

# Behavioral Health e-Update

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## ODMH-ODADAS Consolidation Update

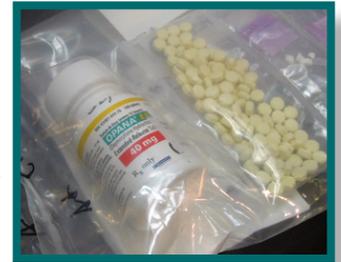


Coming soon, the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services will launch a website dedicated to the planned consolidation of Ohio's Cabinet-level behavioral health services agencies. The website, expected to launch later this month, will include news and information related to the consolidation, project charter, timeline, agency overviews, quick links, a blog and a section dedicated to Frequently Asked Questions. Both Departments are committed to making this a smooth and transparent process, and value input from Boards, providers and other stakeholders. If you have a question related to the consolidation, please send your feedback and comments to [consolidationquestions@mh.ohio.gov](mailto:consolidationquestions@mh.ohio.gov).

The Departments released an updated consolidation presentation during a recent BH Leadership Group meeting. To view, click [HERE](#). Please continue to watch this space for future news announcements related to the consolidation.

## OSAM Network: Oxymorphone Use and Availability on the Rise

Ohio has seen an alarming increase in the intentional misuse and street availability of a powerful prescription painkiller that experts say is more potent than hydrocodone, oxycodone and morphine. According to a new Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network OSAM-O-GRAM drug trend report, oxymorphone, sold under the brand name Opana, is rapidly becoming the pharmaceutical painkiller of choice for persons who abuse Rx medications. Oxymorphone, a Schedule II, semi-synthetic pharmaceutical opioid, has high potential for abuse and addiction. In past reporting periods, the most common and desired prescription opioid was OxyContin®. With the reformulation of OxyContin® to an abuse-deterrent tablet, there has been a drastic decrease in the both the use and availability of the drug in its original formulation. As a result, every Ohio region has reported an increase in the use and availability of Opana®. Many participants have reported that Opana® has become popular as a replacement for OxyContin® because it remains easy to use intravenously. Reportedly, the most common street names are "bears," "panas," "pandas" and "panda bears." Due to high demand, Opana® currently sells for \$1-2 per milligram. For the complete OSAM-O-GRAM, visit: <http://bit.ly/JRW5L4>.



## "Don't Get Me Started" Awareness Campaign Selected for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2012 National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing, and Media

The "Don't Get Me Started Ohio Opiate Crisis Campaign" has been selected for a presentation during the National Conference on Health Communication, Marketing and Media to be held in Atlanta, GA Aug. 7-9. ODADAS Communication Chief Stacey Frohnapfel-Hasson submitted the proposal and will present the campaign. Don't Get Me Started Ohio was launched in February 2012 by partners ODADAS and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA). Advertising agency Fahlgren Mortine contributed research and creative development to the campaign design. The effort targets education and outreach about prescription opiate abuse and addiction to young adults ages 14-29, with a message that motivates viewers to steer clear of prescription drug misuse and abuse, while also providing information on addiction treatment resources. Click [here](#) to visit the campaign website. To learn more about the conference, click [here](#).



### Federal Ban on Sale of Synthetic Drugs Expected to Take Effect in July

The U.S. Senate recently voted 96-1 in favor of a bill that will prohibit the sale of a host of synthetic drugs, including K2, Spice and bath salts. The legislation, which will make it illegal to sell synthetic marijuana and bath salts anywhere in the United States, regardless of local laws, is expected to be signed into law in early July. First-time offenders will receive up to 20 years in prison, and repeat sellers will receive up to 30 years. Chief sponsors say the measure closes loopholes that have allowed manufacturers to circumvent local and state bans. A similar [ban](#) in Ohio has been in place since October 2011.

Often marketed as legal substances, synthetic drugs are sometimes labeled as “herbal incense” or “bath salts” and sold in small pouches or packets over the Internet, in tobacco and smoke shops, drug paraphernalia shops, gas stations, and convenience stores. In December, the National Institute on Drug Abuse released new information indicating that one in nine high school seniors had used “Spice” or “K2” over the past year, making synthetic marijuana the second most frequently used illicit drug, after marijuana, among high school seniors. Poison control centers operating across the nation have also reported sharp increases in the number of calls relating to synthetic drugs.



Synthetic drugs such as “Killer Buzz Herbal Incense” (pictured above) will be illegal when a new federal ban takes effect this July.



### Video Game Trains Doctors to Fight Prescription Drug Abuse

A new video game helps doctors learn how to determine if patients asking for painkillers truly need them. The game is part of an effort at Northwestern University in Chicago to help physicians fight prescription drug abuse. The game trains doctors to identify deceptive behavior by patients who are likely to abuse prescription painkillers, according to [The New York Times](#). The technology is similar to what the FBI uses to train agents in interrogation tactics, the article notes. Doctors are taught to look for warning signs of drug abuse, such as a history of family problems. They also learn to observe signs of nervousness, such as fidgeting, finger-tapping and breaking eye contact. The game is in its final phase of testing. It is designed for primary care and family doctors,

who often are not comfortable evaluating patients’ needs for painkillers, according to the newspaper. The game will soon be available online to medical schools and health care providers, for a fee. The game includes about 2,000 statements by a patient. Doctors can select from more than a thousand possible responses. The dialogue is based on interviews with more than 1,000 patients who received opioids for pain.

### Report: One-Fourth of Suicide Victims Are Legally Intoxicated

Almost one-fourth of suicide victims in the United States are legally intoxicated at the time of death, a [new study](#) has found. People who commit suicide while intoxicated are much more likely than those who are sober to kill themselves by violent means, such as using a firearm, falling or hanging themselves, Fox News reported. The researchers analyzed the blood-alcohol levels of almost 58,000 people who committed suicide. They found 22 percent overall were drunk when they died—24 percent of men, and 17 percent of women. Less than half of those who committed suicide had a problem with alcohol dependence or alcoholism, or a history of prior suicide-related behaviors, the study found. Three-quarters did have a history of mental health problems. Rates of alcohol-related suicides were higher among young men, American Indian/Alaskan Natives, veterans and those from rural areas, or with lower education levels. The study appears in the journal *Injury Prevention*.



In Ohio, 1,200 Ohioans die by suicide each year, an average of three persons a day, according to the [Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation \(OSPF\)](#), which is jointly supported by ODADAS and ODMH. Launched in 2005, OSPF is a catalyst to bring about change in attitudes and perceptions regarding the stigma attached to suicide, mental illness, alcohol and drug abuse and addiction. The Foundation’s mission is to promote suicide prevention as a public health issue and advance evidence-based awareness, intervention and methodology strategies which will support all Ohio-based suicide prevention efforts.



### Revised Sentencing Laws Lead to Drop in Prison Population

Ohio's revised criminal-sentencing laws are making a difference after six months, diverting hundreds of inmates away from state prisons to less-expensive community programs, [The Columbus Dispatch](#) reported. From Oct. 1, 2011, when the new laws took effect, through the end of March, 26 percent fewer inmates were imprisoned for child-support-only violations and 180 fewer inmates came to prison for nonviolent fourth- and fifth-degree felonies. As a result, the prison population dropped to 49,846, the lowest since November 2008. The number of prisoners had peaked at 51,278. The recidivism rate — the number of offenders who return to prison within three years after being released — is at an all-time low, 31.2 percent. That compares with a national average near 50 percent.

### ODADAS Discontinues Clearinghouse of Educational Materials at State Library

For the past two years the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services has operated the Ohio Clearinghouse for free alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention educational materials at the State Library of Ohio in Columbus. In response to very few requests for these materials and the inability to replace diminishing stock, the Clearinghouse was closed effective May 21st. Whenever possible, ODADAS staff will fill specific requests for educational brochures for community-based classes and organizations. The Department has posted a list of web resources for any community organization to request materials. This list can be found under [Educational Web Resources](#) on the ODADAS home page.

### DEA Creates Cleveland-Based Unit for Investigating Prescription Drug Abuse Cases

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) will create a 12-member investigative unit, based in Cleveland, which will focus on prescription drug cases. The unit will include agents from the DEA, FBI, and local law enforcement agencies, according to an article in [The Plain Dealer](#). The new unit was announced at a conference that included an address by Gil Kerlikowske, head of the Office of National Drug Control Policy. He noted that in Ohio, from 1999 to 2010, prescription drug overdose deaths increased 372 percent. "It's the fastest-growing drug problem in the United States," Kerlikowske said. "Our success will come from coordination and collaboration at the federal, state and local levels...Ohio is one of the office's biggest supporters in the nation in this fight against prescription drug abuse."

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### Inaugural "Wake Up to Medicine Abuse" Awareness Week Slated for Sept. 23-29

In response to the nation's continued fight against prescription medicine misuse and abuse, [The Partnership at Drugfree.org](#) has announced its inaugural "Wake Up to Medicine Abuse" awareness week Sept. 23-29. A number of major organizations with a stake in preventing medicine abuse will join The Partnership in this national education effort and call to action. Through this initiative, the Partnership aims to: raise awareness of the Rx abuse problem among the general public, especially parents and health care professionals; increase communication between parents and teens about the risks of Rx abuse; improve interaction between prescribers, dispensers and patients; improve at-home monitoring of medicine supply, and drive safe disposal of unused medicines via a national "take-back" call to action. Additional details will be available this summer.

### Retooled PACT360 Community Education Website Includes State-By-State Drug Trend Data

The Partnership at Drugfree.org has launched a new and improved [PACT360 Community Education website](#) — a drug prevention and early intervention resource for parents and youth. Among the new features are a place to share ideas and interact with colleagues about prevention programming initiatives, a blog, PACT 360 resource guides and training materials, and a "Local Drug landscape" section that offers users state-by-state overviews of the drug and alcohol issues and links to local resources and substance abuse support services. The [Ohio PACT 360 page](#) includes links to the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network and 2011 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data in addition to a brief overview of resources available to families.



## ODMH Launches Redesigned Website

Changes are being made to the [Ohio Department of Mental Health's website](#) that should reduce steps to finding information and enhance the user experience. The new design incorporates drop-down menus as the cursor hovers over the buttons on the main navigation bar across the top of each page. This should more quickly direct users to information. Also, a new Contact Us button will make it easier to locate ODMH offices and staff. The Behavioral Health Leadership Group information can be found under the "Who We Are" tab. MACSIS, MITS, PCS and Numbered Advisories are directly linked under Partner Resources. ODMH welcomes your feedback at [web@mh.ohio.gov](mailto:web@mh.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Medicaid to Fund Statewide Projects to Train More Than 1,000 Health Professionals

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announces the launch of a new program aimed at training more than 1,000 students, residents, fellows and practitioners to better serve Ohioans of all ages enrolled in the Medicaid program.



The Ohio Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program (MEDTAPP) Healthcare Access Initiative will partner with 15 departments and programs from six of Ohio's foremost colleges and universities with local clinics, nontraditional community-based practice sites, hospitals, mental health clinics and other health care sites. The goal is to support the development and retention of health care providers to better serve Ohio's Medicaid population. Participants also will be trained to use emerging health care delivery models and evidence-based practices. Ohio Medicaid has secured approximately \$2 million in federal funds for this initiative in state fiscal year (SFY) 2012 and more than \$8 million in SFY 2013. The MEDTAPP Healthcare Access Initiative is a partnership between Ohio Medicaid, the Ohio Department of Mental Health, the

Ohio Department of the Health, Ohio Board of Regents, and Ohio's colleges and universities. For complete details, visit: <http://bit.ly/MflbqM>.

## Naloxone News...

As we first reported in the February-March issue of *BH e-Update*, naloxone is gaining national attention as a safe, effective way to reduce opioid overdose deaths. Naloxone is a narcotic antagonist. It works by blocking opiate receptor sites, which reverses or prevents toxic effects of opioid analgesics. According to a recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report, naloxone has successfully reversed more than 10,000 drug overdoses since 1996.

### Project DAWN Aims to Prevent Opioid Overdoses Using Naloxone

The Portsmouth City Health Department (PCHD), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), announced the startup of Ohio's first naloxone overdose prevention program, Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) on Friday, June 1st. Housed in the PCHD, the program will train individuals in how to effectively respond to an opioid overdose, including the administration of Naloxone. For more information, including training materials, visit: <http://www.healthyo-hioprogram.org/vipp/drug/ProjectDAWN.aspx>

### Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati Developing a Plan for Naloxone Distribution

The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati (HFGC) is concerned about the number of deaths in the region from opioid drug overdoses. These are senseless deaths when Naloxone could have been used to reverse the overdose. The Foundation is working with a group of concerned organizations in Hamilton County to develop a plan for naloxone distribution. The Foundation is hoping to work with other counties in Ohio during 2012 to develop similar programs. For more information on the efforts of the HFGC to expand access to Naloxone, contact Ann Barnum at [abarnum@healthfoundation.org](mailto:abarnum@healthfoundation.org).

### FDA Holds Hearing on the Role of Naloxone in Opioid Overdose Fatality Prevention

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) held a hearing in April to discuss the potential value of making naloxone more widely available outside of conventional medical settings in order to reduce the incidence of opioid overdose fatalities. The overwhelming consensus among the attendees was that access should be expanded nationally because it is a very safe medication with fewer side effects than even ibuprofen. Unfortunately there are significant regulatory barriers to making this medication available over-the-counter and this process could take years. In the mean time, individuals at high-risk of an opioid overdose can receive a prescription from their primary care providers. More information, including presentations and a full transcript is available at: <http://www.fda.gov/drugs/newsEvents/ucm277119.htm>.

### Lorain County Provider Gets New Home, Expands Services

Lorain County Alcohol & Drug Abuse Services, (LCADA) Inc. recently hosted a ribbon-cutting and open house for its newly acquired and renovated 8,000 square-foot Elyria Outpatient Services building. The agency had been renting space in a poorly maintained building prior to acquiring the new space. LCADA President and CEO Thomas Stuber said the purchase will result in a monthly savings of more than \$1,000. He noted the agency will continue to offer its existing alcohol and other drug addiction treatment services, along with new mental health services following the recent certification from the Ohio Department of Mental Health. "Our clients deserve to receive treatment in facilities that are respectful to them. A lot of times people with addiction problems are treated as second class citizens," Stuber told *The Elyria Chronicle-Telegram*.

### Coalitions Provide Server Training for Pro Football Hall of Fame

The Stark County Anti-Drug Coalition In partnership with the Stark County Safe Communities Coalition of the Stark County Sheriff's office have hammered out an agreement with the Pro Football Hall of Fame (HoF) to provide training to all volunteer servers who provide alcohol during enshrinement festivities. With the HoF's blessing, the Coalitions plan to train all volunteer servers by 2014.

### Substance Abuse a Top Non-Combat Medical Condition Leading to Soldier Hospitalization

Substance abuse is one of the top non-combat medical conditions that result in hospitalization for U.S. troops, according to a new Pentagon report. Mood, anxiety and adjustment disorders also rank high on the list. "Mental disorders accounted for more hospital bed days than any other morbidity category and two-fifths (40.1 percent) of all hospital bed days," the Pentagon's [Medical Surveillance Monthly Report](#) stated. According to the report, hospitalizations for mental disorders have increased by more than 50 percent since 2007. The report notes that the recent sharp increase in hospitalizations for mental disorders probably is due to many factors, including repeated deployments and prolonged exposures to combat stresses. Other reasons may include increased awareness about mental health issues in the military, more screening for and detection of mental disorders after combat, and decreasing stigmas and removal of barriers to seeking and receiving mental disorder diagnoses and care. [Three studies](#) published in January show active-duty military personnel and veterans are prone to substance abuse, depression and suicide. Learn more about what Ohio is doing to address the behavioral health needs of service members and their families at [www.OHIOCARES.ohio.gov](http://www.OHIOCARES.ohio.gov).



### Workplace Insurers Spend More Than \$1 Billion on Narcotic Painkillers

Costs related to narcotic painkillers are growing for workplace insurers, which are currently spending an estimated \$1.4 billion on the drugs, *The New York Times* reported. Companies are facing payouts to workers with injuries who are being treated with opioids, including many who do not return to work for months — or who don't return at all. Opioids can increase disability payouts and medical expenses by delaying employees' return to work, if the drugs are used too often, too early in treatment, or for too long, the article said. A study by the California Workers Compensation Institute conducted in 2008 found workers taking high doses of opioids to treat injuries, such as back strain, were out of work three times longer, compared to those with similar injuries who took lower doses of medication. A 2010 study by the insurer Accident Fund Holdings found that when disability payments and medical care are combined, the cost of a workplace injury is nine times higher when a strong painkiller such as OxyContin is used, compared to when an opioid is not used, the article noted. Insurance industry data shows that between 2001 and 2008, opioid prescriptions as a percentage of all drugs used to treat workplace injuries rose 63 percent.

## Training Opportunities

### "Pain of Dealing with Pain: Detering Prescription Drug Abuse" Webinar — June 13

*Addiction Professional* magazine will present a free webinar "The Pain of Dealing with Pain: What They're Abusing and the Drug Testing Methods that Can Help Deter the Abuse" at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13. Attendees will learn about the latest statistical trends relative to the abuse of specific medications and the latest drug testing technologies to help them help those in pain. The webinar will be lead by Bill Current, president of WFC & Associates and the publisher of the On-Line Ultimate Guide to State Drug Testing Laws. He is the former executive director of the American Council for Drug Education. For more details and to register, visit <http://bit.ly/JPZ3Ws>.



### **34th Annual Forensic Continuing Education Conference — June 15-16**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health Office of Forensic Services, Association of Ohio Forensic Psychiatric Center Directors and Northeast Ohio Medical University are partnering to host “Contemporary Topics in Forensic Practice: Advanced Violence Risk Assessment, and Ethics in Forensic Psychological Practice” June 15-16 at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. For conference details, or to register, contact Dorothy O’Neil of Court Clinic Forensic Services at [513-618-4201](tel:614-618-4201) or email [oneildy@UCMAIL.UC.EDU](mailto:oneildy@UCMAIL.UC.EDU)

### **Regional “Don’t Get Me Started” Prescription Drug Townhall Meetings**

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. Remaining locations and dates include: Lucas County (June 14), Franklin County (June 19) and Cuyahoga County (June 21). Visit the ODADAS [online event calendar](#) for complete details.

### **Marijuana: What’s the Big Deal? — June 22**

The Summit County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board is hosting “Marijuana: What’s the Big Deal?” on June 22. The conference will examine: the effects of marijuana on the brain, particularly on the developing adolescent brain; how, when and why marijuana is used for medicinal purposes and the role of the FDA; efforts to pass medical marijuana legislation in Ohio and how other states have been impacted with the passage of similar legislation and current usage trends and myths associated with marijuana use. For more information including the conference brochure and online registration, please visit [www.admboard.org](http://www.admboard.org).

### **Cuyahoga County “Reentry Summit” — June 25**

The Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental health Services Board of Cuyahoga County is hosting a Reentry Summit on June 25. The day-long discussion will focus on the unique problems facing persons who are re-entering the community from incarceration. Featured speakers include U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, key sponsor of the Second Chance Act and Steven M. Dettelbach, United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio. For complete details, visit: <http://adamhsc.org/en-US/reentrysummit.aspx>.

### **CBT for Personality Disorders Video Conference — June 27**

Psychologist James J. Esmail, PsyD, of Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati, will present “Blending Motivational Interviewing with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Interactive Interventions.” This training, coordinated by the Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidenced-Based Practices, will help participants gain an understanding of when to use MI and CBT frameworks in services for people with mental illness. The video conference will be broadcast from Summit Behavioral Healthcare to multiple sites around the state, including a new site on the campus of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. To register, for this free training, visit: <http://bit.ly/KNSxPC>.

### **Ohio Teen Institute (OTI) Leadership Conference 2012 — July 15-19**

Register now to attend Ohio Teen Institute 2012 July 15-19 at Kenyon College in Gambier, OH. OTI is a drug-free leadership conference for high school students and adults interested in building knowledge and skills in effective prevention programming for youth. Through the program, attendees can develop the skills to become a positive leader within their schools and communities and network with others involved in youth prevention. Get complete details at: <http://www.ohioti.com/about-oti-2012.html>.

### **Assessment and Treatment of Youth with Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (MSASS Institute) — July 16-18**

Case Western Reserve University is sponsoring Assessment and Treatment of Youth with Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders (MSASS Institute) July 16-18. This three-day Institute is designed as a deep learning experience that provides an overview of current research, developmental characteristics, and promising approaches for the identification, assessment, and treatment of youth with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. 18 hours, including 3 hours supervision and 3 hours ethics are available to chemical dependency counselors, social workers and psychologists and counselors. For complete details, visit: <http://bit.ly/Kf6Ltm>.



### **Register Now for Ohio Safe Schools Summit — July 24**

Promoting safe school environments, sharing best practices and promoting collaboration between local schools and community partners is the goal of the 2012 Ohio Safe Schools Summit on July 24. This training, which will be held at the Quest Business & Conference Center in Columbus, is geared toward state agencies, the education community and first responders. The conference will focus on a four-part approach to school safety: prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The presenters have a wealth of knowledge and will bring real-life perspectives and experiences to the table. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with their peers as well as apply what they've heard in practical small group exercises. Sponsors include the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA), Attorney General Mike DeWine and Great Lakes East Comprehensive Center. Other participating agencies include the Ohio departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, Health, Mental Health and Public Safety, as well as Ohio Family and Children First. For complete details, visit: <http://registration.airprojects.org/regOHSafeSchoolSummit/register.aspx>.

### **Collegiate Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Conference — Aug. 8-9**

The first Collegiate Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Conference will be held at The Ohio State University's Blackwell Inn & Conference Center Aug. 8-9. Attendees will be asked to craft a take-home plan for implementing prescription drug abuse prevention strategies on their home campuses, and small implementation grants will be available on a competitive basis. The Conference will offer plenary and break-out sessions on the impetus for collegiate prescription drug abuse prevention; data on the nonmedical use of prescription drugs among college students; resources for prevention, peer education models, evaluation and data-gathering strategies; the use of social media, social norms applications, law enforcement issues, community outreach models, student recovery communities, and more. Conference sponsors include The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy & Student Wellness Center, Office of Student Life, Cardinal Health Foundation, Drug-Free Action Alliance, Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, and Ohio Department of Health, among others. Learn more and register at the Conference website at <http://pharmacy.osu.edu/outreach/rxabuseconference/>. Registration is available for teams of 3-5 people from colleges/universities (team registration is \$250), but individuals can register as well (individual registration is \$100).

### **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](http://www.addictionstudiesinstitute.com).

### **10th Annual State of Ohio MI/DD Conference — Sept. 18-19**

Save the date! ODMH is partnering with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) to host the 10th annual State of Ohio MI/DD Conference "Mental Health Aspects - Treatment and Support: 10 Years of Progress" Sept. 18-19 at the DoubleTree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. This year's conference features a variety of sessions on: health of persons with developmental disabilities, community-based functional analysis of severe problem behavior, understanding emotions and emotional regulation, iPad apps for empowerment and independence, male sexual abuse and sexual issues, multi-system approach to obesity and NADD accreditation, among others. Administrators, psychologists, direct care providers, physicians, educators, residential providers, family members, social workers, nurses, students, persons with disabilities, vocational staff and psychiatrists are all encouraged to attend. Visit [www.thenadd.org/stateofohio/](http://www.thenadd.org/stateofohio/) for complete details.

### **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.

### **2012 CeTREAD UC Health Addiction Update — Sept. 28**

The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Center for Treatment, Research and Education in Addictive Disorders (CeTREAD) will host its 3rd annual UC Health Addiction Update "Treatment of Women and Adolescents with Addiction" Sept. 28 in Cincinnati. CME/CEUs are pending. For complete details, contact Madelyn Milner at [513-487-6676](tel:513-487-6676) or [madelyn.milner@va.gov](mailto:madelyn.milner@va.gov)

**EBP Conference 2012 — Oct. 22-23**

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidenced-Based Practices will host its annual conference Oct. 22-23 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. This year's conference will feature keynote addresses and numerous workshops exploring introductory, intermediate, and advanced topics about implementing and integrating EBPs, emerging best practices, and other healthcare and behavioral healthcare innovations that improve outcomes for people with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. For complete details, visit: <http://www.centerforebp.case.edu/events/conference-2012>

**Mark Your Calendar: 2012 Ohio Prevention and Education Conference — Dec. 4-6**

The Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Education will team up to host the 2012 Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC) Dec. 4-6 in Columbus. The conference planning committee has also issued a Call for Papers. Follow this link for details: <http://goo.gl/Dlkht>. All proposals are due by July 29, 2012. Please direct questions to Kristie Rampe, ODADAS Training Officer, at [Kristie.Rampe@ada.ohio.gov](mailto:Kristie.Rampe@ada.ohio.gov).

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