



The "Recovery Countdown" capped off an afternoon filled with inspiring speakers, fellowship, exhibits and entertainment at the annual Rally for Recovery on Sept. 5.

Hundreds "Rally for Recovery" at Ohio Statehouse

Some came from near. Some came from far. Regardless, those who attended the Sept. 5 *Rally for Recovery* at the Ohio Statehouse, all came to celebrate the promise of recovery and hope for a better future — free from alcohol and other drugs.

Sunny skies prevailed as hundreds of Ohioans converged on the Capital grounds to kick off Recovery Month in the Buckeye State. The 2013 Rally was sponsored by Ohio Citizen Advocates for Chemical Dependency Prevention and Treatment (OCA) with support from OSU Wexner Medical Center Talbot Hall, The Woods at Parkside, Jendco Safety Supply and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Recovery coach and consultant Jim Joyner, LICDC-CD, ICCS, served as emcee

for the day's activities, which included music from Tim Owings, the Short Stop Center Youth Band, as well as the presentation of a resolution from Gov. John R. Kasich designating September as Recovery Month in Ohio.



Attendees also heard powerful and inspiring messages from Sarah Nerad, a student in recovery, and Kathy Winzig, a Cleveland-area parent. OCA presented its 2013 *Sister Ignatia Award* to long-time recovery advocate Mel Barger of Toledo. The award is presented annually to an individual who exhibits the qualities of Sister Ignatia in his/her service to help the addicted find recovery.

Click [here](#) to see more photos from the Rally. To learn more about Recovery Month and other events planned for September, visit: <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/>.

Efforts to Fight Opiate Epidemic Turns to Mothers, Newborns

Maternal Opiate Medical Support (M.O.M.S.) Project to Save Lives, Taxpayer Dollars

As part of Ohio's ongoing effort to mitigate the impact of opiate abuse, the Kasich Administration recently announced plans to address the epidemic among the smallest of individuals — babies born to mothers who are addicted to opiate painkillers and heroin.

The Maternal Opiate Medical Support (M.O.M.S.) Project will improve health outcomes and reduce costs associated with extended hospital stays by neutralizing the impact of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS). NAS is a complex disorder with a myriad of symptoms found in newborns and caused by exposure to addictive illegal or prescription drugs.

The M.O.M.S. Project will:

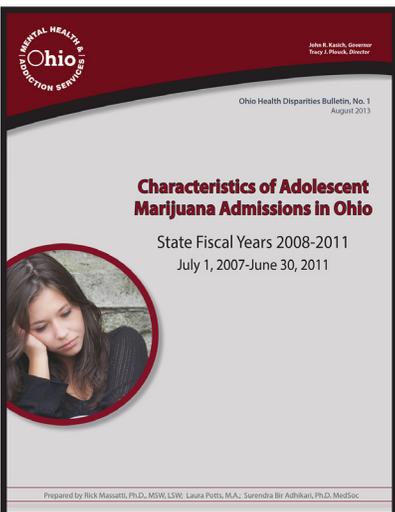
- 1) Develop an integrated maternal care practice model with timely access to appropriate mental health and addiction services that extend postpartum, including intensive home-based or residential treatment;
- 2) Identify best practices for obstetrical services relating to Medication-Assisted Treatment, before, during and after delivery and develop a toolkit to support clinical practice; and
- 3) Evaluate promising practices at 2-3 pilot sites that will integrate the model into standard practices.

The \$4.2 million project aims to serve 200 mothers and reduce hospital stays by 30 percent over three years. Project partners are preparing criteria for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be released this fall with a goal of selecting two or three sites to be operational by early 2014. Read more [here](#).



New OhioMHAS Research Publication Examines Marijuana Use Among Adolescents

The *Ohio Health Disparities Bulletin* (OHDB) is a new publication from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). Each Bulletin presents an analysis of Ohio's statewide treatment episode data to investigate behavioral health disparities among clients in the public be-

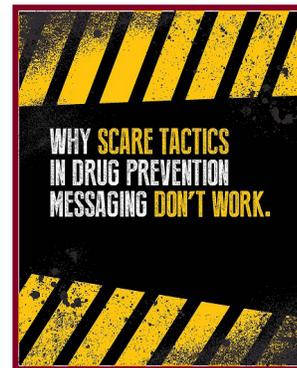


havioral health system. Analyses may range from age, gender, race/ethnicity disparities to drugs of choice, clients with mental health history and other areas of interest. Patterned after SAMHSA's Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS) reports, the Bulletin presents information unique to Ohio. The first issue of the Ohio Health Disparities Bulletin examines marijuana use among

adolescents (12-17) in the public behavioral health system from state fiscal years 2008 to 2011. Using information from the Ohio Behavioral Health Data Module, this bulletin investigates trends in topics like age of first use, level of care and treatment outcomes among adolescents. Major findings are presented along with implications for healthcare and substance use treatment. For more information, contact Surendra B. Adhikari, Ph.D., OhioMHAS Health Disparities Lead, Surendra.Adhikari@mha.ohio.gov.

New Prevention Tool Deries Scare Tactics

Drug Free Action Alliance recently released "Why Scare Tactics in Drug Prevention Messaging Don't Work" — a short, easy-to-read booklet that analyzes the reasons why fear-based approaches should not be used in drug prevention (includes cited research). Schools, coalitions, families and anyone else interested in effective, evidence-based drug prevention, will find this to be an invaluable resource. The eight-page booklet is available for purchase two ways: individual copies for \$2.50, which includes shipping, or packages of 50 for \$75, plus shipping. Click [here](#) to order.



Latest OSAM-O-GRAM Highlights Increasing Use, Availability of Methamphetamine

While methamphetamine use and availability remains highest in the Northeast region of the state, the Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (*OSAM*) Network has detected statewide increases of the illicit stimulant. This spike in popularity and availability is the focus of the latest *OSAM-O-Gram* trend report. The Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) has noted an increase in methamphetamine cases processed by regional crime labs. According to Ohio BCI, the biggest reason for the increase in methamphetamine is the development of the "one-pot" or "shake-and-bake" method of production. Users are producing methamphetamine in a single, sealed container, such as a two-liter soda bottle.

Ohioans Honored for FASD Awareness, Prevention & Advocacy Efforts

(Photos, l-r) Susan Caperna of Montgomery County received a 2013 Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) *Advocate of the Year* award for her family's advocacy efforts to help improve the lives of those affected by FASD, including her adopted son. Michele Frizzell of the Ohio Department of Health (pictured at far right with former FASD state coordinator Melinda Norman) received the FASD *Advocate of the Year* award for providing leadership in implementing Alcohol Screening and Brief Intervention in local Women, Infants and Children (WIC) projects throughout Ohio. Gov. John R. Kasich recently designated September as FASD Awareness and Prevention Month in Ohio. Read the governor's resolution [here](#). For more information about Ohio's FASD Initiative, visit www.notasingledrop.org.



Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force Releases New Tools for Providers and Advocates Serving Survivors of Trauma

The [Ohio Human Trafficking Task Force](#) has released several new tools to assist providers and advocates serving survivors of trauma: [Human Trafficking Screening Tool](#), [Is Your Work Trauma Informed?](#), [Clinician Self-Assessment Tool](#). Acknowledging the extraordinary opportunity counselors and social workers have to assist human trafficking and other trauma survivors in their healing, these tools seek to assist individuals and agencies in examining their current understanding and practices around trauma response. Included in these documents is a work plan to assist both the assessment participants and their supervisors in developing a customized training and technical assistance plan based on areas identified as needing additional skills and knowledge. For questions, contact Debbie Nixon-Hughes, OhioMHAS Deputy Director for Community Support, at 614/466-9943 or deborah.nixon-hughes@mha.ohio.gov.



Report: Ohio a National Leader in Transitioning Individuals into Home- and Community-Based Settings

A recently released [study](#) of states participating in the federal Money Follows the Person (MFP) demonstration program reports Ohio is a national leader in transitioning residents who want to move out of institutions and into home- and community-based settings. Ohio's HOME Choice program ranks first among states in transitioning individuals with mental illness from long-term care facilities into alternative settings, and second overall in the number of residents moved from institutions into home and community based settings. Ohio's HOME Choice program provides individuals greater choice in where to live and receive long-term services and supports. From its inception in 2008 through December 2012, Ohio's HOME Choice program transitioned 2,999 Medicaid beneficiaries (including 956 individuals with mental illness and/or substance abuse diagnoses) who wanted to move from long-term care facilities into home- and community-based settings, second only to Texas, and far surpassing Ohio's original goal to transition 2,200 residents. Read the Ohio Department of Medicaid [press release](#).



Maurice Clarett addressing the media.

Consumers, Family Members Call for Medicaid Expansion

Consumers and family members shared their personal stories at an Aug. 28 [press event](#) at the Ohio Statehouse as part of an ongoing effort to encourage members of Ohio's General Assembly to expand Medicaid benefits to Ohio's working poor.

A handful of speakers, including former Ohio State University running back Maurice Clarett, described how Medicaid expansion will help Ohioans living with a mental illness and/or addiction.

The press conference was coordinated by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio.

Innovation Mini-Grants Work to Further Align Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health Services with Ohio's Statewide Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Initiative

Recognizing the need for communities to continue to develop and sustain evidence informed practices in the provision of mental health services to young children, this past spring the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services awarded six Innovation Mini-Grants. The purpose of the Innovation Mini-Grant is to improve the provision of direct services by promoting knowledge, sharing professional development and training or clinical practices that enable Ohio's youngest citizens to develop into healthy young people and productive adults. The Innovation Mini-Grants will work to further align Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health Services with the statewide Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Initiative.

The awardees — Clermont, Cuyahoga, Lorain, Montgomery, Summit and Trumbull counties — are developing videos that showcase local practices that strengthen social and emotional resiliency in young children and/or model innovative multi-ethnic family engagement strategies increasing protective factors for young children birth to age six. These resources will be available on the [OhioMHAS website](#) in October. For more information on the Innovation Mini-Grants or the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Initiative, contact Valerie Alloy, Ph.D., at 614/728-0251 or email valerie.alloy@mha.ohio.gov.



“Strong Families, Safe Communities” Announcements



Columbiana, Holmes, Portage, Stark, Wayne

August was a busy month for OhioMHAS Director Tracy J. Plouck and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director John Martin as they awarded “Strong Families, Safe Communities” funding to seven community partnerships to provide care and crisis intervention services for youth ages 8-24 who are at risk of harming themselves or others due to mental illness or developmental disability. The Directors visited (clockwise from top): Columbiana/Holmes/Portage/Stark/Wayne counties; Hamilton County; Butler County and Belmont/Harrison/Monroe/Noble counties. Also awarded funding, but not pictured: Clark/Greene/Madison counties, Licking/Knox counties and Athens/Hocking/Vinton/Jackson counties. Learn more about Strong Families, Safe Communities and see media coverage [here](#). See additional photos on the [OhioMHAS Flickr page](#).



Hamilton



Belmont, Harrison, Monroe, Noble



Butler



A Youth-led Approach to Engaging Students in Eliminating Substance Use, Abuse and Violence

In August, the Youth Leadership Council (YLC) of Licking County presented a workshop entitled *A Youth-led Approach to Effectively Engaging Students in Eliminating Substance Use, Abuse and Violence* at the annual Licking County Workforce Summit and School Administrator's Kick Off sponsored by the Licking County Educational Services Center and Licking County Chamber of Commerce.

The overall goal of the workshop was for youth to inform educators, more specifically their teachers, principals and superintendents about the benefits of engaging youth-led student leaders in the various buildings within their districts. The panel discussed the value of peer-to-peer education when it came to discussing substance abuse, addiction and violent behavior and how having youth-led leaders at school reduces absenteeism, academic disruption and promotes wellness and leadership throughout the school year.

Health Foundation Changes Name

The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati has changed its name to ***Interact for Health***. Despite the change in name, the organization will continue as a strategic grantmaking organization. For more information about current health promotion targets and RFPs, contact abarnum@interactforhealth.org.

New Resources on Student Mental Health

In recognition of the challenges a new school year presents, Mental Health America recently released new resources on student mental health. The ***Back to Campus*** toolkit includes fact sheets for students and information for colleges and universities about what types of services should be in place to address the mental health needs of the student body. The ***Back to School List of Tips*** provides important steps parents can take to support their child as he or she heads back to school.

SAMHSA Health Insurance Marketplace Toolkits

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has partnered with nearly 40 national behavioral health organizations to develop interactive, online ***Getting Ready for the Health Insurance Marketplace*** training resource toolkits for ***community-based prevention, consumer, family, peer and recovery community organizations, housing support and homeless services, criminal justice, mental health and substance abuse treatment providers***. Each toolkit is composed of three sections. The first section describes the health care law, how it works, and why it is important for uninsured individuals with behavioral health conditions. The second section explains how the Health Insurance Marketplace works, how to apply for health coverage and where to get help. The third section contains numerous communication ideas and materials from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that you can use to create awareness and motivate uninsured individuals to enroll. Useful resources and materials can be downloaded directly from the toolkit.

News & Research Round Up

Researchers Find Brain Changes in Teens Who Were Maltreated

Child maltreatment can change the brain as it develops in the teenage years, according to researchers who studied the brains of 117 adolescents using magnetic resonance imaging, first at about age 12 and then around age 16. They asked the teens about childhood maltreatment and assessed them for the presence of psychiatric disorders. Researchers found differences in the growth of two areas of the brain known to respond to stress: the hippocampus and the amygdala. The study appears in the September ***Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry***. For more about how social adversity affects physical and mental health, see the *Psychiatric News* article, ***Research Could Boost Prospects of Kids Harmed by Stress***.

FDA Announces Stronger Safety Warnings for Some Opioid Painkillers

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced safety labeling changes for extended-release and long-acting opioid painkillers. The new labels will call attention to the dangers of abuse and possible death. They will also highlight the risks to babies whose mothers take the medicines, in a prominent boxed warning. The labels will appear on drugs including OxyContin, a long-acting form of oxycodone. Other opioids include fentanyl and morphine. Read the ***FDA news release*** for more information.



News & Research Round Up, cont.

Study Finds Intermittent Antipsychotic Therapy Not as Effective as Chronic Therapy

Researchers with the Cochrane Schizophrenia Group at England's University of Nottingham reported in the Cochrane Database of Systematic Review that intermittent antipsychotic therapy is less effective than long-term therapy in preventing episodic recurrences in individuals with schizophrenia. The [study](#) analyzed data from multiple randomized trials—covering 50 years—that evaluated relapse and hospitalization rates of 2,252 patients undergoing intermittent or chronic therapy for schizophrenia or schizophrenia-like psychosis. The data showed that episodic recurrence and hospital readmission rates were higher among individuals receiving intermittent therapy than those receiving continuous maintenance treatment.

CDC: Excessive Alcohol Use Costs \$223.5 Billion Annually

Excessive alcohol use costs the United States \$223.5 billion annually, according to a [new study](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Binge drinking accounts for more than 70 percent of these costs. The median state cost associated with excessive alcohol use was \$2.9 billion; about \$2 of every \$5 was paid for by the government. The authors concluded costs due to excessive drinking largely came from losses in workplace productivity, healthcare expenses and costs resulting from criminal justice expenses, motor vehicle crashes and property damage. The report found underage drinking accounted for \$24.6 billion, or 11 percent, of the total excessive drinking costs.

Free IDDT Resources

The Center for Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University is pleased to offer the following resources for integrated behavioral healthcare:

[Medical Professionals & Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment](#) is an eight-page booklet that offers a quick introduction to the principles and practices of Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT). This resource is designed for medical professionals who want to improve their clinical relationships with and outcomes for people with co-occurring substance abuse and severe mental illness (SMI). It includes tips for prescribing medications for both disorders.

[Clinical Guide for Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment \(IDDT\)](#) provides an introduction to the clinical strategies of this evidence-based practice for people with substance abuse and severe mental illness (SAM). It features an eight-page Stage-Wise Treatment Table, which is an at-a-glance overview of clinical philosophies and practices.

Training Opportunities

2013-14 Regional Problem Gambling Training Series

OhioMHAS will partner with Cleveland-based Recovery Resources to present the 2013-14 Regional Problem Gambling training series. Participants will receive CEUs for social workers, counselors and gambling counselors and RCHs for chemical dependency and prevention professionals. **Stage 1: Foundations in Disordered Gambling** trainings are scheduled for [Athens](#) (Oct. 21-22), [Dayton](#) (Oct. 24-25) and [Akron](#) (Nov. 14-15). **Stage 2: Treating the Disordered Gambler** trainings are scheduled for [Dayton](#) (Dec. 4-5), [Akron](#) (Feb. 13-14) and [Athens](#) (March 24-25). **Advanced Disordered Gambling** trainings are scheduled for [Cleveland](#) (May 5-6) and [Columbus](#) (May 8-9). Click the links for complete details.

Promoting Health-Behavior Change Among People with SPMI

The Center for Evidence Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University has added new dates to its "Breath of Fresh Air" training series (Oct. 3, Oct. 15, Nov. 14) and "Tobacco Tuesday" conference calls (Sept. 17) as part of the Ohio Health Homes initiative, which is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). The training events and teleconferences are designed for health and behavioral healthcare organizations in Ohio. Learn to support health-behavior change with stages of change, motivational interviewing and tobacco interventions. Get complete details [here](#).

Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati Sponsoring Rx Town Hall — Sept. 19

Orman Hall, director of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team will join Gen. Arthur Dean, chairman and CEO of Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and other experts for a *Prescription Drug Town Hall Meeting* Sept. 19 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Tri-Health Fitness and Health Pavilion in Cincinnati. The free public event is hosted by the Coalition for a Drug-Free Greater Cincinnati. Click [here](#) for more information or to RSVP.



Training Opportunities, cont.

RSS Legislative Review Community Forums

As part of the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Legislative Review process, OhioMHAS will be hosting *community forums* as an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback regarding current rules and operations of the RSS Program and the allowable fees for operators of Adult Care Facilities (ACF's). Due to the limited timeframe, stakeholders are invited to participate in one of three community forums: Heartland Behavioral Healthcare (Massillon - Oct. 16), Summit Behavioral Healthcare (Cincinnati - Oct. 22) and the Cuyahoga ADAMHS Board (Cleveland - Oct. 25). Participants will have the opportunity to provide either verbal or written input during this forum. The forum will not be a venue to discuss individual's specific concerns, but instead this input will be reviewed and considered as part of the overall legislative review process. In order to prepare for the community forums, please review information about *current rules* regarding ACF's and the RSS Program. Please RSVP by Friday, Sept. 30 via email to RSS@mha.ohio.gov.

Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Parts 1 & 2 (In Southeast Ohio)

"Foundations of Motivational Interviewing" introduces the philosophy and essential constructs of this evidence-based treatment. Participate in skill-building exercises to learn MI's client-centered approaches for fostering change and responding to ambivalence to change among individuals with severe mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorders. These events utilize role play and other group exercises to help you recognize, elicit, and strengthen change-talk among people you serve. MI is a core component of IDDT, ACT, Health Homes and other best practices. *Foundations, Part 1:* Sept. 25 (Athens) [Register](#) now. *Foundations, Part 2:* Oct. 15 (Athens) [Register](#) now.

"Suicide: What Every Mental Health Professional Should Know" Webinar — Sept. 17

In honor of National Suicide Prevention Month this September, The Glendon Association and PsychAlive will host the "Suicide: What Every Mental Health Professional Should Know" webinar Sept. 17 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST. Learn more [here](#).

MACC 2013 Annual Meeting and 10th Statewide Training Conference — Sept. 19-20

Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC), with support from the OhioMHAS, will host its 2013 Annual Meeting and 10th Statewide Training Conference, "Streams of Change: From Disparities to Equity," Sept. 19-20 at the Holiday Inn-Columbus in Worthington, OH. Application has been made for social work, counseling and chemical dependency professional CEU's. For more information, visit www.maccinc.net or call 614/221-7841.

Pediatric Mental Health Symposium — Sept. 23-24

The Cincinnati Children's Hospital, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, is sponsoring a Pediatric Mental Health Symposium Sept. 23-24 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, OH. The symposium is designed to enhance attendee's knowledge of complex child and adolescent psychiatric disorders, specific mental health behaviors and behavior management techniques. Physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers, clinical counselors, teachers and probation officers are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$220 for both days. For more information, visit: www.cincinnatichildrens.org/cme.

6th Annual RSVP Conference — Sept. 25

The Mental Health and Recovery Boards of Ashland and Wayne/Holmes counties will host the 6th annual Respect, Value, Purpose, Success (RSVP) Conference at Ashland University's Sept. 25 at the John C. Meyers Convocation Center in Ashland. The conference features remarks from OhioMHAS Director Tracy J. Plouck and keynote presentations from former Columbia University psychiatry professor Courtney M. Harding, Ph.D. and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill professor Sue Estroff, Ph.D. Get complete details at: <http://www.ashlandmhrb.org/rsvp>.

NAMI Stark County to Host Free "Basics" Program for Parents

NAMI Stark County is sponsoring Basics, a free six-week program for parents, teachers and individuals involved with children at risk or who have an emotional disturbance/behavioral disorder or mental illness diagnosis. Guidance will be provided on locating appropriate support and services within the community and obtaining mental health services. Advocacy for appropriate federal and state policies is also included. Weekly classes begin Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Early Childhood Resource Center in Canton. For more information or to register, call 330/455-6264.



Training Opportunities, cont.

Human Trafficking, Prostitution, & Sex Work Conference — Sept. 26-27

Second Chance Toledo will sponsor this annual conference at the University of Toledo Student Union Sept. 26-27 to further enhance the awareness, service initiatives, educational endeavors, and research related to the practice of human trafficking and the commercial sex industry. The cost is \$75 for one day and \$150 for two days (students pay the discounted rate of \$30 for one day and \$60 for two days). For more information or to register, click [here](#).

Columbus Area Integrated Health Service, Inc. - 2013 Bell Center Clinical Conference — Sept. 27

Columbus Area Integrated Health Service, Inc., will host its 2013 Bell Center Clinical Conference "Treating the Common Link" Sept. 27 at The Ohio State University Student Union. The conference will focus on addiction, mental health, violence and guns. For more information, please contact Terri Ferguson at 614/251-6561. Click [here](#) to register online.

11th Annual IDD/MI Conference — Sept. 30-Oct. 1

The National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), Northeast Ohio Medical University and OhioMHAS, in association with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Coordinating Center of Excellence in MI/DD, Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council and The Ohio State University, Nisonger Center, will host the 11th Annual IDD/MI Conference "Mental Health Aspects: Treatment & Support" Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Worthington, OH. Administrators, psychologists, direct care providers, physicians, educators, social workers, nurses, persons with disabilities, psychiatrists, students, vocational staff, residential providers and mental health providers are encouraged to attend. For complete details, visit www.thenadd.org/stateofohio.

Ohio Council 2013 Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall – Oct. 3-4

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers will hold its Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall Oct. 3-4 at the Hilton Columbus/Polaris. Plenary presenters include: Greg Moody, Director, Office of Health Transformation; Michael Lardiere, the National Council for Behavioral Health; David Gustafson, Ph.D., Director, NIATx; Bonnie K. Burman, Director, ODA; Terry Axelrod, Founder & CEO, Benevon; Bernadette Mazurek Melnyk, Ph.D., Chief Wellness Officer, The Ohio State University; and Tracy Plouck, Director, OhioMHAS. Visit www.theohiocouncil.org or call 614/228-0747 for more information.

411 on 420 Training Camp — Oct. 10-11

Drug Free Action Alliance is sponsoring a two-day "411 on 420 Training Camp" Oct. 10-11 at the Dublin Crowne Plaza Hotel. This training will arm participants with information needed to counter marijuana as medicine and other legalization messages. Click [here](#) for complete details.

Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Correction's 27th Annual Conference — Oct. 10-11

The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Correction's 27th Annual Conference will be held Oct. 10-11 at the Crowne Plaza North Hotel in Columbus. This year's theme is "Reducing Recidivism and Promoting Recovery." Conference workshops will center on changing offender behavior and behavioral health, including a juvenile and adult track. Adult workshops include: role play with offenders, risk/dosage relationship, behavioral management systems for residential and nonresidential setting, EPICS, gambling, trauma, integrated dual diagnosis treatment, discharge planning and reentry issues. Juvenile workshops include: DSMV implications for juvenile justice professionals, reentry, trauma screening and current developments in juvenile justice. Learn more [here](#).

2013 Ohio Healthy Masculinity Summit — Oct. 17

The [Ohio Men's Action Network](#) is sponsoring the "Ohio Healthy Masculinity Summit" Oct. 17 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. The Summit aims to create a safe environment in which healthy relationships can be built and cultural, social, emotional, and academic learning can take place. Cost of attendance is \$75 (\$50 for students). Click [here](#) for details and registration.

SBH to Host 7th Annual Recovery and Wellness Fair — Oct. 24

Summit Behavioral Healthcare (SBH) will host its 7th Annual Recovery and Wellness Fair "Partners in Recovery: Empowering People to Build Better Lives" Oct. 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for complete details or to register.



Training Opportunities, cont.

Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference - Oct. 25

Private and public psychiatric inpatient providers, community providers and community boards are invited to attend the 2013 Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference, which will be held Oct. 25. The conference, which is sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Hospital Association, will be held at the Embassy Suites Columbus – Dublin. More information and registration details will be announced as they become available. To view the save the date flier, click [here](#).

Crossroads Fall Conference — Oct. 25

Crossroads, with support from the Lake County ADAMHS Board, will host its fall conference, “Effective Science-Based Strategies to Strengthen Youth, Families and Communities” Oct. 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the St. Noel Banquet center in Willoughby Hills. Keynote Speaker, Horacio Sanchez, president and CEO of RESILIENCY, Inc., is recognized by the Maladaptive Council as a leading authority in emotional disorders and resiliency. His approaches, based on sound scientific research, are the foundations of his award winning mental health, addiction and educational programs. Click [here](#) for complete details and to register.

Recovery Resources’ 2013 Bronze Key Gala — Nov. 14

Recovery Resources will host the 2013 Bronze Key Gala Nov. 14 from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Rockside in Independence. The purpose of the Bronze Key Gala is three-fold: to raise funds that enable our county’s most vulnerable citizens to access treatment, regardless of their ability to pay; to raise awareness of Recovery Resources and its breadth of services to the community; and to present the Bronze Key Award to an outstanding community partner. This year’s honoree is WKYC Channel 3 News in Cleveland. The Bronze Key Award is a national recognition granted by the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence (NCADD). In Northeast Ohio, the award is presented annually by Recovery Resources, the local affiliate of NCADD. The award is given to an individual or organization that has made an outstanding contribution to the field of substance abuse treatment and prevention, and it is the highest honor given by NCADD. Recovery Resources began honoring community members with this award in 1990. Click [here](#) for more information.

Trauma-Informed Care Training — Nov. 22

The Ohio Network of Children’s Advocacy Center will host an all-day Trauma-Informed Care training Nov. 22 at PACCAR Medical Education center in Chillicothe. This training is intended for (but not limited to) law enforcement, child advocacy, medical and mental health, victim advocacy, prosecution and CAC staff professionals. Get complete details [here](#).

Save the Date! 2013 Mental Health & Addictions Conference — Dec. 16-17

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with OhioMHAS, will host the 2013 Mental health & Addictions Conference “Coming Together for a Healthy Ohio” Dec. 16-17. Watch <http://oacbha.org/> for more details in the coming months.

OPEC Merging with Annual Early Childhood Mental Health Conference

The OhioMHAS Office of Prevention & Wellness is excited to announce that the 25th annual Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC) is merging with the Ohio Early Childhood Mental Health Conference. This conference will integrate the work of the Bureaus within the Office of Prevention & Wellness. The Bureau of Prevention and the Bureau of Children and Families are working together to build the capacity of Ohio’s prevention and early intervention workforce to transform wellness for Ohio’s children, families and communities. The merged conference is *tentatively* scheduled for June 2-5, 2014, on the campus of the Ohio Wesleyan University. The 3rd Annual Youth-Led PSA Contest will again be a part of the event as well as recognizing this year’s Prevention Champion. A “Save the Date” will be coming soon, along with the PSA entry form.



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