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>>> Ohio Peer Recovery Supporter Certification Exam Available Online

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce that individuals with lived experience of a mental health or substance use disorder may now take the Ohio Peer Recovery Supporter Certification Exam 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 contact mindy.vance@mha.ohio.gov. Please be sure to include first and last name and indicate your interest in taking the exam online. An account will be created for you and a link to the test with an individual password will be emailed 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.

>>> Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery Launches Revamped Website

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) has launched a fresh, new [website](#). The new resource features information on advocacy, educational outreach, recovery support services, recovery resources, volunteer opportunities and more. You can find information about the [2016 Ohio Rally for Recovery](#) slated for 1-3 p.m. on Sept. 23 at the Ohio Statehouse, schedule an advocacy training and learn about OCAAR's new #MyRecoveryMeanstoMe social media campaign that encourages Ohioans in recovery to record a short, 15-30 second video to share on Facebook and Twitter.

>>> Statewide Screening: "Generation Found!"

On Sept. 13, Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery and partners from throughout Ohio, will host a statewide screening of *Generation Found*, a riveting new independent film from the creators of the *The Anonymous People*. *Generation Found* is a powerful story about a community coming together to ignite a youth addiction recovery revolution. The film takes an unprecedented and intimate look at how a system of treatment centers, sober high schools, alternative peer groups and collegiate recovery programs can exist in concert to intervene early and provide real, lasting results. Click [HERE](#) to reserve a seat at a screening in your area, or to request a new screening. For more information, please contact OCAAR at 614.486.2430.

>>> Strike Out Addiction With The UMADAOP of Lucas County and the Toledo Mud Hens – Aug. 10

The Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program of Lucas County is partnering with the Toledo Mud Hens Minor League Baseball team to host a "Strike Out Addiction" day at Fifth Third Field Stadium in downtown Toledo on **Aug. 10**. Advocates are invited to help fill an

entire section of the sold-out Toledo Mud Hens versus Columbus Clippers baseball game at 6:30 p.m. Attendees, which will include provider agencies, members of the Lucas County Sheriff's Dart Team, staff members of the 211 Helpline, numerous youth service organizations, parents, clients, local advocacy groups, elected officials and recovering alumni members will receive a "Strike Out Addiction" T-shirt. Scott Sylak, executive director of the Mental Health & Recovery Services Board of Lucas County will throw out the first pitch and briefly address the crowd during the "7th inning stretch." For more information, contact Geoff Alan at 419.255.4444.

In the News

- 8.4.16 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Heroin Partnership to host Recovery Coach training](#)
- 8.3.16 | *WJW-TV* [Berea police program puts emphasis on getting heroin addicts treatment](#)
- 8.3.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Franklin County coroner announces new anti-heroin efforts](#)
- 8.2.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State to pay doctors more to keep patients healthy](#)
- 8.2.16 | *Akron Beacon Journal (Editorial)* [Coping in the heroin crisis](#)
- 8.2.16 | *Columbia University School of Public Health* [High schoolers with mental health issues more likely to use alcohol, tobacco and marijuana](#)
- 8.2.16 | *Toledo Blade* [Penn National promotes addiction education](#)
- 7.26.16 | *Norwalk Reflector* [Growth in local behavioral health treatment due to voters' support of levy](#)
- 7.25.16 | *WKSU 89.7* [Ohio Officials Look Ahead At Funding New CARA Anti-Opioid Law](#)
- 7.25.16 | *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* [Ohio grant leads to 2,200+ lives saved](#)
- 7.23.16 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Mayer: Mental health matters](#)
- 7.22.16 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Summit County brings mental health awareness to Main Street](#)

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