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ODMH-ODADAS to Become "Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services"

The wait is finally over. After months of polling, feedback and deliberation, we are pleased to unveil the new name of Ohio's combined alcohol and other drug addiction and mental health services authority. Effective July 1, 2013, we will be known as the **Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services**. We feel this name does a good job of describing what it is that we do and who we work to serve. Employees were informed Oct. 9, and in our continued effort to be transparent about the consolidation work, we wanted to let our constituents know as soon as possible as well. In the coming weeks, you will be hearing more from our combined communications team regarding branding and a new look and feel for our department. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our various constituents and stakeholders, advocates and consumers for their overwhelming response to our name survey. Your feedback was especially valuable as we narrowed the possibilities to five and then chose a clear winner for Governor Kasich's approval.

In the meantime, keep visiting <http://www.adamh.ohio.gov> for the latest news, including blog postings on combined activities. As always, feel free to email us your questions and concerns at consolidationquestions@mh.ohio.gov.

Ohio Submits ENGAGE Plan to Guide Future of Transition Services for Young Adults

In September 2011, the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) became one of 24 states selected to receive a System of Care Expansion Grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The purpose of Ohio's planning grant was to develop a cross-system, four-year strategic plan focused on expanding the system of care framework statewide for youth and young adults in transition, ages 14-21, with serious mental health conditions and co-occurring disorders. The System of Care framework aligns with Ohio's belief that care coordination should serve the individual, not the system in which the individual is served. Simply put, youth may refuse to engage in available services from an adult system they perceive as unresponsive to their needs. On Sept. 30, 2012, ODMH and its partner agencies submitted the ENGAGE [Final Report](#) to SAMHSA.



Governor's Top Honors



On Sept. 19, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) received the Governor's Top Honors Award for the second straight year for its efforts in not only meeting its Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) procurement set-aside goal, but in leading the pack among all state agencies in State Fiscal Year 2012 (20.6 percent). The award was presented by Lynn Stevens (pictured above, left), Minority Affairs Director for Gov. John R. Kasich, at the 2012 Ohio Business Expo held at the State Fairgrounds. ODADAS Deputy Director Jim Lapczynski accepted the award on behalf of the Department.



Ohio Announces Gambling Survey Key Findings

250,000 Ohioans estimated to be at some level of risk for problem gambling

Based on a recently completed survey of 3,600 Ohioans to measure at-risk and problem gambling, the state is on par with other states and national levels of potential problems related to gambling. Survey findings estimated that the prevalence of at-risk and problem gambling in Ohio is 2.8 percent in total, or about 250,000 individuals aged 18 and older. The at-risk group of Ohioans, prime for prevention and responsible gambling education, is about 220,000 individuals. Study findings were announced October 1 at a Statehouse press conference.



(l-r) ODADAS Director Orman Hall and ODADAS Planning Outcomes & Research Chief Sanford Starr field questions from the media regarding the Ohio Gambling Survey findings.

Orman Hall, director of ODADAS, said, "This survey tells us that Ohio's overall rates of problem gambling are low to normal at this time. We also know that people with alcohol or other drug addiction are much more likely to have a gambling problem, about 26 percent for Ohioans in addiction treatment."

From February through July, 2012, the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS), through research partner Kent State University and in collaboration with Ohio for Responsible Gambling (ORG), undertook a prevalence study for problem and pathological gambling to establish a baseline among Ohioans before the opening of new casinos and video lottery terminals. Plans are for the study to be repeated at regular intervals of approximately three years to measure the impact of greater access to gambling opportunities. The study was funded by the Ohio Lottery Commission as part of the more than \$1.2 million allocated to problem gambling initiatives in 2011-12.

The survey also compared frequency and level of problem gambling based on type of gambling. For the statewide sample, casino gamblers show the highest estimates for at-risk gambling compared to lottery and other gambling. Of Ohioans who participate in casino gambling, 8.2 percent are estimated to be at low risk, moderate risk or meet criteria for problem gambling, compared to 4.8 percent for lottery and 5.1 percent for other gambling.

Studies have indicated that for every \$50 of economic benefit, there is \$300 of social cost. Those social costs can include a rise in bankruptcies, foreclosures, divorces, drunk driving, and suicides. Ohio's survey pointed out the higher rates of serious depression, health care costs from stress, and use of alcohol to deal with painful situations.

The formation of ORG (Ohio for Responsible Gambling) was announced earlier this year with members ODADAS, the Ohio Casino Control Commission, Ohio Lottery Commission, and the Ohio Racing Commission.

For more information, [read the press release](#) or [view the complete survey findings](#).

Estimated Percent and Number of Persons 18 Years or Older : At-Risk and Problem Gambling by County Clusters

County Clusters	No Problem		Low Risk % (N)	Moderate Risk % (N)	Problem Gambling % (N)
	Don't Gamble % (N)	Gamble % (N)			
Cuyahoga	28.8% (360,355)	59.6% (745,734)	9.5% (118,867)	2.0% (25,025)	0.1% (1,251)
Lucas	30.7% (129,958)	54.5% (230,707)	11.9% (50,375)	2.7% (11,430)	0.2% (847)
Franklin	37.6% (407,285)	48.2% (522,105)	9.2% (99,655)	4.8% (51,994)	0.2% (2,166)
Hamilton	31.6% (269,852)	55.7% (475,657)	7.8% (66,609)	3.5% (29,889)	1.4% (11,955)

Cuyahoga: The prevalence of problem gambling is 0.1% which equates to an estimated 1,251 individuals in the target population of 1,251,231.
Lucas: The prevalence of problem gambling is 0.2% which equates to an estimated 847 individuals in the target population of 423,316.
Franklin: The prevalence of problem gambling is 0.2% which equates to an estimated 2,166 individuals in the target population of 1,083,205.
Hamilton: The prevalence of problem gambling is 1.4% which equates to an estimated 11,955 individuals in the target population of 853,962.

Mental Health Advocacy Organizations Join Forces for the Betterment of Families



The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) and the Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health (OFFCMH) entered into a formal partnership, effective Oct. 1, 2012, that will build on the strengths of the two organizations and ultimately result in better services and supports to families, minor children and young adults living with a mental health disorder. The goals of the partnership agreement include expanding collaboration and advocacy among family-run and other child-serving organizations to transform mental health care in Ohio for families. For more information, visit the [NAMI-Ohio](#) website and/or the [Ohio Federation](#) websites.

ODMH, ODADAS Seeking Input on Definition of "Recovery"

BRSS TACS (Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale – Technical Assistance Strategies) is a federally-funded project of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. The project goals include establishing a shared Ohio definition of recovery. Your input on the draft definition below is encouraged. Please send comments to Alisia.clark@ada.ohio.gov no later than Oct. 20, 2012. Thank you.

"Recovery is the personal process of change in which Ohio Residents strive to improve their health and wellness, resiliency, and reach their full potential through self-directed actions."

For more information about BRSS TACS, view the [press release, summary of goals and the BRSS TACS Plan](#).



DEA Take-Back Day Nets Nine Tons of Pills from Ohio Collection Sites

The federal Drug Enforcement Administration has labeled its recent nationwide prescription drug collection program a success, with the public turning in 244 tons of unused or expired medications at various locations, including 223 sites in Ohio. According to Attorney General Mike DeWine, Ohioans returned more than nine tons of unused prescription pills on Sept. 29. To date, the DEA has conducted five drug take-back programs in two years and reports more than 2 million pounds, or in excess of 1,000 tons of prescription medications were removed from circulation.

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's *National Survey on Drug Use and Health*, more than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs. That same study revealed that at least 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Approve Health Home State Plan Amendment

On Sept. 17, Ohio was notified of the approval of its State Plan Amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to add the Health Home benefit to the array of services available to certain Medicaid beneficiaries.

The Health Home concept is to treat the whole person through a team approach that addresses an individual's multiple chronic and complex conditions, and also links them to non-clinical community supports. More coordinated care among clinical specialists and service providers, and better communication with the patient and caregivers, will result in a better quality of life.

A phased-in addition of the Health Home service began Oct. 1 in five counties for Medicaid beneficiaries who meet the state's definition of serious and persistent mental illness or serious emotional disturbance. The first counties to offer the benefit are Adams, Butler, Scioto, Lawrence and Lucas. View the [list of community behavioral health centers](#) that will implement the service in those counties.

The CMS notification and transmittal notice of approval of state plan material can be accessed on the [ODMH health homes web page](#):



Ohioans Honored for FASD Advocacy Efforts

Pam Simon (standing at table) of Lorain County receives a 2012 FASD Advocate of the Year award at the Ohio Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Steering Committee's annual awareness event, Not a Single Drop Day. Simon received the award for her family's advocacy efforts to help improve the lives of those affected by FASD, including her adopted son who has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Also receiving an FASD Advocate of the Year award was Tracey Waller (seated at table, second from left) of Montgomery County who was nominated for leading efforts to develop a screening tool for alcohol use for pregnant women in her region. The event was held Sept. 7 in Columbus. For more information about Ohio's FASD Initiative, visit www.notasingledrop.org.



October is “National Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Month”

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention (SAP) Month. The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services hosted a Prevention Policy Summit on October 10. The month also features the inaugural [Above the Influence Day](#) on Oct. 18 and [Red Ribbon Week](#) (Oct. 23-31). Click [HERE](#) to see what else ODADAS has planned for the month. Learn more about Substance Abuse Prevention Month at: <http://goo.gl/Zsk2z> and <http://goo.gl/u5l4Q>.

Prescription Drug Drop Box Recipients Announced

Last week Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced that 66 law enforcement agencies in southern Ohio will be awarded secure prescription drug drop boxes in an effort to reduce drug abuse in their communities. The Attorney General’s Office is partnering with the Ohio Department of Health, Drug Free Action Alliance and the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services to provide the free collection bins. Every agency that applied for a drop box will receive one. The drop boxes are mailbox-style disposal bins that are placed inside law enforcement agencies to be used by residents during normal business hours. Officers will then be required to safely dispose of the pills. For a list of law enforcement agencies receiving a drop box, click [here](#).



Ohio Legal Rights Service Now “Disability Rights Ohio”

Effective Monday, Oct. 1, 2012, Ohio Legal Rights Service will now be known as the Ohio Disability Law and Policy Center, Inc., doing business as Disability Rights Ohio. Disability Rights Ohio is a non-profit corporation with a mission to advocate for the human, civil, and legal rights of people with disabilities in Ohio. Disability Rights Ohio will replace LRS as Ohio’s Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system and Client Assistance Program (CAP). Though the name has changed, the [address and phone numbers](#) remain the same. For more information, visit the [Disability Rights Ohio web site](#).



State Hosts Bullying Prevention Training

Dr. Dennis Embry, CEO/President of the Paxis Institute, demonstrates a technique used to create “peaceability” in schools during his keynote at the Ohio Anti-Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Initiative – Professional Development Day held Sept. 24 in Columbus. The conference was sponsored by the Ohio Departments of Education, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Mental Health, as well as the Ohio Attorney General, eTech Ohio, the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, the Mental Health Network for School Success and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network. Around 250 teachers and administrators attended the training.

Cuyahoga County Secures Nearly \$1 Million in Federal Drug Court Expansion Funding

The Greater Cleveland Drug Court will receive close to \$1 million through a federal grant to help expand recovery services for offenders who live in Cuyahoga County suburbs. The court provides an alternative to incarceration and works to reduce recidivism.

The drug court was awarded the three-year, \$975,000 grant through the Substance Abuse Mental Health Service Administration. The Court estimates the grant will provide treatment services to around 200 adults in Greater Cleveland.

The money will be used to help pay for assessment, case management and treatment for misdemeanor drug offenders who undergo treatment but who don’t have public health insurance. The grant also will help people who have expensive coverage and those who might have insurance but whose plans do not cover addiction treatment.

The Cleveland drug court is a partnership between Cleveland Municipal Court and municipal courts in several suburbs. It oversees case management services and probation for offenders arrested in many neighboring suburbs.



ODMH, Ohio Office of Medical Assistance (Ohio Medicaid) Announce Quality Improvement Initiative for Ohio's Youth
ODMH Director Tracy Plouck speaks at a press conference Sept. 25 at the Ohio Statehouse announcing a new partnership between ODMH and the Ohio Office of Medical Assistance (Ohio Medicaid) to improve the way that psychotropic medications, including anti-psychotics, are being prescribed to Ohio's children. John McCarthy (far left), director, and Dr. Mary Applegate (far right), medical director, both of the Ohio Office of Medical Assistance, also were among those who spoke at the press conference highlighting the three-year, \$1 million initiative. The funding initiative will significantly advance state efforts to:

- Provide needed resources that support clinicians and promote the use of best practices;
- Educate our youth, caregivers, local child welfare staff and others about appropriate use of mental health medications; and
- Further develop a continuum of care for children who have experienced maltreatment.

This is especially important for children in foster care, who are more likely to experience complex social-emotional, behavioral and mental health issues, and who are more likely to be prescribed atypical anti-psychotic medications than other children covered by Medicaid. To read the project summary, visit <http://goo.gl/80BtO>.

ODMH Issues Quarterly Update on Housing Efforts

As the second quarter of SFY 2013 begins, ODMH continues to work with other state agencies and local organizations, including ADAMH boards, to achieve progress toward community-specific housing priorities. According to ODMH Director Tracy Plouck, the Department is focusing its efforts on the creation of new housing, preservation of existing housing stock, sustainability of housing operations, and the provision of effective housing support services to assist individuals in their recovery. Click the link for the [full update on housing](#).



Ohio Tapped to Receive Federal Funding to Enhance Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently announced that Ohio was among nine states selected to receive a share of its 2012 *Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) Electronic Health Record (EHR) Integration and Interoperability Grant Award* funding to enhance existing Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs (PDMPs).

Specifically, the grants will be used by states to modify their PDMPs so that they can link electronically to electronic health records in prescriber, dispenser, and emergency department settings. In Ohio, the State Board of Pharmacy administers the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). In addition, states must also use the funds to expand interoperability between States.

Funded under the Affordable Care Act Prevention Funds, the program will also include an evaluation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The eight states in addition to Ohio receiving awards are: Indiana, Florida, Maine, Illinois, Washington, Kansas, Texas and West Virginia. The states will receive up to \$450,000 over two years, according to a SAMHSA news release.

Fairfield County Coalition Gets Grant from Cardinal Health for Prevention Messaging

The Fairfield County Young Adult Prevention Initiative Coalition, in collaboration with Fairfield County Information and Referral and Ohio University's Lancaster Campus, was awarded a \$2,500 grant from Cardinal Health for the 2012 *Collegiate Grant Program – Preventing the Abuse and Misuse of Rx Medications*. The award from Cardinal Health will complement the Coalition's ongoing local Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF-SIG) efforts.



Grant funds will be used to purchase televisions to place in the hallways at Ohio University's Lancaster Campus. Grant administrators say these televisions will be an important tool in helping to get prevention messaging to students, faculty and staff. Starting in January 2013, the Coalition will air awareness messages about prescription drug misuse and abuse to increase community readiness. YAPI then plans to enhance this effort by using SPF-SIG funding to develop evidence-based, culturally-competent prevention media messages to display on the televisions. Additional supplies and print materials to support the prevention effort will be paid for through the SPF-SIG funding.

Women's Symposium, Prevention Policy Summit Draw Hundreds

Autumn in Ohio means cool, crisp weather, blazing foliage and warm apple cider. It also means conferences aplenty for Ohio's alcohol and other drug addiction services field. This year was no exception as both prevention and treatment professionals had several great training opportunities from which to choose, including the Ohio Women's Symposium "Recovery Through the Lifespan" and the Ohio Prevention Policy Summit.



Pictured above: (Left image) ODADAS Women's Programming Coordinator Jackie Doodley, Keynote speaker and renowned author Dr. Gabor Mate and ODADAS Director Orman Hall pose for a photo during the Women's Symposium. Around 175 professionals attended the two-day Symposium that focused on helping providers achieve greater success with the women and families they serve. (Right image) A full-house of around 200 prevention professionals hear from nationally-known prevention experts Dennis Embry, Ph.D., and Anthony Biglan, Ph.D., at the Oct. 10 Ohio Prevention Policy Summit.

ODMH Announces Program and Policy Development (PPD) Staffing Changes

ODMH has announced several [staffing changes](#) within the Division of Program and Policy Development. Click the link for a complete overview of changes.

Government Launches Online Program to Help Doctors Fight Prescription Drug Abuse

The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has partnered with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) to launch a new online learning tool to help doctors prescribe opioids more safely and effectively. The program's goal is to reduce prescription drug abuse, according to a [NIDA press release](#). The program includes video segments of doctors talking with patients about opioids as part of the two online continuing medical education courses for doctors. According to National Institute on Drug Abuse Director Nora D. Volkow, these courses "provide practical guidance for clinicians in screening their pain patients for risk factors before prescribing. They also help medical professionals identify when patients are abusing their medications, using videos that model effective communication about sensitive issues, without losing sight of addressing pain."

CDC Report: Number of Teens Who Drink and Drive Fell 54 Percent Since 1991

The number of U.S. teens who drink and drive has decreased 54 percent since 1991, according to a new report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The [CDC report](#) estimates that 10.3 percent of teenagers admitted to drinking and driving last year, compared with 22.3 percent in 1991. The study found male students were more likely than female students to drink and drive (11.7 percent vs. 8.8 percent). The study found 11.5 percent of Hispanic students, 10.6 percent of White students, and 6.6 percent of African American students said they drink and drive.

IOM Report: Substance Abuse Among Military is Public Health Crisis

Substance abuse among members of the U.S. military and their families has become a public health crisis, according to a new report from the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The [IOM report](#), which was requested by the Defense Department, found about 20 percent of active duty service members say they engaged in heavy drinking in 2008, the latest year for which data is available. *The Associated Press* has reported that binge drinking increased from 35 percent in 1998, to 47 percent a decade later. The report also found the rate of prescription drug abuse is on the rise. In 2002, an estimated 2 percent of active-duty personnel said they misused prescription drugs, compared with 11 percent in 2008. Calling the Defense Department's approaches to preventing and treating substance abuse "outdated," the report recommended integrating prevention and treatment efforts more into primary health care, to reduce the stigma associated with seeking help for substance abuse. ODMH and ODADAS remain key strategic partners in OHIO CARES — a joint effort with the Ohio National Guard, Veterans Affairs and various community organizations to link service members and their families to essential mental health and addiction services. Visit www.ohiocares.ohio.gov for more information.



“Smiles” — Newest Synthetic Drug to Cause Concern

The latest synthetic drug to cause concern among law enforcement officials is called “Smiles,” or 2C-I. The drug has been linked to the deaths of two North Dakota teens. According to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), 2C-I is abused for its hallucinogenic effects. It is taken orally in tablet or capsule form, or snorted in its powder form. “2C-I is used by the same population as those using Ecstasy and other club drugs, high school and college students, and other young adults in dance and nightlife settings,” the DEA reports. The drug is chemically similar to the drug 2C-B, which is a Schedule I hallucinogen. This means it is illegal to manufacture, buy, sell or possess the drug. The DEA states 2C-I can be treated on a case-by-case basis as if it were a Schedule I controlled substance, if it is distributed with the intention for human consumption. The drug can cause nausea and vomiting, as well as terrifying hallucinations and feelings of panic and fear, according to DEA officials.

National Family Partnership, DEA Sponsoring “Red Ribbon Week” Contest

The 27th annual “Red Ribbon Week,” October 23-31, will raise awareness about drug prevention around the country. Families can get involved this year by entering a contest to promote awareness in their neighborhoods, and win a drug prevention grant for their children’s school. The week was created after parents, students and teachers began wearing red ribbons in commemoration of the 1985 murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent Kiki Camarena.

The National Family Partnership has announced a Red Ribbon Week contest that families can enter to win a \$1,000 grant for their school, and a new iPad for their home. The DEA is co-sponsoring the contest. To participate, families and students are invited to decorate the outside of their homes with the message, “The Best Me is Drug Free.” They can take a photo with the family and their Red Ribbon Week decoration, and upload it to www.redribbon.org/contest or www.facebook.com/RedRibbonWeek by November 2nd. To upload the photos, you must be at least 18 years old.

Voting for entries will take place November 2-16 at www.redribbon.org/vote. There will be 10 winners from across the United States, who will be announced at events at their schools in December.

Drug-Free Communities Grants Announced

The Office of National Drug Control Policy announced \$84.6 million in Drug-Free Communities Support Program (DFC) grants to 692 communities across the country. These grants will provide communities support to prevent youth substance use and reduce the demand for drug consumption in the United States. The Drug-Free Communities Support Program is directed by ONDCP, in partnership with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The DFC Program provides grants of up to \$625,000 over five years to community coalitions that facilitate youth and adult participation at the community level in local youth drug prevention efforts. Coalitions are comprised of community leaders, parents, youth, teachers, religious and fraternal organizations, health care and business professionals, law enforcement, and media. Portsmouth is the one Ohio community that will receive a new grant award. Additionally, 24 other communities in Ohio received continuation awards. For complete details, click [here](#).

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

The month of October is National Bullying Prevention Month. The theme of this year’s activities is “The End of Bullying Begins with Me.” Every day, young people are bullied because of some characteristic that sets them apart. Whatever the focus of the bullying, it has severe and often tragic consequences for the victim. Mental Health America has developed a variety of materials for parents and youth to prevent and stop bullying, including the fact sheets [Bullying: What to Do About It](#), and [Bullying and Gay Youth](#). Other bullying prevention resources recommended by Mental Health America include:

[Olweus Bullying Prevention Program](#) is a whole-school program that has been proven to prevent or reduce bullying throughout a school setting.

The [Pacer Center for Bullying Prevention](#) founded National Bullying Prevention Month. Its National Bullying Prevention Center unites, engages and educates communities nationwide to address bullying through creative, relevant and interactive resources.

[Stop Bullying Now](#) provides information from various government agencies on what bullying is, what cyberbullying is, who is at risk, and how you can prevent and respond to bullying.



Training Opportunities

Ohio Community and Faith Leaders Summit — Oct. 16

Hurry! There's still time to register to attend the [Ohio Community and Faith Leaders Summit](#) on Oct. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Training and Education Center, 1580 State Route 56, in London, OH. Join the Ohio Team and community and faith leaders from around the state in developing partnerships and strategies to address alcohol, drug and mental health disorders. This one-day Summit is designed to: share the Ohio Team's vision and mission for advancing the state of the art in Ohio's faith-based and community-based substance abuse and mental health programming; help participants think and act more strategically in forming and/or expanding collaborative partnerships aimed at reducing substance abuse or addressing mental health concerns and serve as a catalyst for the formation of local collaboratives and a statewide information clearinghouse focused on community-based and faith-based substance abuse and mental health programming. Cost, which includes breakfast, lunch and materials, is \$25. One (1) Continuing Education Unit is pending for RCH, Counselor CPE and Social Work CPE. Register at: www.maccinc.net.

Summit Behavioral Healthcare Sixth Annual Recovery and Wellness Fair — Oct. 25

Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Recovery and Wellness Fair, "Partners in Recovery: Empowering People to Build Better Lives" on Oct. 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The program is intended for mental health professionals, people in recovery, their families, students, and others interested in psychiatric rehabilitation. This year's topics include services for returning veterans, remission in schizophrenia and peer support. View the [registration booklet](#) for complete details.

From Risk to Resiliency — Oct. 26

Crossroads is teaming up with the Lake County ADAMHS Board to host "From Risk to Resiliency — Recognizing Warning Signs, Intervening Effectively" on Oct. 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel & Suites Cleveland-Eastlake, 35000 Curtis Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095. Horatio Sanchez, president and CEO of Resiliency, Inc., will provide the keynote, *6 Steps for Helping Youth with Challenging Circumstances*. Up to 6 CEUs are available for the Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage & Family Therapist Board and RCHs are pending for chemical dependency counselors. For complete details, including cost and registration, visit the [Crossroads web site](#).

Annual Forensic Focus Conference — Nov. 1

The ODMH Office of Forensic Services will host its [Annual Forensic Focus Conference](#) Nov. 1 at the Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main St., in Reynoldsburg. The keynote speaker is Robert Morgan, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology at Texas Tech University. Various Ohio forensic professionals and clinicians will lead other sessions. Cost, which includes a box lunch and morning refreshments, is \$40. [Register](#) by Oct. 18. Click the link for more details.

Trauma Informed Care Training — Nov. 5

The MIDD Coordinating Center of Excellence (CCOE) at Wright State University, and local host Resident Home Corporation, are sponsoring "Healing, Resiliency and Hope: A Theory to Practice Trauma Treatment Training" on Nov. 5 at the Mayerson Jewish Community Center (JCC) - Amberly Room, 8485 Ridge Road in Cincinnati. Clinicians, case managers, service facilitators, day program and residential support managers and supervisors are invited to attend this training that focuses on latest research on the impact of trauma on brain, trauma induced co-occurring disorders and resiliency, among other topics. Cost is \$25. Click [here](#) for more information, or to register. Questions? Please contact Pam.Berry@dodd.ohio.gov.

Cross-System Response to the Opioid Epidemic — Nov. 12

The Ohio Department of Health, Coalition for a Drug-free Greater Cincinnati, the Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati and the University of Cincinnati Department of Emergency Medicine are teaming with the Ohio Valley Node of the NIDA Clinical Trials Network to host "Cross-System Response to the Opioid Epidemic" conference Nov. 12 at the METS Center, 3861 Olympic Boulevard, Erlanger, KY 41018. Community members and professionals in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana impacted by the prescription drug epidemic including professionals working in the addiction treatment system, emergency department, poison control centers, primary care, policy makers, occupational medicine, workers compensation, family services, police departments, fire departments, EMS, pharmacists, and other social service systems. Cost is \$35, which includes lunch and Continuing Education Credits for physicians, social workers, nurses, EMS personnel, and chemical dependency counselors. [Register](#) online. For more information, call [513-250-6851](tel:513-250-6851).

Save the Date! Public/Private Psychiatric Services Leadership Conference — Nov. 16

The Ohio Department of Mental Health, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Service Providers will host the 2012 Public/Private Inpatient Psychiatric Services Leadership Conference, "Coming Together to Improve Care" Nov. 16 at the Crowne Plaza, 600 Metro Place North Dublin, OH. [Registration materials](#) will be available soon.

Save the Date! Ohio Infant Mortality Summit — Nov. 28

High infant mortality and associated racial disparities are one of Ohio's biggest public health challenges. Ohio has a higher rate of infant mortality than most other states, all surrounding states, and most developed countries. This one-day, free conference sponsored by the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality, will highlight the problem, point to solutions, and change participant's minds about the health of their family, friends, and community. Registration materials will be available soon. For more information on infant mortality, visit: <http://goo.gl/ttNSH>.

Register Today: 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 goal of OPEC is to revitalize and build on the capacity of Ohio's prevention workforce to implement of culturally appropriate, science-driven strategies intended to facilitate attitude and behavioral change for individuals and/or communities. Professionals working in the fields of alcohol and other drug prevention, mental health promotion, education, law enforcement, juvenile justice and public health. Members of community coalitions, faith-based organizations and others interested in promoting collaboration across systems. Please direct questions to Teri Gardner at Teri.Gardner@ada.ohio.gov. Follow this link to register online: <http://goo.gl/Hy2db>.

Save the Date & Call for Proposals: 2013 National Rx Drug Abuse Summit — April 2-3

The National Rx Drug Abuse Summit returns to Florida April 2-4, 2013, at the Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate. Make plans now to attend this exciting opportunity to "Make An Impact" in efforts to address our country's prescription drug abuse epidemic from a holistic approach. An expanded National Advisory Board will guide session development and conference offerings that deliver cutting-edge Continuing Education programs for attendees. The conference Advisory Board is seeking workshop proposals that focus on the theme: "Make An Impact." Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012. For more information, or to register early, visit: <http://goo.gl/OKNYX>.

An Evening with Renowned Speaker and Advocate Christopher Kennedy Lawford — May 7, 2013

The Family Recovery Center and the ADAPT Coalition of Columbiana County will host an evening of inspiration with Christopher Lawford Kennedy on May 7 at Antone's Banquet Center in Boardman, OH. The evening will feature appetizers, a silent auction, dinner and remarks from Christopher Kennedy Lawford, author of two New York Times best-selling books, *Symptoms of Withdrawal: A Memoir of Snapshots and Redemption* (2005) and *Moments of Clarity* (2009). In recovery for more than 26 years from drug addiction, Kennedy Lawford campaigns tirelessly on behalf of the recovery community in both in public and private sectors. For more information, contact the Family Recovery Center Education Department at [330-424-0531](tel:330-424-0531).

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