



## NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED TRAINING TO REDUCE SUICIDE TO ZERO

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has launched a statewide initiative to reduce the rate of suicide deaths in Ohio. OhioMHAS plans to host six regional trainings targeted to both behavioral health and health care organizations to assist in reducing the risk of suicide among clients in their care. These trainings will present a framework that offers a way for healthcare organizations to enhance and expand suicide prevention, treatment, and postvention services.

Clinical care providers in behavioral health and primary care settings, including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), will be invited to apply for participation in the trainings, the first ones to be held in April and May, 2016. The first two-day Ohio Training to Reduce Suicide is tentatively scheduled for April 12-13, 2016 at the Heartland Behavioral Healthcare, in Massillon, Ohio. The second two-day Ohio Training to Reduce Suicide is scheduled for May 10-11, 2016 at Summit Behavioral Healthcare, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Preference for the Heartland Behavioral Healthcare training will be given to providers located within the Heartland Behavioral Healthcare and Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare catchment areas. Preference for the Summit Behavioral Healthcare training will be given to providers located within the Summit Behavioral Healthcare catchment area.

Provider organizations selected to participate in the training must commit to implementing the framework. Additionally, to provide guidance and ongoing assistance during the implementation phase, the selected organizations also will be required to participate in a nine-month learning community, beginning in June, 2016. Selected organizations will receive a stipend to assist in defraying implementation costs of this framework.

At this time, final arrangements for the trainings and the formal application for participation in the trainings are not complete. The formal application is expected to be available in mid-March. In order to provide sufficient time for interested organizations to gather relevant information for the application process for the first training, OhioMHAS is issuing this notice with a summary description of the application requirements. Until arrangements are finalized, OhioMHAS reserves the right to cancel the trainings or to modify the application process.

Due to the limited time to complete an application, organizations interested in participating in the trainings tentatively scheduled for **April 12-13 2016 or May 10-11 2016** are encouraged to:

- Obtain a letter of commitment written by the organization's CEO or Director
- Prepare organizational goals for participating in the training
- Prepare a sustainability plan for how the organization will implement and sustain the framework

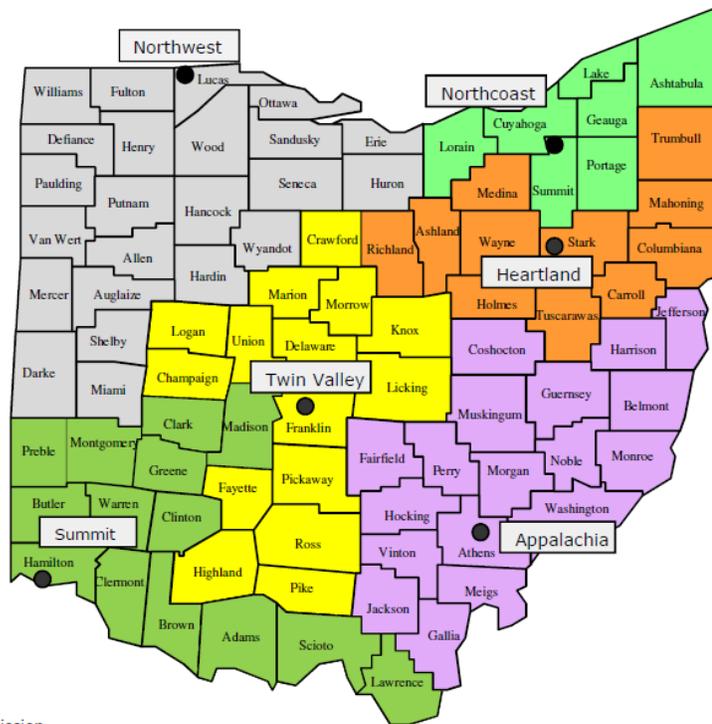
- Prepare a statement of the organization’s experience in collaborating with partners in addressing the risk of suicide
- Identify three to five organization staff members who will participate in the training as a team

It should be noted that when selecting the team that will attend the training, the organization will need to identify the team lead.

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### Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Regional Psychiatric Hospitals Catchment Areas for Admissions\*



\* Regions represent hospital admission catchment areas, effective September 23, 2013, except for NGRI and ISTU-CJ legal statuses. Please see separate map for those particular legal statuses.