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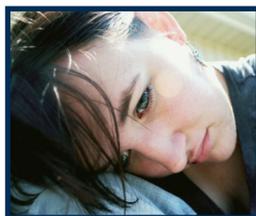
2012 Ohio Rally for Recovery



Hundreds of Ohioans in recovery converged on Capitol Square in downtown Columbus Sept. 12 to officially kick off Recovery Month in Ohio and to help fight the stigma that surrounds alcohol and other drug addictions. The **Ohio Rally for Recovery**, which featured remarks from persons in recovery, the presentation of a **proclamation** from Gov. John R. Kasich, a Recovery Countdown, food and entertainment, was sponsored by ODADAS in partnership with Ohio Citizen Advocates, The Ohio State University - Talbot Hall, The Woods at Parkside and Jendco Safety. See more photos and videos from the Rally on the [ODADAS Facebook page](#).

Kasich Administration Announces \$1.8 Million for Crisis Units in Cuyahoga County

Individuals in a health crisis related to substance abuse or psychosis often have nowhere to turn other than the emergency room. In that rushed environment, it is difficult for clinicians to diagnosis and determine the appropriate course of care, and the wait times and noise of an emergency room may not be the best environment for treatment of an escalating brain disorder.



On Sept. 6, Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) Director Tracy Plouck announced that the department will partner with the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County to establish a 72-hour observation approach to augment crisis services. The state will provide \$1.8 million to develop short-term treatment units to stabilize individuals who are in psychiatric or substance abuse crisis and transition them to community services upon discharge. View [ODMH's press release](#) for more information. Click [here for coverage](#) of the announcement in *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

ODMH-ODADAS Consolidation Update

Work on the agency consolidation has continued at a fast pace this August and September. The consolidation workgroups are in the process of finalizing recommendations. Expect to see a summary report online within the next few weeks. Also, leadership will soon make an announcement concerning the new name of the consolidated department. We received nearly 1,000 responses from boards, providers, stakeholders and consumers to the name survey. This input is valuable and will be given serious consideration in the decision-making process.

As a reminder, all meetings and materials related to the consolidation work team are posted on www.adamh.ohio.gov. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at consolidationquestions@mh.ohio.gov.



September is National Recovery Month.
Visit www.recoverymonth.gov for more information.

More MH/AoD Treatment Providers Needed for Service Members and Their Families

TRICARE is seeking to recruit more Ohio providers to deliver behavioral health treatment services for military members and their families. TRICARE is the U.S. Department of Defense health insurance program that covers many active duty service members, National Guard and Reserve members, retirees and their families, survivors and certain former spouses.

To learn more about TRICARE and how to get approved to be a TRICARE provider visit: <http://ong.ohio.gov/TRICARE.html>. For more on what ODMH and ODADAS are doing to support service members and their families who are in need of behavioral health services, visit www.OHIOCARES.ohio.gov.



2011 Alliance Achievement Award Winner

The Partnership for a Drug-Free Ohio (PDFO) was recently named one of [The Partnership at Drugfree.org's](http://ThePartnershipatDrugfree.org) 2011 National Alliance Achievement Award winners. Dating back more than a decade, the award highlights partners who have implemented innovative ways to help increase media support and raise awareness about substance abuse. Award recipients are recognized for their comprehensive, proactive and creative approaches to supporting drug and alcohol abuse prevention efforts. This year's six winners were selected from a record number of national entries. ODADAS serves as the parent organization for the Partnership's activities in Ohio. Ohio's "Don't Get Me Started" prescription painkiller awareness campaign, "Little Pill, Big Problem" video and other efforts geared toward resolving the opiate epidemic, were among the examples cited by the selection committee. (Pictured L-R: ODADAS Communications Manager Eric Wandersleben, ODADAS Chief of Communications Stacey Frohnapfel-Hasson and ODADAS Director Orman Hall.

ODADAS Procedures for Adding Medical/Somatic Services

Any agency seeking to add medical/somatic services (which includes Medication-Assisted Treatment) must request the addition in writing to the ODADAS Division of Quality Improvement and Certification. The written request may be in the form of a letter or e-mail.

All agency policies and procedures for the medical/somatic service, including those for pharmaceutical services (if applicable), must be in place. In addition, the service must be added to the agency's service plan.

For those agencies that have national accreditation through Joint Commission, The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) or The Council on Accreditation for Children and Family Services (COA), no documentation needs to be submitted to the Division. For those agencies that do not have national accreditation, policies and procedures for the applicable standards must be submitted to the division for review.

The regulations for medical/somatic services can be found in OAC 3793:2-1-08(S)(1) through (5), pharmaceutical regulations are under OAC 3793:2-1-05(I)(1) through (4) and the requirement for identification and description of services provided under each level of care is located at OAC 3793:2-1-05(G)(5). The applicable policies and procedures for these non-accredited agencies must be submitted with the request to add the service. The documentation will be reviewed by the division and must be determined to be in compliance with ODADAS regulations before the requested service can be implemented.

Questions regarding the above information may be directed to Jerry Jones, Manager of the QI/Certification Division at jerry.jones@ada.ohio.gov or by phone at [614-644-8442](tel:614-644-8442). The Division fax number is [614-644-5169](tel:614-644-5169).

OASIS Men's TC 20th Anniversary

(l-r) ODMH Director Tracy Plouck, ODADAS Director Orman Hall and ODRC Director Gary Mohr spoke at the Sept. 10 OASIS Men's Therapeutic Community (TC) 20th anniversary celebration and alumni reunion at Pickaway Correctional Institution. OASIS (Our Awareness of Self Increases Success) has helped nearly 3,000 men break the cycle of addiction and crime since its founding in 1992. For more coverage of the anniversary event, read the related article from [The Chillicothe Gazette](http://TheChillicotheGazette.com).



Medicaid Health Homes Concept will Benefit Ohioans with Chronic Mental and Physical Illnesses

A new benefit option for Ohio Medicaid enrollees with serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) will begin rolling out in five Ohio counties in October 2012 and move statewide by July 2013. It's a person-centered system of care—called a “health home”—to improve care coordination for high-risk beneficiaries. The counties in the first phase – Scioto, Adams, Lawrence, Butler and Lucas –represent three regions of the state and include rural, suburban and urban populations.

A health home is a care management service based on a holistic concept of treating the whole person through a team approach. The team addresses clinical care needs and also links people to non-clinical community supports. Helping people lead healthier lives can greatly reduce the negative impacts of living with long-term serious and persistent mental illness. It can also save money. Both reasons led the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and Ohio Medicaid to team up with the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) to focus first on Medicaid beneficiaries with SPMI. The assumption is that with more comprehensive treatment, the SPMI population will be healthier and require fewer hospital admissions and other high-cost medical care.



Health home providers will be Community Behavioral Health Centers (CBHC) that will be reimbursed on for health home services. The health home services are covered under an individual's current Medicaid plan, so there is no charge to the patient. Participation in this program is voluntary. An individual who is eligible for health home services can obtain comprehensive medical, mental health and drug and/or alcohol addiction treatment, and social services that are coordinated by a team of health care professionals working through the CBHC. The team will assist people with SPMI in receiving necessary treatment, whether it is related to heart disease, asthma, dental care, nutritional guidance, addiction or mental illness. Helping the individual to adhere to treatment protocols and family education will be a key element.

Because the health home concept is based on a provider's willingness to transform its practice, the Medicaid health homes for individuals with SPMI will be implemented through a phased-in approach based on the county or counties of the provider's service area as opposed to the county of residence of the consumer. ODMH and ODJFS would like to thank the CBHCs -- representing nearly all of Ohio's 88 counties -- that expressed their readiness to implement health home services for people with SPMI. The majority indicated they would be in a position to implement health homes between October 2012 and July 2013. The regions that were chosen for initial implementation offer diversity geographically and in the models of care that can be offered.

October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

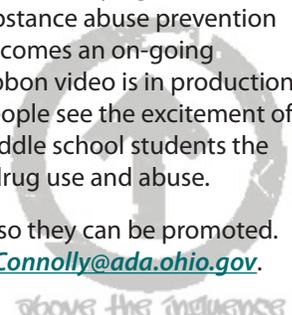
October is [National Substance Abuse Prevention Month](#) — a month-long observance to highlight the role substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. In addition, the month features [Above the Influence Day](#) (Oct. 18) and Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23-31), which provides an important opportunity to pay tribute to the tragic losses attributed to substance abuse.



The Youth Council of the Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network will launch their “We are the Drug-Free MAJORITY” campaign at the beginning of the month leading up to the premiere of a new PSA to coincide with Above the Influence Day. The Ohio Department of Education is partnering with ODADAS and Drug Free Action Alliance to help teachers and educators share drug free messages with students that highlight the importance of staying alcohol and drug free. Teachers will continue to receive substance abuse prevention information so that substance abuse prevention becomes an on-going dialogue between teachers and students. A Red Ribbon video is in production that can be used in the classroom to help young people see the excitement of

being drug free. The video will be a high-energy motivational piece that will give elementary and middle school students the understanding that the best way to be is drug free and motivate them to stand up together against drug use and abuse.

If you are planning Substance Abuse Prevention Month activities or events, we want to hear about it so they can be promoted. Please send your information to ODADAS Prevention Services Coordinator Valerie Connolly - Valerie.Connolly@ada.ohio.gov.



National Medicine Abuse Project Launches Sept. 23, Includes Rx Take-Back Day on Sept. 29

The abuse of prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines is one of the biggest problems in the United States today. The consequences of medicine abuse, including emergency room episodes, treatment admissions and overdose deaths, have increased dramatically, and it is a behavior that is starting in adolescence. Every day, more than 2,000 teens use a prescription medicine to get high for the first time, and the death toll from prescription painkillers alone has tripled in the past decade.



To address this public health epidemic, [The Partnership at Drugfree.org](http://ThePartnershipatDrugfree.org) introduces "The Medicine Abuse Project," a multi-year effort to raise awareness and curb the abuse of medicine by teens and young adults.

Launching the week of September 23-29, 2012, the campaign will encourage and help parents and the public-at-large to help manage this problem, working toward the common goal of preventing half a million teens from abusing medicine within the next five years.

Here's What You Can Do:

1. Take the Pledge. Commit to doing your part. Learn more at MedicineAbuseProject.org.
2. Safeguard your medicine. Keep prescription medicine in a secure place, count and monitor the number of pills you have, and lock your medicine up.
3. Safely dispose of your unused medicine. Take part in the DEA National Prescription Take-Back Day on September 29. Learn more and find locations near you by visiting MedicineAbuseProject.org.
4. Educate yourself. Find helpful resources for parents and grandparents, health care providers, community and law enforcement officials and educators at MedicineAbuseProject.org.
5. If you are a parent, communicate the risks of prescription and over-the-counter cough medicine abuse to your kids. Children who learn a lot about the risks of drugs from their parents are up to 50 percent less likely to use drugs than those who do not get that critical message at home.
6. Get help. If you think your child has a problem with prescription medicine abuse, call The Partnership at Drugfree.org's Parents Toll-Free Helpline to speak with a parent specialist at [1-855-DRUGFREE \(1-855-378-4373\)](tel:1-855-DRUGFREE).

Lorain County Voices for Recovery 7th Annual 5K Family Run/Walk — Sept. 29

In recognition of Recovery Month, the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board of Lorain County is pleased to join with Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services and the Lorain County Board of Mental Health to host the 7th annual 5K Family Run and 1-Mile Walk on Sept. 29 from 8:00-11:30 a.m. at Lorain County Metroparks' Bur Oak Pavilion. This year's theme "Join the Voices for Recovery - It's Worth It" emphasizes that while the road to recovery may be difficult, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable to individuals, families and communities. People in recovery achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and contribute in positive ways to their communities. [Register](#) online. For more information, contact Elaine Georgas at [440-292-9920](tel:440-292-9920).

Hancock County Opiate/Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force Releases 2012 Annual Report

The Hancock County Opiate/Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force has released its [2012 Annual Report](#). The Task Force was established in 2010 by the Hancock County Community Partnership, under the umbrella of the Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services. The mission of the Task Force is to bring about awareness of the opiate problem and educate the community about how to defend against abuse and accidental overdose.

The Task Force includes representatives from healthcare, law enforcement, waste water treatment, drug addiction and mental health services, environmental services, city council, education and the community.



Central Ohio Ribbon Cutting

ODMH Director Tracy Plouck (far left) joined in the ribbon cutting for the new [Dublin Springs](#) 72-bed psychiatric and addiction hospital on Monday, July 27, along with Dublin Mayor Tim Lecklider and Dublin Springs CEO Garry Hoyes.

Read more in [The Columbus Dispatch](#) article highlighting the hospital's grand opening.

NAMI Greater Cleveland Annual NAMIWalks — Sept. 22

The Cuyahoga County ADAMHS Board is a Start/Finish Line sponsor of this walk to raise the public's awareness of mental illness and to break down stigma. There is no registration fee to participate, but participants are encouraged to collect donations from family members, friends, co-workers and business associates in support of their participation in the Walk. All funds collected will be used to fund NAMI's programs in Greater Cleveland, including support, education, research and advocacy involving schizophrenia, bipolar disorder (manic depression), major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder and severe anxiety disorders. All walkers raising \$100 or more will receive a NAMIWalks event t-shirt. For complete details, visit: <http://goo.gl/3kJwM>.

Suicide Prevention Education Alliance "Into the Light Walk" — Sept. 30

The Cuyahoga County ADAMHS Board is a sponsor of the Suicide Prevention Education Alliance 9th Annual "Into the Light Walk." Walk goals include "shining the light" on depression and suicide prevention and raise \$120,000 to support SPEA's proven prevention education program, Recognizing Teen Depression and Preventing Suicide. Walk registration fee is \$20 and includes: light snack and beverage; luminaries and In Memory/In Honor placards; speakers and musical performance and a glow necklace. Personally raise \$100 or more to receive a Lifesaver T-shirt. For more information, visit: <http://adamhsc.org/en-US/speaintothelightwalk.aspx>.



DEA Announces Redesigned Website

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has launched a newly redesigned external website, www.DEA.gov. The site's new design increases transparency of the agency's mission and goals while providing factual, up-to-date information to the public. The site's functionality is more intuitive and logically designed to increase ease of use. The new site has improved navigation, making it easier for readers to find what they are looking for. Several of the improvements include a cleaner more organized look, drop-down menus that feature topics most often visited by users and short cuts to popular links like the Media Center where site visitors can access videos, photos and animated shorts. There is also a Resource Center that houses information most often researched. The added "bread crumbs" feature allows visitors to track and navigate the site much easier, creating a path that leads back to the original drop-down topic. The website now has a carousel rotating special features across the front page of the website. The new design also improves visibility of DEA's companion sites, www.JustThinkTwice.com and www.GetSmartAboutDrugs.com.

Study: Teens Fare Better at Substance Abuse Facilities With Comprehensive Mental Health Services

Teenagers who receive substance abuse treatment at facilities with comprehensive mental health services fare better one year later, compared with those treated at facilities with fewer such services, or none at all, a [new study](#) finds. Researchers at the RAND Corporation studied teenagers at three types of substance abuse treatment facilities. One group of 932 teens attended a site that had a psychiatrist and/or licensed social worker or psychologist on staff and was able to offer comprehensive psychiatric services. A second group of 1,375 teens attended a site that could treat psychiatric conditions except for severe/persistent mental illness, and a third group of 1,210 teens attended a facility that could not treat psychiatric conditions. After one year, teens who attended facilities that could treat all psychiatric conditions had lower average levels of substance use problems and substance use frequency compared with the other two groups. A [SAMHSA report](#) released earlier this year found teenagers who experienced a major depressive episode in the past year had about twice the rate of illicit drug use compared with teens who had not experienced depression—37.2 percent versus 17.8 percent.



17% of High School Students Abuses Substances During School Day

A [new survey](#) finds an estimated 17 percent of American high school students say they drink, smoke or use drugs during the school day. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University found 86 percent of teens say they know which of their peers are abusing substances at school. The findings come from an annual telephone survey of about 1,000 students ages 12 to 17. According to the survey, 60 percent of high school students say drugs are available on school grounds, and 44 percent know a classmate who sells drugs at school. Marijuana is the most commonly sold drug at school. Prescription drugs, cocaine and Ecstasy are also available.

Training Opportunities

Call for Presenters: Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference: Turning the Tide Together — April 29-30, 2013

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with ODADAS and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, is hosting **Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference: Turning the Tide Together**. The training will be the fourth of its kind, with more than 600 professionals attending Day 1 and 1,000 attending Day 2 of the 2012 conference. The conference will take place on April 29-30, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency located in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The planning committee is currently seeking presenters. View the call for presentations at: <http://goo.gl/HzQR2>. Questions? Contact Renuka Punjabi at rpunjabi@oacbha.org or call [614-224-1111](tel:614-224-1111).

Strengthening and Sustaining Community Efforts on Opiate Abuse Prevention — Sept. 21-22

Are you a professional in the field of prevention or treatment? Have you experienced the loss of a loved one due to drug abuse? Do you know someone currently struggling with addiction or relapse? Are you an individual interested in learning more and wanting to advocate for change in your community? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then this FREE training is one you won't want to miss. Drug Free Action Alliance, the Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, ODADAS and the Ohio Department of Health have teamed up and are bringing together the experts in all areas of Bridging the G.A.P. (moving from Grief to taking Action for Prevention) regarding prescription opiate abuse. By attending both the Friday night Edwina Hayes Tribute Concert and the Saturday Bridging the G.A.P. training, you may be eligible to obtain a free night's stay at the Dublin Crowne Plaza hotel. Early registration is encouraged. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



Anti-HIB Professional Development Day — Sept. 24

The Ohio Departments of Education, Health, Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction, Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Domestic Violence Network, the US Department of Education Office of Civil Rights, eTech Ohio and the Mental Health Network for School Success will host the Ohio Anti-Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Initiative's Professional Development Day Sept. 24 at the Quest Business Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants will learn new ideas and receive resources to help identify, prevent and respond to bullying, harassment and intimidation. Featured speakers for this event are Dr. Dennis Embry and Dr. David Osher. Registration is \$30 and CEU and RCH will be provided. To register, click [HERE](#).

Register Today! 2012 Ohio Women's Symposium — Sept. 25-26

ODADAS and the Ohio Women's Network are hosting the 2012 Ohio Women's Symposium: "Recovery Through the Lifespan" Sept. 25-26 at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport Hotel. View the registration booklet at: <http://goo.gl/w5ABR>.

Prevention Theory, Practice and Policy - Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist Training — Oct. 2-5

The Substance Abuse Prevention Skills Training (SAPST) curriculum is designed to provide up-to-date, evidence-based information to the prevention field. The course will enable new prevention professionals as well as seasoned staff to embrace the changing prevention environment and enhance their knowledge and skills around the Strategic Prevention Framework, Behavioral Health, Cultural Competence, Implementation, Evaluation and the Public Health Approach. This knowledge will help to ensure that the prevention workforce is ready for the changes in the prevention field related to the Affordable Care Act. The training will be held Oct. 2-5 at Youth to Youth International, 547 E. 11th Ave., Columbus from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The training is limited to the first 25 participants. Register online at: <http://goo.gl/IzMjU>.

Ohio's Direct Service Workforce Applied Research Conference — Oct. 4

In order to support the work of Ohio's Direct Service Workforce Initiative, the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC) are sponsoring an applied research conference for interested stakeholders in the field of long term care. Ohio's Direct Service Workforce Applied Research Conference — Stakeholder Summit for Ohio Direct Service Workforce Initiative takes place Oct. 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Fawcett Center on the campus of The Ohio State University. Click the link for more details: <http://goo.gl/Thrw4>.



Training Opportunities, cont.

Ohio Prevention Policy Summit — Oct. 10

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) is proud to partner with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Allen, Auglaize and Hardin Counties, the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties and Mental Health and Recovery for Licking and Knox Counties to host a one-day Ohio Prevention Policy Summit on Oct. 10 at the Crowne Plaza Dublin. Register online at <http://goo.gl/ncALT>. Questions? Please contact Teri Gardner, ODADAS Training Officer, at Teri.Gardner@ada.ohio.gov or [614-466-7585](tel:614-466-7585).

Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections Conference — Oct. 11-12

The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections will host the “Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice” conference Oct. 11-12 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North Hotel. Get complete details at: <http://goo.gl/QcRmT>.

2012 Ohio Team Community and Faith Leaders Summit — Oct. 16

The Ohio Team is hosting a Community and Faith Based Summit on Oct. 16 at the Training and Education Center, 1580 Ohio 56 in London. The training, which brings together faith and community leaders to initiate the development of community action plans and cross-systems strategies to support recovery, is supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. For more information and to register, visit: www.maccinc.net or call [614-221-7841](tel:614-221-7841).

“Narcotics in Pregnancy: Maternal & Infant Issues” — Oct. 19

The Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center will host the 11th Annual Regional Perinatal leaders’ Summit “Narcotics in Pregnancy: Maternal & Infant Issues” Oct. 19 at the Hospital’s Fifth Third Bank Auditorium. The purpose of the Summit is to bring together clinical and public health leaders to review and discuss current perinatal issues, data, and ideas that can be addressed to improve pregnancy outcomes within the region. The Summit features remarks from University of Utah pediatrics professors Robert M. Ward, MD, FAAP, FCP who will present on the *Impact of Drug Exposure on Infants* and Karen F. Buchi, MD, who will present on *Maternal Care & Implications*. For more information, visit: www.cincinnatichildrens.org/cme and scroll to October 19, 2012 “Perinatal Leaders’ Regional Summit.”

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 health care and behavioral health care 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>

Save the Date! Annual Forensic Focus Conference — Nov. 1

ODMH’s 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. Watch this space for registration information in coming months.

Public/Private Inpatient Psychiatric Services Leadership Conference — Nov. 16

The Ohio Department of Mental Health, the Ohio Hospital Association, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Service Providers are partnering to host the Public/Private Inpatient Psychiatric Services Conference “Coming Together to Improve Care” on Nov. 16 at the Dublin Crowne Plaza. CEU’s have been applied for. Registration materials will be available soon.

Training Opportunities, cont.

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 Kristie Rampe, ODADAS Training Officer, at Kristie.Rampe@ada.ohio.gov. Follow this link to register online: <http://goo.gl/Hy2db>.

Incredible Years Program

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund will be offering a series of Incredible Years (IY) Trainings throughout the state in SFY 2013. The Incredible Years Program (IYP) is an award-winning parent training, teacher training and child social skills training series. The IYP's Parents, Teachers, and Children Training Series have two long-range goals. The first goal is to develop comprehensive treatment for young children with early onset conduct problems. The second goal is to develop cost-effective, community-based, universal prevention for all families and teachers of young children. This will promote social competence and prevent children from developing conduct problems. Trainings are for Early Childhood Mental Health consultants, early childhood providers, teachers and parents so they can be leaders of the Incredible Years (IY) program. This research-proven parent and caregiver training and education can prevent abuse, neglect and severe behavioral, emotional and developmental problems in children by enhancing the knowledge, skills and confidence of parents and other caregivers. For more information, visit: <http://www.incredibleyears.com/> or send an email to Lynette.Cashaw-Davis@mh.ohio.gov.

Funding Opportunities

Forward Promise Innovation Grants: Promoting Opportunities for the Health and Success of Young Men of Color

WHAT: *Forward Promise Innovation Grants: Promoting Opportunities for the Health and Success of Young Men of Color* is a new initiative of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that aims to improve the health of middle school- and high school-aged boys and young men of color, as well as their opportunities for success in school, work and life.

AMOUNT: Up to 10 grants will be awarded under this call for proposals. Grantees will receive awards of up to \$500,000 each for up to 30 months.

DEADLINE: October 10, 2012

For more information, visit: http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=21406&cid=XEM_A6316

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