



News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

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More than 650 individuals from throughout the state are in Columbus today and tomorrow to participate in the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio's 2015 conference: "A Matter of Life, Strife or Death.. Day one of the conference focused on the historical and contemporary institutionalization of persons with mental illness in our jails and prisons, paying special tribute to Dorothea Dix, a pioneering voice for the mentally ill. Day Two will feature workshops on NAMI affiliate support and development, legislative initiatives, youth supports and recovery,

resiliency and wellness. OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck joined Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Gary Mohr this afternoon for a discussion on the interface between the criminal justice and mental health systems. Check the OhioMHAS Flickr page next week for more photos from the conference.

>>> State of Ohio to Host “Rx Take Back By Example” Event on May 1

In conjunction with the first annual Prescription Drug Abuse Awareness and Education Day in Ohio, the Governor’s Cabinet Opiate Action Team ([GCOAT](#)) is partnering with the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio National Guard, the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy and the Ohio Department of Administration Services to offer an “Rx Take Back By Example” event on Friday, May 1. State employees and members of the public are invited to discard old, expired and unused prescription and over-the-counter medications and vitamins* at one of two Columbus locations: Rhodes Tower Lobby, 30 E. Broad St and the lobby of the Ohio Department of Public Safety, 1970 W. Broad St. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the Patrol and Guard will oversee the collection process and [proper disposal](#) of medications. The State Board of Pharmacy will provide locked collection bins.

***Pills only. Liquids, gels, aerosols and needles not accepted.**

In the News

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(4/23/15) *Columbus Dispatch (Editorial)* [Breaking the Cycle](#)

(4/23/15) *Canton Repository* [Former Detroit Lions quarterback, daughter discuss suicide prevention](#)

(4/22/15) *Lake County News-Herald* [Heroin overdose deaths slowing down in Cuyahoga, Lake](#)

(4/22/15) *Cincinnati Enquirer* [April is Alcohol Awareness Month](#)

(4/21/15) *Portsmouth Daily Times* [Babies exposed to substance abuse](#)

(4/21/15) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Heroin overdose deaths plateau in Cuyahoga County; fentanyl deaths on the rise](#)

(4/20/15) *WCPO-TV 9* [Flakka not widespread locally, but parents urged to talk with kids](#)

(4/20/15) *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Working together](#)

(4/19/15) *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio’s prisons holds 10 times as many mentally ill as its psychiatric hospitals do](#)

(4/18/15) *Dayton Daily News* [Warren County ESC leads mental health initiative](#)

(4/17/15) *Perry County Tribune* [Overdose Prevention Task Force Issues Recommendations](#)

(4/16/15) WBGU-TV [Special Series Addiction: Heroin and Pills – Part 3 – The Economic Tsunami](#)

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