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Ohio Workforce for the Future Forum: Expanding the Addiction and Mental Health Professional Workforce

College and University Students Invitation to Register

The current opioid crisis, the impending challenges related to marijuana availability, and the thousands of lives affected by alcohol and other substance abuse and/or mental health disorders is coinciding with a nationwide shortage of professionals trained to work in this specialty field. The addiction and mental health professional workforce must grow and strengthen to manage this increased demand for its vital services. It is that we recruit and retain and expand our professional addiction and mental health workforce.

Ohio is one of three states recently selected by The Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC) to plan in a Workforce for the Future Forum and you are invited to participate! The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with Columbus State Community College, is hosting a forum to raise college student awareness about the need for addiction and mental health professionals, the benefits, and advancement those opportunities for employment hold. The goal of this activity is to increase the number of college students interested in these specialized addiction disciplines and improve professional employment opportunities and pathways for those entering or currently in the field.

The forum agenda will highlight information regarding the workforce need and benefits, and feature speakers that have been successful in their education and placement in the workforce. The event will include participation of employers who will discuss the field and its employment opportunities. It will also include vendors to provide information about the field and various professional disciplines. Students will have the opportunity to network and learn! Forum is free to attend and Lunch and refreshments will be provided to students and attendees.

Students can register now at https://www.naadac.org//ohio-workforce-forum

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EVENT LOGISTICS
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