

Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare Celebration

Ribbon Cutting Caps 10 Years of Planning, Design Work

Peer Support Specialist Vivian Orsich pulls no punches when it comes to her impression of the newly expanded Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare psychiatric hospital. "If you have to be away from home, this is the place to be," she told about 200 supporters on hand for the grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony in Northfield, Ohio, on Sept. 14.

The nation's newest psychiatric hospital boasts more than 200,000 square feet of space, and reflects the natural beauty of the surrounding Cuyahoga River Valley, inside and out. The new patient units are spacious and light. Serene artwork dots the walls. Outside the building's many windows, it's common to see deer, or birds soaring above distant treetops.

"We finally have a facility that mirrors the great work our staff does each and every day," said Douglas Kern, chief executive officer at NBH. "This state-of-the-art facility will dramatically improve patient care while having a positive impact on our employees, visitors and community partners." The \$71 million construction and renovation project consolidates multiple buildings into a single, 258-bed facility. In addition to eight new patient units, the building features a new admissions area, gym, dietary area and secured courtyards. The new construction includes 154 private rooms and 52 semi-private rooms — all of which have private bathrooms and a window to the outside. The angled layout of the rooms and outward opening doors will help staff monitor patients and minimize safety and security risks. Security cameras and electronic access controls were also installed.



"It's like Christmas!" said OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck (with giant scissors) moments before hospital leadership and distinguished guests, including NAMI Ohio Executive Director Terry Russell, officially opened Ohio's newest psychiatric hospital.

"This entire facility was designed with our patients in mind," said Dave Colletti, assistant director of hospital services at OhioMHAS. Safety was paramount as was the desire to create an environment that promotes recovery and wellness, he said. In a proclamation read at the ceremony, Gov. John R. Kasich declared the facility "the most up-to date mental health hospital in the nation," as the result of the expansion.

In a nod to the hospital's historic past, the gymnasium was dedicated in honor of Dr. Guy Williams, the hospital's first superintendent. Dr. Williams served Ohio's mental health system from 1903-1958. Several family members were on hand to witness the occasion.

The ceremony also honored Susan Danko whose creative, woodland-themed artwork adorns the halls of the newly-minted facility.

"This is a banner day for Ohio's mental health system," said Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Tracy Plouck. "This beautiful building is not just bricks and mortar — it's a place where miracles happen; where Ohioans affected by the disease of

mental illness can get the help they need to reach their full potential as productive members of society."

Work will continue on the hospital campus through next summer as project plans also call for the renovation of the existing McKee building. Additional improvements will include adding two more patient units, a meditation room/chapel, courtroom space and classrooms.

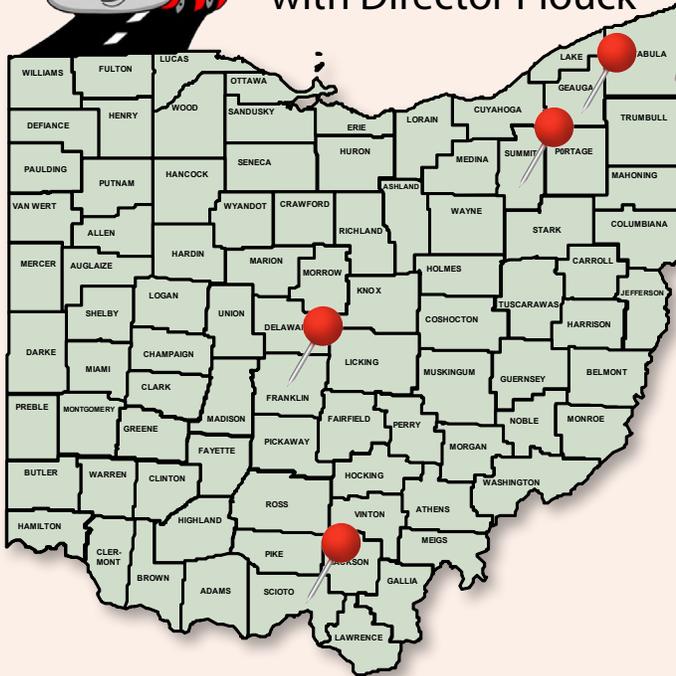
NBH serves patient from Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Portage and Summit counties.



A view of the new courtyard and building exterior. Click [HERE](#) for more photos.



On the Road with Director Plouck



Here's a brief recap of Dir. Plouck's public activities the past month:

- 8.31 Spoke at Health Policy Institute of Ohio "Beyond mental Health and Addiction Parity: Are Ohioans Getting the Services they Need?" forum.
- 9.2 Presented Governor's Resolution designating September as "Recovery Month in Ohio" at the 2015 Rally for Recovery at the Ohio Statehouse.
- 9.3 Provided opening remarks at the 12th annual Multi-Ethnic Advocates for Cultural Competency training conference and annual meeting in Columbus.
- 9.8 Provided testimony to House Healthcare Efficiencies Study Committee at Shawnee State University in Scioto County.
- 9.14 Provided remarks and participated in ribbon cutting at Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare in Summit County.
- 9.17-19 Joined other Ohio delegates for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's 50-State Convening to Prevent Opioid Overdose and Addiction in Arlington, Va.
- 9.24 Joined Sen. John Eklund and Sen. Capri Cafaro in Geauga County to present ceremonial check to Chardon City Schools Superintendent Michael Hanlon, Jr. House Bill 64 (the state biennial budget) allocated \$750,000 for comprehensive mental health services for students and members of the community affected by the 2012 Chardon school tragedy.

Lawmaker Highlights Ongoing Suicide Prevention Efforts

In recognition of September as National Suicide Prevention Month, State Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) joined other public leaders at a Sept. 9 press conference at the Ohio Statehouse to highlight state efforts to increase awareness and access to suicide prevention programs.

In addition to touting [House Bill 28](#), which expands suicide prevention programming on college campuses, Rep. Anielski announced new legislation that would create specialized vanity license plates for Ohio schools with \$30 of each plate purchase directed toward education and counseling efforts.

Rep. Anielski has been a leading advocate for suicide prevention since joining the House in 2011. Her work includes sponsoring the "Jason Flatt Act, Ohio, in honor of Joseph Anielski" ([HB 543](#)) and designating Sept. 10 as "Ohio Suicide Prevention Day" ([HB 149](#)). In addition, she voted for the most recent budget bill ([HB 64](#)), which appropriated \$2 million for suicide prevention efforts.



Rep. Anielski

Joining Rep. Anielski were Walter E. Horton, Jr., PhD., vice president for Research/Dean, College of Graduate Studies at the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED); John Carey, chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; Jim Tressel, president of Youngstown State University; and former Ohio State University football player Maurice Clarrett.

Chancellor Carey weighed in on the important role HB 28 will play in reducing campus suicides.

"I am hopeful that this legislation will provide help across our state for students who may otherwise be suffering in silence," he said. "College can be an extremely enjoyable time, but it can also be an extremely stressful time. Students who are going through a difficult time or who may be feeling suicidal thoughts should know that there are resources available to them that are easily accessible."

Full video of the press conference can be found on the [Ohio Channel website](#). Learn more about [National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#) on the National Alliance on Mental Illness website.



Volunteers from Boy Scout Troop 28 of the Buckeye District of the Simon Kenton Council pause after a day of work at the former Columbus State Hospital cemetery.

Area Boy Scouts Lend Helping Hand with Twin Valley Cemetery Reclamation Project

Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare's Cemetery Reclamation Project has been active this summer with the help of Eagle Scout candidate Sam Myers, a member of Troop 28 from Clintonville.

During the course of five work days, Sam led a team of 37 volunteers in documenting 884 grave markers at TVBH's second-oldest cemetery. The team also reset and realigned 58 grave markers and created an electronic record of the cemetery plots.

"I heard that the headstones were very old and very worn down so I thought this project would be a great way to show my respect to those who spent time in the hospital and were forgotten," said Sam.

"I also did this because there were a lot of interesting stories and history behind the people buried in the cemetery," he explained. "Many of the people only had numbers on the headstones, and I thought it would have been nice for them to have proper documentation."



Volunteers reset a grave marker at the Columbus State Hospital cemetery.

The database will include the location, inscription, condition and photograph of each marker and headstone. Gary Carter, Columbus State Hospital historian and member of the TVBH Cemetery Reclamation committee, is currently researching biographical information to be included in the electronic document.

"Our mission is to restore the dignity and respect to those patients who were not only pioneers in the treatment of mental disorders, but those those who live through perpetual stigmatization," said Maureen Fahy, volunteer coordinator at TVBH.

TVBH has three cemeteries in its care, with two located on current hospital grounds and a third located on Harper Road and McKinley Avenue.

In celebration of Mental Health Month 2009, OhioMHAS provided local National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) groups in Athens, Franklin, Hamilton and Lucas Counties with \$5,000 each to repair and restore cemeteries. Since then, work has continued at each of the sites with support from local NAMI groups, current and former hospital staff, community and supporters. Learn more about Ohio's cemetery reclamation efforts [HERE](#).



Myers

Ohioans Gear Up for National Rally

Oct. 4 promises to be an historic day for the 85 million Americans affected by substance abuse and addiction. More than 600 organizations from around the world will gather in a show of solidarity as part of the UNITE to Face Addiction Rally on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

In addition to inspirational speakers from all walks of life who have been affected by addiction, the program highlights will include live music, elected officials and a call to action to address this public health crisis.

"The Day the Silence Ends" will feature remarks from U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli, Dr. Mehmet Oz, Darryl Strawberry, Patrick Kennedy, Christopher Kennedy Lawford and many recovery advocates.

The event will also feature musical performances by Joe Walsh, Steven Tyler with his Nashville-based band, Loving Mary, Sheryl Crow, Jason Isbell, The Fray and John Rzeznik of the Goo Goo Dolls.

The Rally will be followed by an Advocacy Day on Oct. 5.

Ohio should be well represented with buses scheduled to leave from Akron, Alliance, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Sandusky and Toledo.

Want to get involved? Learn more at www.FacingAddiction.org or email Lori Criss at Criss@TheOhioCouncil.org.



Ohioan Puts Trauma Informed Care Training, Expertise into Action on Global Stage

When Stuart Rayner attended Ohio's Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) train-the-trainer program this spring, he knew he'd be putting the lessons learned to good use far beyond Hamilton County.

That's exactly what happened when Rayner, a senior assessment clinician and utilization review specialist at [Mental Health Access Point](#) in Cincinnati, traveled to Kampala, Uganda this July as part of a personal, faith-based mission to help impoverished, at-risk children.

Rayner spent nine days in Uganda, working with other volunteers to provide counseling and other support at a school and a center for boys who live on the streets.

"Many of these children have been exploited, abused, sex-trafficked, discarded, sold into slavery, or forced into being child soldiers. Needless to say, most of them have experienced trauma and many of them have PTSD," said Rayner.

Through [Heart Cry International](#), a faith-based organization, Rayner volunteered to provide trauma-informed

care training for staff and partner organizations, and helped to develop manuals for staff and youth in facilitating healing without formally trained therapists.

The street center was staffed by six young men in their 20s, most of whom once lived on the streets themselves and most of whom had their own trauma issues to work through.

"I spent time training them in TIC and made suggestions of how to better manage the 60-100 youth who typically show up for the program three nights a week," Rayner said.

He plans to return to Uganda next year to provide further training and facilitation for staff healing.

"The trip was so good," he said. "We loved on these kids, provided them meals, oral hygiene kits, first-aid and, in some cases, intensive medical care."

OhioMHAS TIC lead Kim Kehl was thrilled to hear about the global impact of the train-the-trainer program. "This is an amazing example of how one's passion for trauma work isn't just limited to how it can be used in his or her work life," he said.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Ohio's Trauma-Informed Care efforts.



Ohioan Stuart Rayner traveled to Uganda this summer where he provided counseling and shared his knowledge of trauma-informed care principles with local volunteers.



2015 Rally for Recovery

Hundreds of Ohioans in recovery, family members and advocates helped to kick off September as [Recovery Month](#) on Sept. 3 at the Rally for Recovery at the Ohio Statehouse.

This year's event included live music, recovery speakers, information tables, presentation of advocacy awards and the annual recovery countdown (pictured at left).

OhioMHAS extends its gratitude to our partners at Ohio Citizens Advocates for Addiction Recovery, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center—Talbot Hall, Joyner & Associates and Jendco Safety Supply for their continued advocacy and support of the rally.

[View](#) more rally photos on the OhioMHAS Flickr page.

Say Something Call-to-Action Week Oct. 19-23 Educates Kids on Signals, Threats

During the week of Oct. 19–23, 2015, thousands of schools and youth organizations across the United States will be participating in Say Something Call-to-Action Week. Say Something teaches students in grades 6–12 how to look for warning signs, signals and threats, especially on social media,

from an individual who may be threatening to hurt him/herself or others, and to “say something” to a trusted adult to get help. The Ohio Family and Children First Council is supporting the effort.



[Learn more about Say Something Call-to-Action Week](#)
[Register your school or youth organization to participate](#)
[Learn about the Sandy Hook Promise](#)

Also, visit the [OhioMHAS School-Age Youth web page](#) for resources, including Ohio Project AWARE news on [Suicide Prevention](#) and [Family-School Collaboration](#).

Provider, Hospital Partnering to Improve Services

Jefferson Behavioral Health System (JBHS) and Trinity Health System announced a new partnership this month aimed at improving mental health and substance abuse services for Steubenville-area residents.

As part of the effort, JBHS will move its operations to Trinity Medical Center East campus. Officials said this will result in a more modern and efficient facility for staff and the 3,600 clients served.

“We are excited about this partnership because the joining together of two quality services will provide a much-improved service line and improve outcomes for people in need,” said JBHS CEO Anthony Sheposh. “This partnership will result in an increase of services offered and establish us as the premier behavioral health services provider in the upper Ohio Valley.”

“Behavioral medicine is a big part of the holistic care we provide at Trinity,” said Don Ogden, director of behavioral medicine at Trinity. “Through this partnership, we will be able to assist our local community with medical and behavioral health treatment. The advantages to the community will be tremendous.”

Moritz to Host 2nd Annual Pumpkin Roll 5K

The adjunctive therapy team at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare—Timothy B. Moritz Forensic Unit will host its 2nd annual “Pumpkin Roll 5K” on Oct. 21 to promote fitness, health and wellness for patients and staff.



patients and staff members will participate in a 1K, 3K, or 5K walk/run in the Moritz courtyard to celebrate their hard work. TVBH staff will also host a wellness fair with information on a variety of wellness topics. If you are interested in hosting a table or participating in the walk/run, please contact Kathleen Kulka at Kathleen.kulka@mha.ohio.gov or 614.752.0333 ext. 5643.

Throughout the year, patients are encouraged to take charge of their health and wellness by setting fitness goals and participating in a walking program. During group time, patients calculate their steps and mileage using pedometers. To date, the group has completed a combined total of more than 2.2 million steps.

New OSAM-o-Grams

The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network released two new OSAM-o-Gram drug trend alerts this month, focusing on synthetic drugs and fentanyl-laced heroin:

- [Changes in “Bath Salts” and Synthetic Marijuana Availability and Use Over Time](#)
- [Much of Heroin Supply Adulterated with Fentanyl](#)

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Volunteers of America to Open Senior Behavioral Health Hospital in Tiffin

Volunteers of America, in association with Mercy Tiffin Hospital, will open a 24-bed, free-standing senior behavioral health hospital in November.

When completed, Sojourn at Seneca will be a fully licensed and accredited acute care hospital that operates under Medicare, Joint Commission and State of Ohio guidelines.

Located on the campus of Mercy Tiffin Hospital, Sojourn at Seneca will provide a unique level of care for Ohio seniors in a comfortable, modern setting. Patient safety and privacy were of utmost concern when building the hospital. Private rooms and bathrooms are constructed to minimize security risks. All spaces and programs are specially designed for older persons suffering from extreme anxiety, depression, mood changes, anger or hostility, or an inability to deal with the everyday challenges of life.

A team of specially trained professionals will provide treatment in a safe, confidential environment under the guidance of a licensed psychiatrist.



Volunteers
of America

Counties' Chance to "Step Up," Combat Mental Illness in Jails

Counties across Ohio have an opportunity to join a national initiative to help reduce the high numbers of people with serious mental illness who are held in their county jails.

Each year, an estimated 2 million people with serious mental conditions are admitted to county jail facilities across the nation. These people, once incarcerated, tend to stay longer in jail and are at a higher risk of reoffending than individuals without these disorders.

Unless this changes, large numbers of people with mental illnesses will continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, resulting in missed opportunities for connections to treatment, inefficient use of funding and a failure to improve public safety.

In response, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation launched **Stepping Up**, a national initiative that provides support to county governments that want to reduce the prevalence of

people with mental illnesses in local jails.

Stepping Up asks counties to embrace a national call to action by **passing a resolution** committing to **six action steps** that will lead to real change. More than 120 counties have already passed resolutions, including eight counties in Ohio.

As participants, Stepping Up counties receive access to an online resources toolkit to assist with their efforts, including a series of webinars, planning tools, resources, and distance-learning opportunities. Stepping Up participants will also be eligible to participate in a national summit scheduled for spring 2016 in Washington, D.C. Full details of the support available through Stepping Up can be found at StepUpTogether.org



Now's the time for your county to consider a resolution or proclamation in support of Stepping Up. To begin, review this **sample resolution** and adjust it to fit your county's needs. Once your county passes a resolution, please submit it to Nastassia Walsh at NACo at nwalsh@naco.org.

News & Research Roundup

HHS Hosts 50-State Convening on Opiate Epidemic

This month, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services hosted a **two-day intensive convening** of representatives from all 50 states and Washington, D.C., focused on preventing opioid overdose and opioid use disorder. HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell **announced** that the agency will move to expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) by revising the regulations related to the prescribing of buprenorphine to treat opioid dependence. She also announced \$1.8 million in awards to rural communities to expand access to naloxone — a drug that reverses an opioid overdose.

National Survey: Use of Synthetic Drugs On the Rise

A **national survey** suggests the use of synthetic drugs increased from 2009 to 2013. Many people who use these drugs also use other illicit drugs such as LSD, cocaine and ecstasy, according to the researchers from New York University Langone Medical Center. The survey included data from the National Survey of Drug Use and Health on drug use among young people ages 12-34. Use of synthetic drugs was most common among males, whites, people with lower incomes and city dwellers. The survey looked at self-reported use of 57 new drugs. About 1 percent of respondents said they used any of the new drugs. The findings are published in [Drug and Alcohol Dependence](#).

SAMHSA: More Americans Using Marijuana

More Americans are using marijuana, according to a **new report** from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). About 8.4 percent of Americans ages 12 and older were current users of marijuana last year, up from 7.5 percent in 2013. Meanwhile, the percentage of teens ages 12-17 who smoke, drink or use prescription narcotics nonmedically has decreased. The report stated that 1.9 percent of teens ages 12-17 were current nonmedical users of pain relievers in 2014, lower than the 3.2 percent of teens who said they had used prescription pain relievers nonmedically in 2002. Prior-month alcohol use among 12-to-17-year-olds dropped from 17.6 percent in 2002 to 11.5 percent last year. Rates of tobacco use fell from 15.2 percent in 2002 to 7 percent last year among this age group. The survey of about 67,500 Americans aged 12 and older found current heroin use increased from 0.1 percent in 2013 to 0.2 percent last year. "The data released today show some signs of progress," Michael Botticelli, director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, said in a [SAMHSA news release](#). "However, we still have significant challenges to address."

News & Research Roundup cont.

Daily Marijuana Use Among U.S. College Students at 35-Year High

The number of U.S. college students smoking marijuana every day or nearly every day is greater than it has been in 35 years, according to the University of Michigan's [latest Monitoring the Future study](#). Nearly 6 percent of college students reported using the drug daily or near-daily in 2014, up from 3.5 percent in 2007, but less than the 7.2 percent recorded in 1980, the study found. Loosened marijuana policies in states across the country have likely contributed to a rise in use by teens and young adults, who increasingly perceive the drug as harmless, the study said. In 2014, 35 percent of 19-to-22-year-old high school graduates said they thought regular marijuana use was dangerous compared to 55 percent in 2006, the study said.

E-Cigarettes Being Used to Vaporize Marijuana

E-cigarettes are being used by more people to smoke marijuana or synthetic drugs, [CNN reported](#). People use the devices to get high without police, parents or teachers knowing. E-cigarette devices, known as vape pens, are showing up in a growing number of drug busts, according to CNN. It is almost impossible to tell whether a person is using them to smoke nicotine, marijuana concentrate or synthetic drugs such as K2 or Spice. A new study that appeared in the journal [Pediatrics](#) found that almost 20 percent of high school students who said they used e-cigarettes for nicotine also used them to vaporize marijuana. The study found students were 27 times more likely to use e-cigarettes to vaporize cannabis than adult e-cigarette users. The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network warned of vaping in an [OSAM-o-Gram released last month](#).



CDC Announces \$20 Million Program to Reduce Opioid Overdoses

Ohio is one of 16 states that will share \$20 million in funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to reduce opioid overdoses. The program will focus on improving prescription drug monitoring programs and increasing education and prevention efforts in communities. States will receive between \$750,000 and \$1 million each year over the next four years. In Ohio, the funds will be channeled through the Ohio Department of Health. The CDC will work with doctors and health systems to help them make better decisions for patients, and to investigate the connection between prescription opioid abuse and rising heroin use, according to a [news release](#).

Study: Kids, Teens With ADHD May Not Outgrow the Disorder

A new study published in the journal [European Child & Adolescent Psychiatry](#) suggests that children and teens with attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) may not outgrow the condition when they become adults. The functional magnetic resonance imaging study also revealed that young adults who had ADHD when they were younger exhibited differences in brain structure and poorer memory performance compared to their peers who never had the disorder.

Leading Mental Health Organizations Join Campaign Against Kenneth Cole Billboard

Twenty-one medical and advocacy organizations have joined in [American Psychiatric Association's \(APA\) campaign](#) urging fashion designer Kenneth Cole to remove a billboard in Manhattan that creates the misleading impression that people who suffer from mental illness are violent. The organizations represent the nation's psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and patients and their families. The APA has been conducting an intensive information campaign to set the record straight about the link between mental illness and violence and to [urge Mr. Cole](#) to remove the stigmatizing message.



SAMHSA Releases Updated Suicide Safe Mobile App

SAMHSA has released an updated version of [Suicide Safe](#), the award-winning mobile app that helps providers integrate suicide prevention strategies into their practice and address suicide-risk among their patients. Updates include: a new case study, *Addressing Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors in Substance Abuse Treatment* video for clinicians, *Stories of Hope and Recovery: A Video Guide for Suicide Attempt Survivors* for patients and enhanced display features.

Promoting Emotional Health and Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for Senior Centers

SAMHSA has released a new resource for senior center staff and volunteers to connect older adults to a range of critical services and programs. The [Promoting Emotional Health and Preventing Suicide toolkit](#) offers a section on each of the three key strategies that senior centers can use to promote emotional well-being and prevent suicide among older adults.

Training Opportunities, cont.

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:

- Oct. 28 — [*Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Part 2 \(Mentor\)*](#)
- Nov. 3 — [*Job Development Applications for Housing Professionals \(Toledo\)*](#)
- Dec. 2 — [*Changing the Conversation to Housing Stability \(Independence\)*](#)
- Dec. 10 — [*Changing the Conversation to Housing Stability \(Fairfield\)*](#)
- Dec. 15 — [*Changing the Conversation to Housing Stability \(Columbus\)*](#)

Problem Gambling Trainings

Click the links below for details on these upcoming problem gambling trainings:

- Oct. 15 — [*Identification and Treatment of Gambling Disorder Training \(Columbus\)*](#)
- Nov. 5 — Northwest Ohio Problem Gambling Summit (Registration Coming Soon)
- Nov. 11-12 — [*Stage 2: Treating the Disordered Gambler \(Lima\)*](#)
- Dec. 9-10 — [*Stage 1: Foundations in Disordered Gambling \(Zanesville\)*](#)
- Feb. 18-19, 2016 — [*Stage 2: Treating the Disorganized Gambler \(Zanesville\)*](#)

HBH Trauma-Informed Care Training — Oct. 8

Heartland Behavioral Healthcare will offer [*Looking Through the Trauma-Informed Lens: Changing Perspectives*](#) from 8 a.m. - noon on Oct. 8 at First Christian Church, 6900 Market Ave., N. Canton, Ohio, 44721. This conference is designed to help attendees better understand the complexities of trauma from three different perspectives. Three continuing education credits are offered for nurses, social workers, mental health counselors, alcohol/drug counselors, psychologists and occupational therapists. Speakers include Jeane Grimes, Maureen Keating and Dr. Robin Tener. Cost is \$10. Register by sending an email to Karen.Greenawalt@mha.ohio.gov or call 330.833.3155, ext. 1250.

Ohio CASA/GAL Association Celebrate Kids! Conference — Oct. 14-16

Ohio CASA/GAL (Court-Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem) Association will host its [*21st annual Celebrate Kids! Conference: Together, We Make a Difference!*](#) Oct. 14-16 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Worthington—Columbus. Click the link for a conference brochure and registration information.

Understanding the Effects of Trauma on Children — Oct. 22

The Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services is partnering with the Children's Mentoring Connection, SAFY and Diversion Adolescent Foster Care to host [*World Turned Upside Down: Understanding the Effects of Trauma on Our Children*](#) on Oct. 22 at First Presbyterian Church in Findlay. The training targets parents, grandparents, mentors, foster parents, teachers and other adults who work with children. The session will provide 3 CEUs administered through Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc. Questions? Please call 419.424.1985.

Wood County Opiate Town Hall — Oct. 22

The Wood County Opiate Task Force will partner with the Wood County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board to host a free, "The Opiate Epidemic — There's HOPE in Wood County" town hall meeting on Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Cedar Creek Church-Chapel in Perrysburg. For more information, call 419.352.8475.

Save the Date! Ohio Council 2015 Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall — Oct. 22-23

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers will hold its Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall on Oct. 22-23 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. More information will be available later this year at www.theohiocouncil.org.



Training Opportunities, cont.

Alma, Mente y Corazón: Contemporary Issues in the Treatment of Latinos — Oct. 23

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Greater Toledo, in collaboration with the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County and Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital, will present its first conference focused on behavioral health in the Latino community. *Alma, Mente y Corazón (Spirit, Mind and Heart): Contemporary Issues in the Behavioral Health Treatment of Latinos* will be held at NOPH, one of OhioMHAS' six regional psychiatric hospitals, from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 23. Register [HERE](#). CEUs are pending. For questions, contact Anita Martinez-Folger at 419.243.1119 ext. 208.

2015 Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference — Oct. 30

The Ohio Hospital Association and OhioMHAS are partnering to host the biennial *Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference* from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 30 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. This year's theme is "Barrier Busting: A Breakthrough in Holistic Care." Noted presenters include Kendall Stewart, M.D., chief medical officer at Southern Ohio Medical Center, who will deliver the keynote; and Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, 147th justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, who will be the conference's luncheon speaker. Register [HERE](#).

International Community Corrections Association Annual Conference — Nov. 8-10

The International Community Corrections Association (ICAA) will present its *23rd Annual Research Conference: Doing What Matters series: Sustaining Impact: Effective Programs, Measurable Outcomes and Strong Organizations* Nov. 8-10 at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mass. An estimated 200-300 participants, including researchers, policymakers, criminal justice practitioners and the formerly justice-involved are expected to attend. The conference will be intergenerational with a special emphasis on the emerging research and implications for policy and practice.

2016 CADCA National Leadership Forum — Call for Presentations

Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) has announced a Call for Presentations for its 26th National Leadership Forum in 2016. Community anti-drug coalitions; community-based prevention organizations; government agencies with a focus on substance abuse, mental health, criminal justice, public health, public safety and related disciplines; coalition sector member organizations; and other organizations with an interest in substance abuse prevention and advocacy are encouraged to submit workshop proposals. Presentations will be offered during 75-minute workshop periods offered on Tuesday and Thursday of the National Leadership Forum. **Proposals must be submitted electronically by 11:59 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13.**



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Tuesday and Thursday of the National Leadership Forum. **Proposals must be submitted electronically by 11:59 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13.**

The four-day forum is practice-based and aims to bring together close to 3,000 participants representing community anti-drug coalitions from all regions of the country and internationally, government leaders, youth, prevention specialists, addiction treatment professionals, addiction recovery advocates, researchers, law enforcement professionals and faith-based leaders to create and maintain safe, healthy and drug-free communities globally.



**Have a news story or training opportunity you'd like to share with colleagues?
Please forward submissions to Eric.Wandersleben@mha.ohio.gov for consideration.**