by MH Stakeholders

The Ohio Department of Mental Health Office of Research and Evaluation collected data from 650 stakeholders throughout Ohio during February 2012 to identify their top priorities for future Federal Block Grant funding. Read the [report](#) for survey results.

Wisconsin Shares Perinatal Care Newborn Withdrawal Toolkit

The Wisconsin Association of Perinatal Care (WAPC) Newborn Withdrawal Project Educational [Toolkit](#) is now available online. The Toolkit is a compendium of educational materials intended for both parents and healthcare providers of newborns experiencing neonatal abstinence syndrome and pregnant women undergoing methadone maintenance treatment or other treatments for opioid addiction.

Florida Hospitals Report Rise in Newborns Exposed to Opioids

Hospitals on the west coast of Florida are reporting a rise in the number of newborns exposed to opioids. Health care providers say prescription drug abuse is to blame. Manatee Memorial Hospital in Bradenton reports that on a typical day, more than one-third of babies in the neonatal intensive care unit have been exposed to drugs, according to a report from *The Bradenton Herald*. The babies suffer symptoms of withdrawal, including shaking, inconsolable crying, skin rashes, vomiting and diarrhea. Tampa General Hospital also reports a jump in the number of babies born who are exposed to opioids and/or methadone. Nina Pascoe, Care Coordinator for Tampa General Hospital's newborn intensive care unit, said the average stay for a baby born with signs of exposure to opioids or methadone ranges from 20 to 45 days. Some babies stay for as long as 50 days, she said. Earlier this year, the American Academy of Pediatrics released [updated guidelines](#) for doctors and hospitals on how they can identify and monitor infants exposed to opioids and other drugs of addiction.



In January, Ohio Neonatologist Carl Backes, D.O., a member of the Section of Neonatology at Nationwide Children's Hospital and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, founded a Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) clinic at Nationwide Children's to help deal with an increasing number of babies born addicted to prescription painkillers and other opiates. The outpatient clinic, part of Nationwide Children's main campus, accepts physician referrals for infants who are at risk for drug withdrawal or infants on methadone and/or phenobarbital. The clinic provides care for newborn patients as long as needed for withdrawal, and follows a Medication-Assisted Treatment [protocol](#) developed by Dr. Backes to help wean newborns off opioids after being stabilized in the hospital. In a study published in the August 18, 2011, *Journal of Perinatology*, Dr. Backes and colleagues concluded, "a combined inpatient and outpatient methadone treatment in the management of NAS decreases hospital stay and substantially reduces cost." Caring for opiate-addicted babies costs around \$1,000/day, according to Dr. Backes. The average length of treatment, he estimates, is around 21 days. So far, Dr. Backes says the outpatient approach has proven "safe, effective and better for mother-child bonding." For more information about the NAS clinic, email Dr. Backes at cbackes@kiddiewest.com.

Training Opportunities

2012 Gambling Counseling and Prevention Training Series

Recovery Resources, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Lottery Commission, are sponsoring the 2012 Gambling Addiction and Prevention Training series. Scheduled trainings include: "Foundations in Disordered Gambling," "Treating the Disordered Gambler," "Advanced Disordered Gambling Training" and "Gambling Prevention Education." Participants will receive CEUs for social workers, counselors, nurses and gambling counselors, and RCHs for chemical dependency and prevention professionals. Sessions run from March 29 to June 13. For complete details (including dates, times, locations and training descriptions) visit the [Recovery Resources website](#).

Regional "Don't Get Me Started" Prescription Drug Townhall Meetings Starting April 30

ODADAS and Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention and Treatment are teaming up with local Boards, providers and community organizations this Spring to host a series of "Don't Get Me Started" Prescription Drug Town Hall meetings. Confirmed locations and dates (where applicable) include: Athens County (April 30), Mahoning County (May 14), Hamilton County (May 21), Allen County (May 21), Cuyahoga County (TBD), Franklin County (TBD), Lucas County (TBD) and Trumbull County (TBD). Watch the ODADAS [online event calendar](#) for complete details.

Regional Mental Health and Deafness Trainings

ODMH, in partnership with the Buckeye Ranch and St. Vincent Family Center, is hosting a series of regional "Mental Health and Deafness" trainings March 16-May 11. These trainings will provide child and family clinical service providers with an introduction to providing therapeutic assessment and services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and families. The training offers two Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for counselors, social workers and marriage and family therapists. Advance registration required. For more information, contact: Katrina Callaghan at kcallaghan@buckeyeranch.org or 614-429-7432.



Community-Based System of Care Conference — April 24

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities will host Leon Evans and Gilbert Gonzales during this one-day conference on Tuesday, April 24, that will provide participants with an introduction to a community-based system of care that addresses early identification, access to specialty health care and the management of chronic disease for a population that traditionally has limited access to health care. 5.5 CEUs provided for nursing, psychology, counseling, social work, chemical dependency professionals and Department of Developmental Disabilities. The \$75 registration fee includes CEUs and lunch. For complete details, and to register online, visit: <http://bit.ly/HuZLCz>.

Managing Drug-Seeking and Opiate-Addicted Patients with SMI — April 25

Case Western Reserve University's Center for Evidence-Based Practices is hosting a free video-conference on in-patient pain management care. The training is designed for healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers in hospitals and community-based organizations who serve people with severe mental illness (SMI) or co-occurring SMI and substance use disorders. On April 25, Dr. Mark Hurst, medical director of Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), will present "[*Guidelines for the Management of Opiate-Addicted Patients in Psychiatric Hospitals*](#)," to review new guidelines published by ODMH for managing opiate-addicted patients. Click the hyperlink for complete details and registration information.

NAMI Ohio's Annual Conference — April 27-28

[*Register now*](#) to attend NAMI Ohio's Annual Conference "The Great Mental Health Debate: Acknowledging the Elephants in the Room" April 27-28 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The conference opening on April 27 will feature keynote speaker former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, a tireless advocate for biomedical research and for people struggling with brain-based illnesses. Friday's portion of the conference will also feature a lively debate in which panelists representing varied perspectives will offer their suggestions on how to ensure that Ohio's mental health system is meeting the needs of those it was designed to help. Day two of the conference will include a great lineup of workshops addressing such issues as health care integration and the essentials of self-care when living with a mental illness or caring for someone who does. Saturday will feature workshops on strengthening self, families, NAMI affiliates and communities. Programming will benefit anyone with an interest in mental health awareness, stigma reduction and in making their voice heard.

Impact of Trauma on Women's Sexual Health, Body Image & Behavioral Health — April 27

Family Recovery Center, the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic and Townhall II are teaming up to host "[*Sexuality...A Common Trigger for Women's Relapse — Supporting Women's Healthy Sexual Choices*](#)" from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at Northeastern Ohio University College of Medicine, 4209 State Route 44, Rootstown. Dr. Germaine B. Tizzano will discuss the impact of trauma on women's sexual health, body image, and health-care seeking behavior. Women with histories of abuse are far more likely to engage in unsafe sex practices, have multiple sex partners, exchange sex for money or drugs, and be addicted to alcohol and drugs. Of all substance-abusing women, 75 percent have a history of childhood sexual and/or physical abuse. The \$75 registration fee includes six CEUs/RCHs and lunch. Click the link for complete details.

OTCA Spring Conference — April 27

The Ohio Therapeutic Community Association (OTCA) will host its annual spring conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, at The Training and Education Center, 1580 State Route 56, London. Scheduled presenters include Dr. Robert Smith, *Cognitive Behavioral Techniques* and Dr. Jody Hurt, *Trauma, Addiction and the Brain*. Six CEUs and RCHs have been applied for. Cost is \$50 for non-OTCA members and \$40 for members. For complete details, visit www.ohiotca.org.

Register for CARF Accreditation Training and ODMH Health Homes Presentation — April 30

On April 30 in Columbus, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) is sponsoring "CARF BH 202 for 2012," presented by Nikki Migas, managing director of CARF's Behavioral Health Customer Service Unit. The registration fee is \$80, a savings of more than \$200/person for the same/similar training through CARF. Attendees of the April 30 training may also purchase the CARF 2012 standards manual at a discount (must be ordered through CARF and pre-paid), avoid shipping fees, and pick it up at the training. This year's event will include an ODMH presentation on Health Homes. To learn more about the training, register and/or to place a CARF manual order at <http://mentalhealth.ohio.gov/assets/featured-news/2012-carf-training.pdf>.



Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) Annual Conference — May 2

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) will host its annual conference on May 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Confluence Park Conference Center/The River Club in Columbus. Prevention researcher Zili Sloboda and Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Director Orman Hall headline the conference, which will also feature workshops on synthetic drugs, prevention and the opiate crisis, and marijuana as medicine, all facilitated by leading prevention professionals and advocates in Ohio. The member registration rate is \$60; non-member rate is \$135. [Registration](#) includes continental breakfast and a full lunch. ADAPAO also offers a “group seat” for five participants from the same organization for \$400. For more information, contact ADAPAO at mail@adapao.org or [614-470-3922](tel:614-470-3922).

Register Now! Ohio’s 2012 Opiate Summit: Miles Traveled, Miles Ahead – May 7-8

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities in partnership with ODADAS and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission is pleased to present Ohio’s 2012 Opiate Summit: Miles Traveled – Miles Ahead to be held May 7-8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in one of three Pre-Summit Workshops on the afternoon of May 7 (DATA 2000, Operation Street Smart or The Opiate Epidemic and its Impact on Medical and Clinical Practices) as well as the full Summit on May 8. Gil Kerlikowske, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, will serve as the luncheon keynote speaker on May 8. Additionally, on the morning of May 8, Ohio’s state and local leaders will share their efforts and plans to address Ohio’s opiate epidemic. The afternoon will feature 20 breakout sessions. For complete details and registration information, visit: <http://oacbha.org/2012-opiate-summit/>.

Save the Date! Ohio Viral Hepatitis Summit — May 10

Individuals who work with persons who are infected with or affected by viral hepatitis are encouraged to attend the Ohio Viral Hepatitis Summit on May 10 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. Continuing education credits for physicians assistants, nurses, social workers and addictions professionals are available. Cost is \$60 before April 27 (\$75 after that date). [Online registration](#) is required. For more information, visit www.hepatitisfoundation.org/.

SAMHSA Support for SAAS National Conference/NIATx Summit — June 19-22

ODADAS has received notice of support for individuals from substance abuse provider organizations to attend the [2012 State Associations of Addiction Services \(SAAS\) National Conference/NIATx Summit \(SAAS/NIATx\)](#) June 19-22 in New Orleans, LA, on a first-come basis from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT). The support does not cover the registration fee of \$550.00 for SAMHSA/CSAT supported participants. Travel support will be provided at federally-approved limits for eligible individuals, which includes: travel (air/train fare and ground transportation) to and from the conference; lodging while attending the conference (up to 4 nights) and reimbursement for meals. To request an application for support, contact Terry Porter Patel at Terry.Patel@ada.ohio.gov. The completed form must then be sent to Jonelle Duke via email at jduke@dbconsultinggroup.com no later than 5:00 p.m. May 4, 2012. If you have any difficulty transmitting your form please contact Ms. Duke at [301-589-4020 ext. 357](tel:301-589-4020). Supported individuals will receive an email from CSAT’s contractor that will include information regarding: hotel reservations, travel arrangements through the contractor’s travel agency and the reimbursement process/required documentation.

2012 Addiction Studies Institute — Aug. 22-24

Make plans now to attend the 2012 Addiction Studies Institute sponsored by Talbot Hall, Wexner Medical Center, The Ohio State University at the Columbus Convention Center August 22-24. Keynote speakers include the Rev. Leo Booth, MTh, CADC and Clifton Mitchell, Ph.D. The conference will feature more than 60 workshops. For complete details, visit the ASI website at: www.addictionstudiesinstitute.com.

Save the Date! 2012 Ohio Women’s Symposium — Sept. 25-26

Mark your calendar — ODADAS and the Ohio Women’s Network will partner to host the 2012 Ohio Women’s Symposium: “Recovery Through the Lifespan” Sept. 25-26 at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport Hotel.

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