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>>> **Deadline Extended: Ohio Zero Suicide Academy – May 10-11**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has extended the application deadline for the Ohio Zero Suicide Academy™ scheduled for May 10-11 at Summit Behavioral Healthcare (SBH) in Cincinnati. Clinical care providers in behavioral health and primary care settings, as well as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), are invited to apply to participate with priority given to organizations that serve clients in the SBH region. Click [HERE](#) for application information. **Applications must be submitted by Monday, May 2 at 2pm.** Please submit applications to Suicide Prevention Resource Center Program Coordinator Clayton Kratz, Program ckratz@edc.org. Questions? Please contact Valerie Leach at Valerie.Connolly-Leach@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> **Record Gathering Expected for Thursday's "We Are the Majority" Youth Rally and Resiliency Ring**

More than 1,800 teens from communities throughout Ohio are expected to converge at Genoa Park in Columbus this Thursday for the fifth annual ["We are the Majority" Concert, Resiliency Ring and Rally](#). Students will hear from a variety of speakers, including [Devin "Trek" Thomas](#), who will focus on the importance of living a positive, healthy lifestyle, and see a live performance from the Columbus-based alternative rock band [Truslow](#). At noon, teens will march to the Ohio Statehouse where they will participate in the annual Resiliency Ring and hear from First Lady of Ohio Karen W. Kasich, State Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay), OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck and Major General Mark E. Bartmann, Ohio's Adjutant General. Follow the activities on Instagram @bethemajority or on Twitter and Facebook using the hashtags: #WATM16, #BeTheMajority, #BeAware, #BeResilient. Thursday's activities are sponsored by Drug-Free Action Alliance, the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network, YouthMOVE Ohio, NAMI Ohio, OhioMHAS and the Cardinal Health Foundation.

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