

## Naloxone Grant Program Results in 2,300 Overdose Reversals in SFY 2016

State *efforts* to make the lifesaving overdose reversal medication naloxone more accessible to communities throughout Ohio are showing positive results. According to new data gathered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Office of Quality, Planning and Research, more than 7,800 naloxone kits/units were purchased through a grant program established in the last budget, resulting in **2,363 lives saved**.

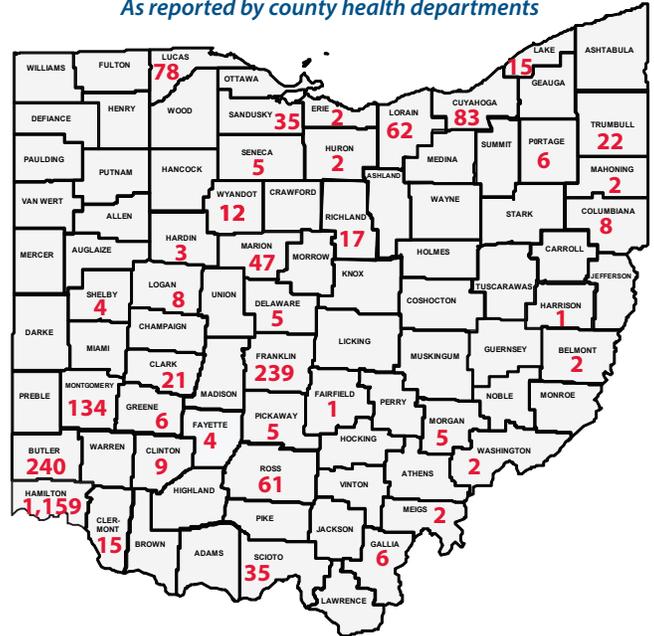
The Kasich Administration's latest biennial budget included \$1 million (\$500,000 per year) to provide naloxone to all 88 counties through grants to local health authorities. The funds, which were allocated to OhioMHAS, were used to purchase naloxone, including complete Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) kits, for distribution to county health departments to dispense to local law enforcement, emergency personnel and first responders.

Funds were *allocated* on a per capita basis, with a minimum of \$1,800 guaranteed to each county.

According to data collected by OhioMHAS research staff, 78 county public health boards signed up to participate in the initiative during SFY 2016. Of the 10 counties that did not utilize any of the funds, only three did not establish an account with the Ohio Pharmacy Service Center — Lawrence, Monroe and Perry. As of July, Lawrence County had established an account and has begun to order kits with Year Two funding.

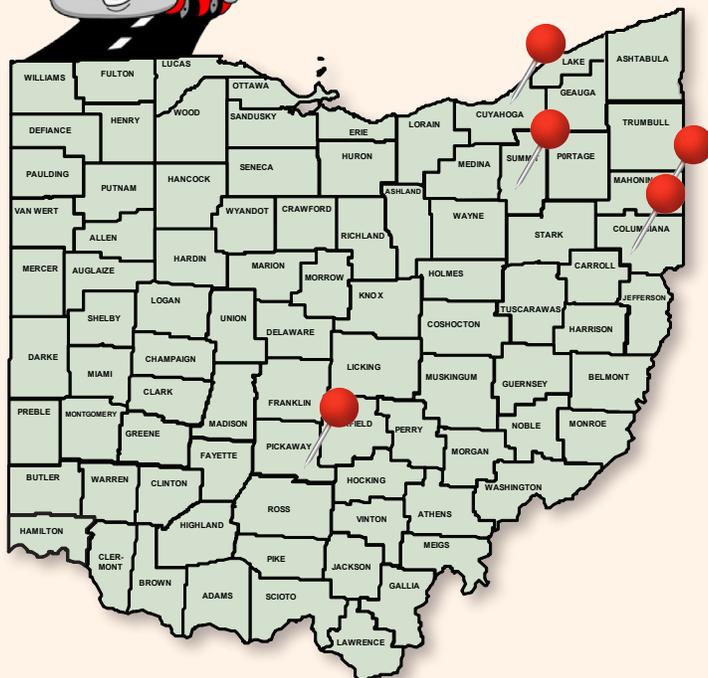
### SFY 2016 Overdose Reversals

As reported by county health departments





## On the Road with Director Plouck



A brief recap of Dir. Plouck's public activities this month:

- 7.7 Visited the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Correctional Reception Center in Orient.
- 7.11 Visited Neil Kennedy Recovery Center in Youngstown to discuss recovery housing, behavioral health redesign and the local continuum of care.
- 7.20 Moderated a policy panel on the opiate crisis, featuring Sen. Rob Portman, Attorney General of Ohio Mike DeWine and medical leaders on opioid abuse. The presentation was sponsored by the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee and JobsOhio.
- 7.22 Attended the Summit County kickoff for the national mental health "Change Direction" campaign.
- 7.28 Spoke at a panel in East Liverpool about workforce development organized by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

### SAVE THE DATE! 2016 Ohio Rally for Recovery

Friday, Sept. 23 | 1-3 p.m. | Ohio Statehouse

For more information, call 614.486.2430

### Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital Names New Chief Clinical Officer

Dr. Robert Karp has been appointed Chief Clinical Officer at the Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital in Toledo. Dr. Karp joined the NOPH clinical team in 2007. He previously served as medical director for the Maumee Valley Guidance Center.

Dr. Karp completed his residency in Psychiatry at Northwestern University Hospital in Chicago and is a Life Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and member of the Royal College of Psychiatry.

Dr. Karp retired from the Air Force where he was trained as a Flight Surgeon and served as the Medical Commander of an F-16 fighter wing, and later, as State Air Surgeon for Indiana. During his military career, he attended Air War College, the nation's highest school for military leaders and was a consultant to the Surgeon General of the Air National Guard.



Dr. Karp

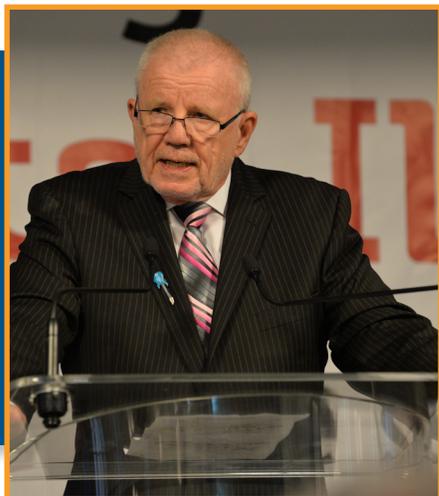
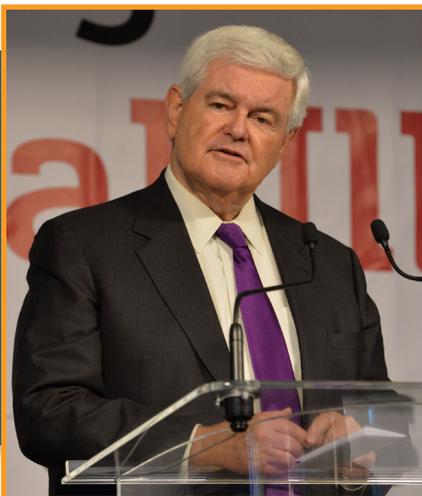
### Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare Names New Chief Clinical Officer

Dr. Ann Morrison has been appointed Chief Clinical Officer of Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare (TVBH). As CCO, Dr. Morrison will be responsible for leading and recruiting a diverse medical staff and oversee collaborative efforts between the hospital and community partners. She joined the TVBH clinical team as a staff psychiatrist in 2013, and was named Assistant Chief Clinical Officer in November 2015. Prior to coming to the hospital, Dr. Morrison served as an Associate Professor and Director of Community Psychiatry at Wright State University.

Dr. Morrison is Board Certified in General and Forensic Psychiatry and is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. She completed her undergraduate work at Macalester College and continued her education in medicine and psychiatry at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. She has been recognized by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, Dayton Police Department and the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association.



Dr. Morrison



Pictured L-R: Former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio Executive Director Terry Russell and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County Chief Executive Officer William Denihan participate in a mental health advocacy event on July 19 as part of the Republican National Convention in Cleveland.

### Awareness and Advocacy Event Seeks to Bring Mental Illness Out of the Shadows

As the world turned its eyes to Cleveland for the Republican National Convention, the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio seized the spotlight to host a "Bringing Mental Illness Out of the Shadows" advocacy event.

The July 19 gathering featured remarks from a star-studded cast of experts and policy makers, including former U.S. Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Attorney General of Ohio Mike DeWine, Congressman Bill Johnson, State Sen. Robert Hackett, State Sen. Frank LaRose and State Rep. Scott Ryan, NAMI Ohio Executive Director Terry Russell, Fred Frese, Ph.D., and Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board Chief Executive Officer William Denihan, among others. The event also included speeches from individuals living with mental illness and family members impacted by mental illness.



#### Bringing Mental Illness Out of the shadows

Sponsored by The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio

"The words of the speakers were exceptionally powerful, and stand as a testimony to the urgency of the need to reform America's mental health system and Bring Mental Illness Out of the Shadows," said NAMI Ohio Policy Director Dustin McKee. "We are proud to be the voice of individuals

and families who are living with mental illness, and will continue to advocate for policies that enhance their lives. We look forward to maintaining this effort for reform in Congress and the Ohio General Assembly."

The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, The Woodruff Foundation, NAMI of Greater Cleveland, ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County, Community Hospital Systems, Murtis Taylor Community Mental Health Center, The Magnolia Clubhouse and others provided support for the event. Click [HERE](#) to view video remarks from the NAMI Ohio Facebook page.



### Opiate Epidemic in Focus at Cleveland Policy Summit

OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck moderated a July 20 *Public and Private Solutions to America's Opioid Crisis* policy panel sponsored by the Cleveland 2016 Host Committee and JobsOhio. The panel featured remarks from Attorney General of Ohio Mike DeWine (far left), Erin Hoeflinger, president, Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Ohio, Dr. Richard Rosenquist, chairman, Cleveland Clinic, Department of Pain Management (right) and Sen. Rob Portman (not pictured). [Watch video.](#)



*Stephene Evans from A Renewed Mind in Lucas County addresses colleagues gathered for the FY 2017 Whole Child Matters Grantee kickoff meeting on July 21.*

## Early Childhood Mental Health Program Leads Gather for FY 17 Whole Child Matters Launch

More than 20 Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) program leads gathered in Columbus on July 21 for the FY17 Whole Child Matters (WCM) Grantee kickoff meeting. Meeting participants discussed program implementation, regional and statewide training opportunities, coordination efforts related to centralized intake to prevent preschool expulsion, and ECMH data and reporting. State and community-based partners participated in the discussions to improve access, communications and child outcomes related to the program objectives. For more information about [ECMH initiatives](#) and the Whole Child Matters program, please contact [Valerie.Alloy@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Valerie.Alloy@mha.ohio.gov).

## Whole Child Matters Success Story... Blake, 5, Butler County

Blake is a 5-year-old who has significantly benefited from ECMH consultation services. Blake was in 10<sup>th</sup> percentile for self-regulation on DECA-P2 on pretest at the time he was referred to early childhood mental health consultation services provided by Catholic Charities SWO. He was also in the "Concern" area for Initiative, Attachment and Behavioral Concerns and had frequent and intense emotional outbursts at preschool. Mom reported "everything is a meltdown." Blake was assessed to be at risk due to sensory issues, emotional stress and lack of social skills. The consultant referred him to Mental Health Therapy and Occupational Therapy as part of his consultation action plan. Blake also participated in the Incredible Years Classroom training program along with his peers to learn social skills including strategies to calm down. After working with Blake over the past school year a significant improvement in classroom behavior has been noted. His post DECA-P2 scores demonstrated just how significant these improvements were. Blake scored in the "Typical" Range in all areas on post-test in comparison to scoring "Area of Concern" in all areas at the time of pre-test! He improved from 10<sup>th</sup> percentile to the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile for self-regulation as reported by teacher and parent. As a direct result of engaging this child in early childhood mental health consultation services we are confident that Blake has been socially and emotionally equipped to successfully transition to Kindergarten.



## Tapestry Women's Therapeutic Community Celebrates 25 Years of Changing Lives

Recovery. Family. Sisterhood. Accountability. Teamwork. Hope. Life-Changing. Life-Saving.

These are just a few descriptive words used on July 15 as hundreds of guests gathered at the Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) in Marysville to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Tapestry Therapeutic Community (TC). Representatives from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC), OhioMHAS, CompDrug, and many friends, volunteers and program alumnae joined the celebration.

ODRC Director Gary Mohr and ORW Warden Ronette Burkes spoke passionately about the impact of the program. Alumnae Sheila Luther and Florence Daniels, credited the program with saving their lives. The festivities concluded with a video honoring Tapestry and a song by the Tapestry Inside Out Choir.

[Tapestry](#) is a program of CompDrug, Inc.



*Past and present Tapestry staff pose with CompDrug CEO Dustin Mets (right) at the 25th anniversary celebration.*



*Eric Walton (pictured at microphone) discusses the five warning signs of emotional distress at the Change Direction Summit County kick-off on July 22 at Lock 3 Park in Akron.*

## Summit County Joins Campaign to Change Direction, Reminds Community Members that Emotional Well-Being is Equally as Important as Physical Well-Being

Officials in Summit County are looking to change the culture around mental health, mental illness and wellness with the local launch of the national "Campaign to Change Direction." On July 22, OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck joined Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Executive Director Jerry Craig, Dr. Barbara Van Dahlen and local elected officials for a kick-off event at Lock 3 Park in Akron.

Volunteers distributed materials that help teach members of the community how to recognize the **five warning signs of emotional suffering**: changes in personality; agitation; withdrawal, poor self-care and being overcome with hopelessness.

**Change Direction** is a national movement that consists of a coalition of concerned citizens, nonprofit leaders and leaders from the private sector who have come together to bring mental illness out of the shadows. This initiative was inspired by the discussion at the White House National Conference on Mental Health in 2013, which came on the heels of the Newtown, Conn., tragedy.

Change Direction seeks to reach more than 30 million Americans over the next five years with specific efforts focused on educating: military personnel, veterans and family members; corporate employees; government employees; first responders; students, teachers, school administrators and coaches; members of the faith-based community and health care professionals.



## Inaugural Geauga County BH Conference Draws Statewide Audience

The Geauga County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board hosted its inaugural Behavioral Health Conference. More than 70 professionals from throughout Ohio gathered to discuss the latest advances in mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment science.

Participants heard from a wide range of presenters, including experts from Drug-Free Action Alliance, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, Wright State University and the Lorain County Board of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. The training also featured a panel presentation on evidence-based prevention, featuring presenters from Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Catholic Charities, Ravenwood Health, Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers and Geauga MHRS Board Executive Director Jim Adams.

The Board closed out the conference by recognizing volunteer Deborah Kowal with the "Roger Morris Helping Hand Volunteer Award for 2016" for her work with NAMI Geauga.

"Deb's commitment to others is truly remarkable, and a testimony that there can be a happy and successful life, even with mental illness," said Adams. "If everyone could make a difference, like Deb does, then we will succeed on the greater mission of improving the lives of so many in Geauga County."



*NAMI Geauga's Deborah Kowal poses with Geauga MHRS Board Executive Director Jim Adams.*



**CAIHS CEO Honored**  
*Columbus Area Integrated Health Services, Inc. President and CEO Anthony Penn (center) received the Champion Health Care Provider for the Underserved Award from Columbus Medical Association Foundation Executive Director Weldon Milbourne (left), and Columbus Business First President and Publisher Nick Fortine (right).*

## OhioMHAS Correctional Recovery Services Sponsors Acclaimed Presenter 2016 ASI

The 2016 Addiction Studies Institute, held July 20-22 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, is the largest Midwest conference of its kind providing an array of dynamic educational sessions for those working in the addiction treatment field. Along with having many OhioMHAS staff attend, OhioMHAS's Bureau of Correctional Recovery Services was the proud sponsor of presenter Michael Johnson at this year's institute. Johnson (pictured at right) is an internationally-recognized trainer and consultant in the addiction treatment field. He presented two capacity sessions dealing with "Strategies For Engagement With Substance Using Offenders" and "Relapse Dynamics Of The Offender".



## Annual OPEC Conference Draws Hundreds

More than 450 professionals from throughout the state attended the 27th annual Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery Conference June 27-29 at Ohio University in Athens. The focus of the conference was to promote collective impact through building the capacity of Ohio's prevention, early intervention and treatment workforce for children, families and communities.

*Pictured: delfin bautista, director of Ohio University's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center, presents during a breakout session. Check out our Flickr page in the coming weeks for more photos from the conference.*

## Park Bench Dedicated to NAMI Marion-Crawford Founder

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Marion and Crawford Counties this month dedicated a park bench in remembrance of its founder, Bernie Schell. Schell was honored during a July 11 ceremony in the Marion-Crawford ADAMH Board memorial garden. *NAMI of Marion and Crawford Counties* had its beginnings in 1993 when Schell and her husband Ed arranged a meeting at the Marion Public Library for family members of individuals with a mental health condition. In addition to establishing regular support and education meetings, Schell was instrumental in starting free Family-to-Family classes in the area. Schell served as the local NAMI President and helped Ohio to become the largest Family-to-Family class provider in the country. She served on the Ohio and National NAMI boards as well. "She was a fierce advocate, a caring mother and grandmother, a wonderful writer and a person with great vision," said Jody Demo-Hodgins, executive director of the Marion-Crawford ADAMH Board. "She believed that society had an obligation to treat and support its most vulnerable citizens—persons with serious brain disorders. She worked hard at the national, state and local level to help this happen."



## News & Research Roundup

### Heavy Drinking May Fuel Men's Suicide Risk During Economic Downturns

Heavy drinking may fuel the risk of suicide among men when the economy is sinking, according to *new research*. Researchers from the University of Toronto found one in five drug-dependent adults and one in six alcohol-dependent adults had experienced childhood sexual abuse, compared with one in 19 in the general population of Canada. One in seven adults who was dependent on drugs or alcohol had been exposed to chronic parental domestic violence, compared with one in 25 in the general population, the researchers report in *Substance Use & Misuse*.

## News & Research Roundup, cont.

### Electroconvulsive Therapy Lifts Depression, Sustains Remission in Older Adults

An individualized program of follow-up treatment with electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) combined with an antidepressant was effective in preventing relapse in patients 60 years and older who had a successful initial course of treatment for severe depression, according to a [recent announcement from the National Institute of Mental Health](#). These findings add to evidence of the effectiveness and safety of ECT for depression treatment in this age group, and show, moreover, how ECT can be beneficial as a follow-up treatment to sustain recovery.

### Study: 54 Percent of Adults, 44 Percent of Children Misuse Prescription Medications

A [new study](#) finds that 54 percent of adults and 44 percent of children who were drug-tested by the clinical laboratory company Quest Diagnostics misused their prescription medications in 2015. The study defined misuse as meaning patients took too much, too little or none of their medication, according to [a story in The Washington Post](#). The study also found evidence that 45 percent of adults were using other drugs that had not been prescribed, suggesting the potential for dangerous drug combinations in a sizeable number of patients. Children and teens ages 17 and younger were most likely to misuse amphetamines, while adults 25 and older were most likely to misuse benzodiazepines and anti-anxiety medications.



### New Resource for Housing and Homeless Services Providers

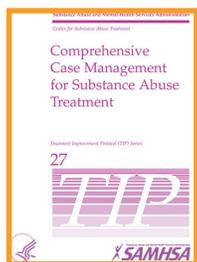
The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) has released a special edition update of its popular [Section 8 Made Simple](#) guidebook — with new tips and information to navigate the Housing Choice Voucher program. The new guide explains how to use fair housing law and federal guidance to make the HVC program accessible to people with disabilities, and adds a new focus on those who are experiencing chronic homelessness.

### Children Whose Parents Use Alcohol or Drugs Have Increased Risk of Medical Problems

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in a [new report](#), concludes that children whose parents use alcohol or other drugs are at an increased risk of medical and behavioral problems. The Academy urges pediatricians to assess children's risk, and intervene when necessary. "Alcohol misuse and substance use are exceedingly common in this country, and parents' or caregivers' substance use may affect their ability to consistently prioritize their children's basic physical and emotional needs and provide a safe, nurturing environment," said report co-author Vincent C. Smith, MD, MPH. About 20 percent of U.S. children grow up in a home in which someone misuses alcohol or has a substance use disorder, the report noted.

### Parents Can Play Important Role in Preventing Teen Drinking

Two new studies suggest parents can play an important role in preventing teens from drinking. A Claremont Graduate University study, [published in the journal Prevention Science](#), finds parents who set effective and strict alcohol-related rules, while maintaining a warm and supportive family environment, reduce the risk of binge drinking in their teens. In the [second study](#) in the same journal, children who participated in a five-month, home-based alcohol prevention program while they were in third grade were significantly less likely to drink when they were in seventh grade, compared with children who were not in the program.



### Making the Case for Case Management With Tip 27

Case management provides a community-based, flexible approach to substance use treatment, establishing a connection among multiple health and social services to meet a client's specific needs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration evaluates case management as an adjunct to substance use treatment in [Treatment Improvement Protocol \(TIP\) 27: Comprehensive Case Management for Substance Abuse Treatment](#), which includes models and information on service coordination requirements, linkages with other service agencies, and much more.

## Training Opportunities

### CWRU Center for Evidence-Based Practices Trainings

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices has released its schedule of upcoming trainings. Click the links below for more information:

Aug. 10 — [Regional Meetings for Integrated Behavioral Healthcare \(Akron\)](#)

Aug. 30 — [Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Part 1 \(Athens\)](#)

Sept. 13 — [Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Part 2 \(Athens\)](#)

Oct. 19-20 — [2016 Evidence-Based Practices Conference](#)

### Ohio Council to Host “Clinical Practice Change: CPT Coding & Documentation for BH Providers”

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers has scheduled a “Clinical Practice Change: CPT Coding and Documentation for Behavioral Health Providers” training on Aug. 25, 29 and Sept. 12. The trainings will be presented by Diane Zucker and held at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North — Worthington. [More information](#), including online registration, will be available soon. Questions? Contact Brenda Cornett at 614.228.0747 or [cornett@theohiocouncil.org](mailto:cornett@theohiocouncil.org).

### “Strike Out Addiction” with UMADAOP of Lucas county and the Toledo Mud Hens — Aug. 10

The Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program of Lucas County is partnering with the Toledo Mud Hens Minor League Baseball team to host a “Strike Out Addiction” day at Fifth Third Field Stadium in downtown Toledo on Aug. 10. Advocates are invited to help fill an entire section of the sold-out Toledo Mud Hens versus Columbus Clippers baseball game at 6:30 p.m. Attendees, which will include provider agencies, members of the Lucas County Sheriff’s Dart Team, staff members of the 211 Helpline, numerous youth service organizations, parents, clients, local advocacy groups, elected officials and recovering alumni members will receive a “Strike Out Addiction” T-shirt. Scott Sylak, executive director of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County will throw out the first pitch and briefly address the crowd during the “7th inning stretch.” For more information, contact Geoff Alan at 419.255.4444.

### 10 Core Competencies of Trauma, PTSD, Grief and Loss — Aug. 10-11

The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County will present [10 Core Competencies of Trauma, PTSD, Grief and Loss](#) Aug. 10-11 at the Ashland University Convocation Center. The training will be led by J. Eric Gentry, Ph.D., an internationally-recognized leader in the field of disaster and clinical traumatology. Cost, including lunch and materials is \$125.

### OSU Collegiate Recovery Community Open House — Aug. 11

The Ohio State University Office of Student Life, Student Wellness Center is sponsoring an open house of the Collegiate Recovery Community’s dedicated lounge on Aug. 11 from 3-6 p.m. Refreshments, tours and giveaways will be provided. The CRC Lounge is located at Lincoln Tower, Suite 1230, 1800 Cannon Drive, Columbus 43210. Parking is available in the stadium parking lot as well as the small lots around Lincoln Tower. Please RSVP to [nerad.1@osu.edu](mailto:nerad.1@osu.edu) or call 614.292.1973.

### Making Safe Home Visits — Aug. 17 & Aug. 26

The Village Network is hosting two [Making Safe Home Visits](#) trainings to help professionals learn techniques on how to de-escalate behavior; monitor their own behavior while in-home; identify drug use, sale and distribution in homes and how to recognize signs of gang and human trafficking activities. Trainings are scheduled for Aug. 17 in Wooster and Aug. 25 in Columbus. For more information, contact [BNair@TheVillageNetwork.com](mailto:BNair@TheVillageNetwork.com).

### Trauma Ethics and Effective Supervision Training — Aug. 24

The Stark County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board is sponsoring free “Ethical Considerations and Boundary Management When Working with Survivors of Trauma” and “Providing Effective Supervision for Those Who Work with Trauma” sessions on Aug. 24. Elizabeth Bach-Van Valkenburgh, LISW-S, CNM, will present both sessions. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### Not My Child: The Heroin Epidemic - Town Hall — Aug. 31

In recognition of Aug. 31 as Overdose Awareness Day, [Holly’s Song of Hope](#) is hosting the Not My Child: The Heroin Epidemic Town Hall Meeting at Bell Herron Middle School in Carrollton from 7-9 p.m. For more information, contact Tonda DaRe, founder, at [hollysongofhope@yahoo.com](mailto:hollysongofhope@yahoo.com).

## Training Opportunities, cont.

### Violence Risk Assessment Conference — Sept. 16

Join [Ohio Psychiatric Nurse Administrators](#) for its [Violence Risk Assessment Conference](#) on Sept. 16 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. This training opportunity will focus on mental disorder and substance abuse violence risks. Speakers include: Dr. Phillip Resnick, director of the division of forensic psychiatry, University Hospitals Case Medical Center and professor of psychiatry, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and Jonathan Fulkerson, deputy chief counsel, Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. Register [HERE](#).

### 2016 Pediatric Mental Health Symposium — Sept. 19

Cincinnati Children's Hospital will host the 2016 Pediatric Mental Health Symposium on Sept. 19 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio. The Symposium is a one-day comprehensive education event held to raise awareness of current mental health trends and their impact on mental health care for children and adolescents. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

### PreventionFIRST! Coalition Academy 2016 — Sept. 20

PreventionFIRST! will host its annual Coalition Academy on Sept. 20 at Great Wolf Lodge in Mason. The Academy brings together community members from Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana to learn more about substance abuse prevention. Harvard University's Dr. Bertha Madras will provide keynote remarks about the importance of using science to inform the public about marijuana's harm. Cost, which includes lunch, is \$35 for PreventionFIRST member coalitions and \$50 for general public. Click [HERE](#) to register.

### Youth to Youth International: Making the Way Easy — Sept. 20-21

Youth to Youth International will present the Making the Way Easy adult training conference Sept. 20-21 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. The training is geared for adult advisors who work with youth in their prevention efforts. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### PEERDance 2016 — Sept. 24

The PEER Center is hosting a free event to celebrate recovery on Sept. 24, at Franklin Park Amphitheater. PEERDance will feature dancing, live singing, a DJ, prizes and more! The free event is open to all ages; [registration](#) is required. For more information, please contact [ghoward@thepeercenter.org](mailto:ghoward@thepeercenter.org).

### 9th Annual RSVP Mental Health Recovery Conference — Sept. 28

Save the date! The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County, in partnership with Disability Rights Ohio, will host the 9th Annual Respect, Success, Value, Purpose (RSVP) Mental Health Recovery Conference "Recovery: Our Journey, Our Future" on Sept. 28 in Ashland. More information will be available [HERE](#). Questions? Please contact Hillary Wertman at 419.281.3139 or [hwertman@ashlandmhrb.org](mailto:hwertman@ashlandmhrb.org).

### Registration Open: 2016 UMADAOP State Conference — Sept. 28-30

The 27th Annual Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP) Conference, themed TUTAJENGA "We Will Build," will take place Sept. 28-30 at the Westin Hotel — Downtown Cleveland. The conference will feature an array of speakers and workshops that provide empirical and traditional knowledge, skills and tools for professionals who work with African- and Latino-American populations as it relates to substance abuse prevention, treatment and other related issues. Click [HERE](#) to register online. For more information, call 216.361.2040.

### Save the Date: Integration of Trauma-Informed Care and Primary Healthcare — Sept. 29

The Northwest Ohio regional Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Collaborative is sponsoring a free workshop on the integration of TIC and primary healthcare on Sept. 29 from 9 a.m.-noon. More details will be available in the coming months.

### 2016 International Community Corrections Association Annual Research Conference — Oct. 2-5

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) will host its annual research conference in Toronto Oct. 2-5. Click [HERE](#) to learn about this year's plenary presenters. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## Training Opportunities, cont.

### Save the Date: The Ohio Council 2016 Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall – October 20-21

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers will hold its Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall on Oct. 20-21 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Please visit [www.theohiocouncil.org](http://www.theohiocouncil.org) or contact Brenda Cornett, [cornett@theohiocouncil.org](mailto:cornett@theohiocouncil.org), 614.228.0747 for more information.

### 2016 Health Educators Institute — Oct. 21-22

The Ohio Society for Public Health Education ([Ohio SOPHE](http://www.ohiosophe.org)) will host its 2016 Health Educators Institute, *The Many Faces of Health Education: One Shared Goal*, Oct. 20-21 at Mohican State Park in Ashland County. Registration information will be available later this summer at <http://www.ohiosophe.org/>. Conference organizers are accepting **presentation abstracts** through July 1 at 5 p.m. Questions? **Contact** Ohio SOPHE Board member Dr. Rob Braun.

### Children of Addicted Parents (CAP) Conference — Nov. 1

PreventionFIRST! is partnering with Cincinnati Children's Hospital and Children of Addicted Parents to host "Impact of the Heroin Epidemic on Our Children, The Silent Victims," on Nov. 1 at the Sabin Auditorium at Children's Hospital. Physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, early intervention personnel, children protective services (CPS) workers, law enforcement personnel, foster parents and family members are encouraged to attend. In addition to information presented on the realities of the impact of addiction, participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and engage to be a part of the solution. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### Fourth Annual HOME Choice Conference — Nov. 1

Save the Date! The [HOME Choice Consumer Advocacy Council](#) in association with the Ohio Department of Medicaid will present the Fourth Annual HOME Choice Conference "Breaking Down Barriers to Community Living" on Nov. 1 at the Hilton Columbus Downtown. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### Save the Date! Annual Forensic Conference — Nov. 3

OhioMHAS will host its [Annual Forensic Conference](#), "Meeting Current Ethical, Clinical and Public Policy Challenges" on Nov. 3 at the Embassy Suites Columbus — Dublin. Keynote speaker Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D., ABPP, will present "Violence and Mental Illness: Myth vs. Reality." Online registration will be available after Aug. 15. For more information about registration, contact Dr. Jenny O'Donnell at [conferenceinfo@forpsycheval.org](mailto:conferenceinfo@forpsycheval.org). For general conference information, contact Dr. Bob Baker at [Robert.Baker@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Robert.Baker@mha.ohio.gov).

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