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2012 ODADAS Spring Conference : Expanding Our Field of Vision

Around 330 professionals attended the 2012 ODADAS Spring Conference held March 6-7 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Columbus North. This year's conference brought together leaders in alcohol and other drug addiction and problem gambling prevention, education, treatment, research and recovery to learn about the latest developments in their disciplines.

(Pictured above l-r) MIT Associate Professor Natasha Dow Schull, Ph.D., presents "Problem Gambling, Problem Machines: Addiction by Design?," Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance Executive Director Roger Svendsen presents "Problem Gambling Prevention Messages and Programs" and Jeoma Achara, Psy.D., presents "Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care: a Framework for Service Integration."

Buprenorphine Protocol, SAMHSA Naltrexone Advisory Available on ODADAS Web

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) is pleased to announce the availability of its **Medication-Assisted Treatment Low Dose Protocol for the Use of Buprenorphine and Suboxone**. The materials, which can be found at <http://bit.ly/zfnl80>, constitute the initial roll-out of Ohio's Medication-Assisted Treatment Protocols for Opiate Addiction. The Buprenorphine/Suboxone protocol is the first of several MAT guidelines to follow. As mentioned during the MAT presentation at this year's Spring Conference, the Department has also posted the newest **SAMHSA Advisory: An Introduction to Extended-Release Injectable Naltrexone for the Treatment of People With Opioid Dependence**, which can be found on the ODADAS website under Services>Treatment & Recovery>Medication-Assisted Treatment.

"I am the MAJORITY" Youth-Led Prevention Rally Planned for Statehouse — April 30

Just ahead of May's *Substance Abuse Awareness and Prevention* and *Mental Health Awareness* month activities, Ohio's Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) Youth Council will host an **"I am the MAJORITY"** rally at the Ohio Statehouse on April 30 to empower peers to create a healthier tomorrow by breaking the stereotype that teen drug use is the norm. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Riffe Center, 77 S. High St., followed by a rally at noon on the lawn of the Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square. Lunch and a motivational program will be provided in the Statehouse Atrium after the rally. A \$500 stipend is available on a first-come, first-served basis to offset the cost of a school or coach bus. Mileage reimbursement will be available for those using a van or personal vehicle. For more information, contact Kim Workman, Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network State Coordinator, at kim.oylpn@gmail.com. OYLPN is supported by ODADAS in partnership with Drug-Free Action Alliance.



REGISTER TODAY! 2012 Ohio Opiate Summit — May 7-8

Visit <http://oacbha.org/2012-opiate-summit/> for complete details.

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Ohio Coalitions Honored at 2012 CADCA National Leadership Forum

The State of Ohio was well-represented at this year's Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) National Leadership Forum Feb. 6-9 in Washington, D.C. The Forum is a four-day conference packed with multiple opportunities to learn the latest strategies to fight substance abuse and hear from nationally-known experts and policymakers. The Forum brings together more than 2,500 participants representing community anti-drug coalitions from all regions of the country, government leaders, youth, addiction treatment professionals, researchers, educators, law enforcement professionals and faith-based leaders.

Pictured above: At left (l-r) — Jen Campbell and Pat Banoflen from the Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Fairfield County pose with CADCA Chairman and CEO Arthur Dean after accepting the Got Outcomes! Coalition in Focus Award; Middle (l-r) — Kathy Schnapp of AWAKE to a Safe and Healthy Community Coalition of Waterville, OH; Jaime Burke of Dublin A.C.T. (Adolescents and Community Together) Coalition; Dan Urra of Butler County Coalition of the ADAS Board; Tommy Koopman and Amanda Conn Starner of Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati graduate from CADCA's National Coalition Academy; At right — Margaret Appel and youth from the Logan County Drug-Free Youth Coalition pose with Chairman Dean after accepting the Got Outcomes! Milestones Award.

Butler County Hosts Sixth Annual Prom and Graduation Summit

In an effort to promote a safe prom and graduation season for local youth, more than 150 Butler County High School students gathered at Miami University-Middletown for The Alcohol and Chemical Abuse Council's sixth annual Prom and Graduation Summit to brainstorm ideas on how to make sure that their schools have safe, drug- and alcohol-free events during the prom and graduation season. This year, the theme was "Be the influence," with an increased emphasis on using social media to get the word out. The students spent the day brainstorming ways to get their message out and how to engage teachers and parents in the process. "I like the idea of teens leading teens," said New Miami senior Daniel Marcum. "It has peer credibility attached to it."



Important SFY 2013 GFA Application Deadlines

The 2013 GFA Applications for Prevention Services are due to ODADAS via the Prevention Investment Planning and Reporting System (PIPAR) **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012**, and the Prevention ADAMHS/ADAS Board Review/Comment Forms are due to ODADAS **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012**.

The 2013 GFA Applications for Treatment and Recovery and Women's Treatment are due via the Online Grants Application System (OLGA) **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2012**, and the corresponding ADAMHS/ADAS Board Review/Comment Forms are due to ODADAS **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6, 2012**.

This is a continuation year, meaning that providers can apply for SFY 2013 funds through the SFY 2013 GFA process *only if they were awarded funds in SFY 2012*. GFA announcements were sent to all eligible applicants informing them of their eligibility status for SFY 2013. All forms pertaining to the SFY 2013 GFAs can be found on the [ODADAS website](http://www.odadas.ohio.gov). If you have any questions related to the SFY 2013 GFA documents or fiscal issues, please contact Grants Coordinator Charity Martin-Via at [614-466-9003](tel:614-466-9003). For programmatic questions, please contact your Regional Coordinator.



2012 Parents Who Host, Lose The Most Program Guide Available

The 2012 "Parents Who Host, Lose The Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking" [program guide](#) is now available. The guide features commentary from Honorary Chair, Clark Kellogg, strategies for local implementation and engaging various community sectors. With support from ODADAS, Drug Free Action Alliance is able to offer the 2012 program kit and Fact Cards free to those working or living within Ohio who are interested in sharing the turnkey public awareness campaign that encourages parents and the entire community to send a unified message that teen alcohol consumption is unhealthy, unsafe and unacceptable. For more information, contact Derek Longmeier at [614-540-9985 ext. 16](tel:614-540-9985) or DLongmeier@DrugFreeActionAlliance.org.

Ads for Snacks, Beer Score Big Among Teens in 2012 Big Bowl Vote

Middle and high school students said Super Bowl ads for M&Ms, Doritos and Bud Light were their favorites, in an informal national survey to help measure the impact of alcohol advertising that runs during the Super Bowl. More than 40,000 teens in 42 states voted in "Big Bowl Vote 2012" on Monday, Feb. 6, the day after the Super Bowl. The survey, sponsored by Drug-Free Action Alliance (DFAA), is intended to gauge which commercials the students remember and prefer, and to help students more thoughtfully evaluate alcohol advertising. The group says the more youth are exposed to alcohol in advertising, the more likely they are to consume alcohol underage. Visit <http://bit.ly/xPudFR> for complete survey results.

Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati (CDFGC) Sponsoring Online Rx/OTC Survey

The Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati (CDFGC) is inviting residents of its 10-county, tri-state service area in southwestern Ohio to participate in an online survey of youth prescription and over-the-counter drug misuse and abuse. Data collected from survey will assist CDFGC, and its partner coalitions, assess community needs around youth Rx/OTC abuse. Survey respondents may enter for a chance to win one of several prizes donated by CDFGC supporters. Follow this [link](#) to complete the assessment.

2012 Youth for Justice Program Invites Ohio Students to Address Bullying

While adults deal with school bullying through training and legislation, some proactive students are creating plans to tackle bullying and stop it. As part of *Youth for Justice*, a program of the Ohio Center for Law-Related Education, teams of students identify an injustice or problem relevant to their schools, investigate the problem and possible solutions, and develop a plan of action. Working together, students aim to remedy the real life problems that face their community. Many teams have found bullying of some sort to be the problem they want to address. Every year, teams travel to Columbus where they present their projects to their peers, government officials and community leaders. The **2012 Youth For Justice Summit** will be held May 8, at the Vern Riffe Center in Columbus. If your group is interested in learning more about how to be involved in the 2012 Youth For Justice program, visit www.ocle.org/youthforjustice/ or contact Sarah Wessling at swessling@ocle.org.



CSAP's Inaugural "National Prevention Week" Slated for May 20-26

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA's) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is launching a new initiative to prevent substance use and promote mental, emotional, and behavioral well-being — [National Prevention Week](#). This inaugural observance of National Prevention Week will bring communities together through local events, rallies, and celebrations. National Prevention Week 2012 will be held May 20-26, and will embrace the theme, "We are the ones. How are you taking action?" Last year, Gov. John R. Kasich signed [Senate Bill 101](#) into law, officially designating May as "Substance Abuse Awareness and Education Month" in Ohio.

Ohio Department of Health Releases 2010 Overdose Death Data

The Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Vital Statistics has released a summary of unintentional poisoning statistics for 2010, the most current year available. According to ODH, drug overdose deaths remain a public health crisis in Ohio with a 372 percent increase from 1999 to 2010. Unintentional drug overdose deaths climbed to 1,544 in 2010; an all-time high. Approximately two-thirds of the drug overdoses involved opiates in the form of prescription painkillers or heroin compared to 55 percent in 2009. For county-by-county data, view the top two links under "What's New?" on the [ODH website](#).

Resources for Coping with Tragedy

Coping with violence and trauma is challenging for everyone. Even if you are not directly affected, it may bring up some past experience of loss or trauma. Everyone responds to news like last month's shooting at Chardon High School in northeast Ohio differently. Some people have an immediate response, while for others it may take some time. It is important to keep the lines of communication open with family, friends, teachers, and other sources of support and comfort. It's also important to make sure that the needs of children are being met. If you or someone you are close to are experiencing distress and need someone to talk to immediately, call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration's Disaster Distress Helpline (DDH) at [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990) or [text 'TalkWithUs' to 66746](text:TalkWithUs). The helpline is dedicated to providing disaster/trauma crisis counseling, operates 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week and is free and confidential. Additional resources can be found at www.samhsa.gov/trauma.



American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Releases New FASD Resources

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has launched www.womenandalcohol.org/ — a new website that provides resources for women's health care providers in identifying women who drink too much and in providing brief educational counseling to reduce or eliminate alcohol use. The website is a one-stop shop, offering a cell phone app, downloadable patient information sheets, current news articles, treatment referral information, and more. The tools on the website were developed in response to needs expressed by ACOG's members. The site also includes resources for the general public. Some examples of tools available:

- Alcohol screening and brief intervention at a glance – [Pocket card](#)
- [Tips for working with women who drink](#)
- [iPhone app](#) for identifying and intervening with women who drink at risk levels
- ACOG Committee Opinion: [At risk drinking and alcohol dependence: Obstetric and gynecologic implications](#)
- [Additional clinician resources](#)
- [Community resources](#)

NIDA Launches “Easy to Read Drug Facts” Website

What are the effects of drugs like marijuana or cocaine? Why are drugs so hard to quit? Does drug treatment work? Get the answers to these and other important questions on the new web site, [“Easy-to-Read Drug Facts”](#) created by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). The text of this web site is aimed for a 4th–6th grade reading level. Site contents are based on formative research about how adults with reading levels between fifth and eighth grade use websites. The website uses simple language, navigation, design, and features to address many of the common barriers to accessing information. It is an ideal resource for anyone interested in learning more about drug abuse. This user-friendly resource allows visitors to:

- Learn the science behind how drugs affect bodies and brains.
- Hear audio versions of each page while seeing embedded highlighting of the words being read.
- View engaging videos about drug abuse and addiction, including: “Why Are Drugs So Hard to Quit?” and “Anyone Can Become Addicted to Drugs.”

Analysis: Driving Under the Influence of Marijuana Nearly Doubles Motor Vehicle Crash Risk



Driving under the influence of marijuana is associated with an increased risk of a motor vehicle crash, especially for fatal collisions, an analysis of nine studies concludes. The analysis found driving under the influence of marijuana was associated with almost twice the risk of a motor vehicle crash compared with unimpaired driving, according to a [CNN report](#). The studies in the analysis included nearly 50,000 people. The results are published in the [British Medical Journal](#).

Lead researcher Mark Asbridge of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, said while alcohol impairs drivers' speed and reaction time, marijuana affects spatial location. He said drivers who have recently smoked marijuana may follow cars too closely, and swerve in and out of lanes. He added that while people who are drunk often recognize they are impaired by alcohol, those under the influence of marijuana often deny they are impaired.

New National Survey: Ten Percent of American Adults Consider Themselves in Recovery

Ten percent of American adults consider themselves to be in recovery from drug or alcohol abuse problems, according to a [new survey](#) released March 6 by The Partnership at Drugfree.org and the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS). The findings indicate there are 23.5 million American adults who are overcoming an involvement with drugs or alcohol that they once considered to be problematic. The nationally representative survey found 10 percent of adults answered yes to the question, “Did you once have a problem with drugs or alcohol, but no longer do?” – one simple way of describing recovery from drug and alcohol abuse or addiction that was devised by Dr. Alexandre Laudet, a leading researcher in addiction recovery, now at National Development and Research Institute (NDRI).

DEA Extends Federal Emergency Ban on Synthetic Drugs for Another Six Months

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) announced it is extending its ban on synthetic drugs such as “Spice” and “K2,” which mimic the effects of marijuana, for another six months. In March 2011, the DEA temporarily banned five chemicals commonly found in those products. The DEA said it was outlawing the chemicals to protect public health and safety. The chemicals are now classified as Schedule I substances, which have “a high potential for abuse, no accepted medical use for treatment in the United States and a lack of accepted safety for use of the drug under medical supervision.” In September 2011, the DEA ordered a temporary ban on synthetic drugs known as “bath salts.” That ban will last at least one year. Ohio legislators outlawed these substances — and future derivatives thereof — with the passage of [House Bill 64](#), which took effect last October.



Online Toolkit for Genetic Research Expands Focus on Substance Abuse and Addiction

RTI International has added a collection of substance abuse and addiction-related measures to an online toolkit aimed at helping researchers better understand the relationships between genetics, health, disease and environment. The PhenX (pronounced “phoenix”) Toolkit, available at www.phenxtoolkit.org, provides access to more than 300 well-established standard measures of phenotypes and exposures across 21 different fields of research. The free toolkit is intended for use in genome-wide association studies and other large-scale human population studies. Funding for this subset of the PhenX Project was provided by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The measures were chosen by working groups of expert scientists using a consensus-based approach. Each measure was vetted through community outreach before being added to the toolkit. The core collection, which contains measures broadly relevant to addiction research, was drawn from existing toolkit measures as well as incorporating newly developed specialty measures.

CDC: Opioid Overdose Antidote Could Have Prevented Many Deaths

Widely distributing the opioid overdose antidote naloxone, and training people in how to use it, could save many lives, suggests a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report. Naloxone safely reverses the potentially fatal side effects of an opioid overdose, Time reports. It has successfully reversed more than 10,000 drug overdoses since 1996, according to the [CDC report](#). The article notes naloxone is not effective in treating drug overdoses that do not involve opioids. The medication is available by prescription only under the brand name Narcan (generic version naloxone). At the present time, 15 states and the District of Columbia have programs to distribute naloxone in the community, the article states. The Ohio Department of Health recently provided start up support and resources for a naloxone pilot program — [DAWN \(Deaths Avoided with Naloxone\)](#) — in Scioto County.



7.5 Million Children in U.S. Live With Alcoholic Parent

A [new government report](#) finds 7.5 million children in the United States—10.5 percent—live with a parent who has experienced an alcohol use disorder in the past year. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), 6.1 million of these children live with two parents, one or both of whom have experienced an alcohol use disorder in the past year. The other 1.4 million children live in a single-parent home, with a parent who has had an alcohol use disorder in the same time period. Children who live with a parent with an alcohol use disorder are at a greater risk for depression, anxiety disorders, problems with cognitive and verbal skills, and parental abuse or neglect, according to SAMHSA. They are also four times more likely than other children to develop alcohol problems themselves, the agency notes. The report was released in conjunction with National Children of Alcoholics Week, Feb. 12-18.





Mayo Clinic: Underage Drinking Hospitalizations Cost \$755 Million Annually

Hospitalization for underage drinking costs an estimated \$755 million in the United States each year, according to a new study by the Mayo Clinic. Approximately 40,000 youth ages 15-20 were hospitalized in 2008, the most recent year for which data is available. The study found that among U.S. teens, about 18 of every 10,000 teenage males and 12 of every 10,000 teenage females were hospitalized after drinking alcohol in the year studied. The average age of those hospitalized was 18, and 61 percent were male. Hospitalizations due to alcohol were highest in the Northeast and Midwest. Nearly one-fourth of the hospitalizations included an injury stemming from causes including traffic accidents, assaults or fights. An estimated \$505 million of the cost of hospitalization involved treatment of injuries. The findings appear in the [Journal of Adolescent Health](#).

TIP 54: Managing Chronic Pain in Adults with or in Recovery From Substance Use Disorders

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has released [Tip 54: Managing Chronic Pain in Adults with or in Recovery from Substance Abuse Disorders](#). This free publication equips clinicians with practical guidance and tools for treating chronic pain in adults with a history of substance abuse, discusses chronic pain management — including treatment with opioids — and offers information about substance abuse assessments and referrals.

Training Opportunities

2012 Gambling Counseling and Prevention Training Series

Recovery Resources, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Lottery Commission, are sponsoring the 2012 Gambling Addiction and Prevention Training series. Scheduled trainings include: "Foundations in Disordered Gambling," "Treating the Disordered Gambler," "Advanced Disordered Gambling Training" and "Gambling Prevention Education." Participants will receive CEUs for social workers, counselors, nurses and gambling counselors, and RCHs for chemical dependency and prevention professionals. Sessions run from March 29 to June 13. For complete details (including dates, times, locations and training descriptions) visit the [Recovery Resources website](#).

Regional Mental Health and Deafness Trainings

The Ohio Department of Mental Health, in partnership with the Buckeye Ranch and St. Vincent Family Center, is hosting a series of regional "Mental Health and Deafness" trainings March 16-May 11. These trainings will provide child and family clinical service providers with an introduction to providing therapeutic assessment and services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and families. The trainings will also improve your ability to provide sensitive and appropriate treatment to your Deaf or Hard of Hearing families, including how to have a Deaf-Friendly environment in your agency or practice. The training offers 2 Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for counselors, social workers and marriage and family therapists. Advance registration required. For more information, contact: Katrina Callaghan at kcallaghan@buckeyeranch.org or [614-429-7432](tel:614-429-7432).

Minority Youth Leadership Council Presents 2012 Youth Leadership Speaker Series — March 1-31

The Minority Youth Leadership Council, in partnership with the Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP), Cuyahoga County ADAMHS Board and the Cleveland Food Bank, has announced details of its 2012 Youth Leadership Speaker Series. The 2012 Youth Leadership Speaker Series, which runs throughout the month of March, provides a unique opportunity for young leaders ages 13-19 to engage with local entrepreneurs, politicians, entertainers, clergy and community leaders in sessions that present real life, relevant and motivational information. The vision for the Youth Leadership Speaker Series is to motivate, empower and train youth, age 13-19, to lead their communities through endeavors that promote non-violence and drug-free communities. For more information, or to register a youth, contact Project Director Honey Bell-Bey at [216-361-2040](tel:216-361-2040).

Collaborative Aspects of Opioid Treatment — March 14

Family Recovery Center, in partnership with the Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board and Reckitt Benckiser Pharmaceutical, is hosting "Collaborative Aspects of Opioid Treatment: Effective Treatment of Opioid Addiction in Outpatient Settings" from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. on March 14 at the Columbiana County Career and Technical Center. This training will ask the experts from the fields of medicine, law and the addiction treatment community to share their knowledge and experience in the field of Medication-Assisted Treatment. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch and materials (\$40 at the door). Four (4) CEUs and RCHs will be available. For more information, email: kford@familyrecovery.org.



CDC's Public Health Grand Rounds Presents: Preventing Excessive Alcohol Use — March 20

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will present its next session of Public Health Grand Rounds "Preventing Excessive Alcohol Use: What Public Health Can Do" on Tuesday, March 20 at 1 p.m. (EST). Excessive alcohol use, including underage drinking and binge drinking, is responsible for 80,000 deaths and 2.3 million years of potential life lost in the United States each year, and cost the United States \$223.5 billion in 2006 or about \$1.90 per drink. This session will explore the public health impact of excessive alcohol use and evidence-based strategies to prevent it, with specific attention to the role that state and local public health agencies can play in addressing this important public health problem. A free, live webcast will be available at www.cdc.gov/about/grand-rounds. Presentations are archived and posted 48 hours after each session. For questions, please email grandrounds@cdc.gov.

RCHs/CPEs Available at the 2012 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo — March 27-29

The Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation will host its 2012 Ohio Safety Congress & Expo at the Columbus Convention Center March 27-29. Admission is FREE. Select from more than 150 workshops — some offering RCHs and Counselor and Social Worker continuing education credits. The Franklin County Sheriff's Office Operation: Street Smart begins on March 27 followed by a Working Partners® presentation on dealing with prescription drugs in the workplace, and a session on impaired activities while under the influence, or choose from other all- or half-day sessions. Wednesday, March 28, features the "Hidden in Plain Sight" activity where participants can search for concealed, but in plain sight drugs in a "typical" youth bedroom. There are five, one-hour sessions related to drug-free workplace on the last day, March 29, or choose from other options. Visit the ODADAS exhibit Wednesday and Thursday at the Expo to talk with ODADAS Regional Coordinators. Please have your organization's BWC Policy Number available when registering. For more information, contact ODADAS Regional Prevention Coordinator Karen Kimbrough at Karen.Kimbrough@ada.ohio.gov or [614-752-8355](tel:614-752-8355). Click [here](#) to view the program and to register.

Managing Drug-Seeking and Opiate-Addicted Patients with SMI — March 28 & April 25

Case Western Reserve University's Center for Evidence-Based Practices is hosting two free video-conference trainings on in-patient pain management care. The video trainings are designed for healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers in hospitals and community-based organizations who serve people with severe mental illness (SMI) or co-occurring SMI and substance use disorders. On March 25, Dr. Christina M. Delos Reyes will present "[Managing the Drug-Seeking Patient in Hospital Settings](#)," which focuses upon differential diagnosis of drug-seeking patients, assessment of acute vs. chronic pain, principles of Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT). On April 25, Dr. Mark Hurst, medical director of Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH), will present "[Guidelines for the Management of Opiate-Addicted Patients in Psychiatric Hospitals](#)," to review new guidelines published by ODMH for managing opiate-addicted patients. Click the hyperlinks for complete details and registration information.

Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio's Annual Conference — April 16-17

Registration is now open for the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio's Annual Conference. Responding to feedback, the Coalition is switching things up a little at *Housing Ohio 2012*, April 16-17. This year's conference will feature a world café, where participants tackle issues with intensity in 20-minute, small group settings. For complete details and to register, visit <http://www.cohhio.org>.

NAMI Ohio's Annual Conference — April 27-28

[Register now](#) to attend NAMI Ohio's Annual Conference "The Great Mental Health Debate: Acknowledging the Elephants in the Room" April 27-28 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. The conference opening on April 27 will feature keynote speaker former Congressman Patrick J. Kennedy, a tireless advocate for biomedical research and for people struggling with brain-based illnesses. Friday's portion of the conference will also feature a lively debate in which panelists representing varied perspectives will offer their suggestions on how to ensure that Ohio's mental health system is meeting the needs of those it was designed to help. Day two of the conference will include a great lineup of workshops addressing such issues as health care integration and the essentials of self-care when living with a mental illness or caring for someone who does. Saturday will feature workshops on strengthening self, families, NAMI affiliates and communities. Programming will benefit anyone with an interest in mental health awareness, stigma reduction and in making their voice heard.



Register Now! Ohio's 2012 Opiate Summit: Miles Traveled, Miles Ahead – May 7-8

The Ohio Association on County Behavioral Health Authorities in partnership with ODADAS and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission is pleased to present Ohio's 2012 Opiate Summit: Miles Traveled – Miles Ahead to be held May 7-8 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Columbus. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in one of three Pre-Summit Workshops on the afternoon of May 7 (DATA 2000, Operation Street Smart or The Opiate Epidemic and its Impact on Medical and Clinical Practices) as well as the full Summit on May 8. Gil Kerlikowske, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, will serve as the luncheon keynote speaker on May 8. Additionally, on the morning of May 8, Ohio's state and local leaders will share their efforts and plans to address Ohio's opiate epidemic. The afternoon will feature 20 breakout sessions. For complete details and registration information, visit: <http://oacbha.org/2012-opiate-summit/>.

Save the Date! Ohio Viral Hepatitis Summit — May 10

Individuals who work with persons who are infected with or affected by viral hepatitis are encouraged to attend the Ohio Viral Hepatitis Summit on May 10 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. Continuing education credits for physicians assistants, nurses, social workers and addictions professionals are available. Cost is \$60 before April 27 (\$75 after that date). [Online registration](#) is required. For more information, visit www.hepatitisfoundation.org/.

SAMHSA Support for SAAS National Conference/NIATx Summit — June 19-22

ODADAS has received notice of support for individuals from substance abuse provider organizations to attend the [2012 State Associations of Addiction Services \(SAAS\) National Conference/NIATx Summit \(SAAS/NIATx\)](#) June 19-22 in New Orleans, LA, on a first come basis from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (SAMHSA/CSAT). The support does not cover the registration fee of \$550.00 for SAMHSA/CSAT supported participants. Travel support will be provided at federally-approved limits for eligible individuals, which includes: travel (air/train fare and ground transportation) to and from the conference; lodging while attending the conference (up to 4 nights) and reimbursement for meals. To request an application for support, contact Terry Porter Patel at Terry.Patel@ada.ohio.gov. The completed form must then be sent to Jonelle Duke via email at jduke@dbconsultinggroup.com no later than 5:00 p.m. May 4, 2012. If you have any difficulty transmitting your form please contact Ms. Duke at [301-589-4020 ext. 357](tel:301-589-4020). Supported individuals will receive an email from CSAT's contractor that will include information regarding: hotel reservations, travel arrangements through the contractor's travel agency and the reimbursement process/required documentation.

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