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>>> Peer Recovery Supporter Certification Update

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Bureau of Recovery Supports is pleased to announce the completion of the [E-Based Academy Courses](#) necessary to apply for the OhioMHAS Peer Recovery Supporter Certification. Courses needed include: *Introduction to Peer Recovery Support*, *History of Addiction for Peer Recovery Supporters*, *Ethics and Boundaries for Peer Recovery Supporters*, *History of the CSX Movement for Peer Recovery Supporters*, *Helpful Tips for Peer Recovery Supporters Entering the Workforce*, *Health and Wellness in Peer Recovery Support*, *Cultural Competence in Mental Health and Addiction Recovery*, *Human Trafficking Training for Peer Recovery Supporters*, *Supervision for Peer Recovery Supporters*, *Trauma Informed Care in Peer Recovery Support*, and *Ohio S-BIRT: An Introduction to S-BIRT and Motivational Interviewing*. Individuals who have completed the Integrated Peer Supporter training have already completed 12 hours of E-Based Academy Courses and **ONLY** need to complete the *Ethics and Boundaries and Supervision for Peer Recovery Supporters*. E-Based Academy courses are free of charge.

As a reminder, individuals with a direct lived experience of a mental health or substance use disorder who are interested in taking the **Peer Recovery Supporter Certification Exam** may now do so online. The online version is the same as the in-person version with the same parameters. Test takers will have a maximum of three (3) hours to complete the exam and will need a passing score of 70 percent. If you are interested in taking the exam online, please e-mail mindy.vance@mha.ohio.gov with your first and last name and state your interest in taking the exam. An account will be created for you and a link to the test with your individual password will be e-mailed directly to you. If you would like to request a reasonable accommodation, please e-mail ohiopeersupport@mha.ohio.gov and we will work with you to make alternative arrangements.

>>> RFP: SFY 2017 Ohio SBIRT Implementation Grant

The Ohio SBIRT Project is seeking partners (e.g. FQHCs, Doctor's Offices, Family Practices and hospitals or urgent cares) to implement SBIRT services at medical sites in Ohio ([MHA-17-OPR-SPIRT-002](#)). Funds will be used to implement screening for substance use, depression and tobacco use during the course of primary medical care. Sites will use the AUDIT, DAST-10 and PHQ-9 screening tools alongside a tobacco screening tool to identify patients and conduct brief interventions using motivational interviewing. Training for staff is included in the grant funding to equip them to identify those at risk, provide evidence-based interventions and referrals when necessary. The fourth round of funding is available to new and returning sites for SFY 2017. Questions must be submitted to SBIRT@mha.ohio.gov no

later than 10 a.m, on Sept. 1. Responses will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#). Proposals must be submitted via SBIRT@mha.ohio.gov by 3 p.m. on Sept. 13.

[View the RFP MHA-17-QPR-SPIRT-002\)](#)

>>> Registration Open for 2016 Annual Forensic Conference

Online registration is now available for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services [2016 Annual Forensic Conference](#), "Meeting Current Ethical, Clinical and Public Policy Challenges," scheduled for Nov. 3 at the Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin. [Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D., ABPP](#), will deliver the keynote address, "Violence and Mental Illness: Myth vs. Reality." Cost, which includes registration, light breakfast and lunch, is \$135. Click [HERE](#) to register.

>>> NAMI Athens to Host "Going Beyond Schizoaffective Disorder to a Career and Work with Peers" – Aug. 25

The National Alliance on Mental Illness – Athens Chapter will continue its speaker series by presenting "Going Beyond Schizoaffective Disorder to a Career and Work with Peers" featuring Katie Feick on Aug. 25 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at the Athens Public Library, 30 Home St., Athens, 45701. Ms. Feick is in recovery from schizoaffective disorder and works part-time as a physical therapist at The Ohio State University. She is also a mental health advocate with NAMI - Franklin County, NAMI Ohio, Mental Health America – Franklin County, the Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board and the Columbus Police Crisis Intervention Team. Ms. Feick will discuss her struggles with mental illness, her recovery and her productive life thereafter. For a preview of her lecture, listen to her [radio interview](#) on the *Conversations from Studio B* program hosted by Tom Walker. 1.5 Continuing Education Credits are available for social workers. Nurses may submit social work certificates to the nursing board for full credit.

In the News

8.22.16 | *AAP News* [New reports address challenging child, adolescent mental health emergencies](#)

8.20.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Hope Over Heroin gathering brings hundreds for addiction help to Dodge Park](#)

8.19.16 | *WSYX-TV* [Ohio's First Lady wants teens to talk about heroin epidemic](#)

8.18.16 | *Sandusky Register* [Bellevue rally fights drug addiction](#)

8.18.16 | *Dayton Daily News* [More funds aimed at heroin problem](#)

8.18.16 | *Marion Star* [Final details planned for opiate summit](#)

8.18.16 | *WKYC-TV* [Medical Examiner: Deadly carfentanil detected in Cuyahoga County](#)

8.17.16 | *Dayton Business Journal* [CareSource awarded contract for new Ohio prisoner program](#)

8.16.16 | *WEWS-TV* [Erie County creates a special sober living community for moms and their kids](#)

8.16.16 | *WCMH-TV* [Marion Schools and police partner to launch in-school drug prevention program](#)

8.15.16 | *Mansfield News-Journal* [March against heroin not slowed by rain](#)

8.11.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State seeks to upgrade drug abuse education for students](#)

8.9.16 | *U.S. News & World Report* [How Incoming College Students Can Mind Their Mental Health](#)

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