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>>> New Trauma-Informed Care Videos
The Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and Developmental Disabilities (DODD) collaborate on a statewide Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Initiative that acknowledges the role trauma plays in the lives of the individuals served. We are pleased to announce the release of Perspectives on Trauma and Hope for Healing -- a new video series depicting personal stories of lived experience and resiliency. Working in collaboration with the six regional TIC collaboratives, these videos can provide additional assistance in expanding opportunities for practitioners, facilities and agencies to become competent in trauma-informed practices.

>>> Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education Issues
Recommendations
Ohio House Speaker Clifford Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) and Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine have released the Ohio Joint Study Committee on Drug Use Prevention Education's report of recommendations on options for implementing age-appropriate substance abuse education in schools across all grade levels. The study committee concluded that Ohio schools should provide consistent, age-appropriate, evidence-based substance abuse education for all students in Kindergarten through 12th grade. Although there is no one-size-fits-all curriculum for Ohio schools, the committee offered a number of examples of curriculum that could be used to meet this recommendation. Read the media release.

In the News
2.14.17 | National Review A ray of hope for mental health
2.13.17 | Cincinnati Enquirer How young is too young? 36,000 elementary school suspensions
2.11.17 | Cleveland Plain Dealer Ohio schools should report drug prevention efforts to state
2.11.17 | The Athens Messenger Born addicted: the race to treat the Ohio Valley’s drug-affected babies
2.10.17 | Mansfield News-Journal Panel discusses mental health in African-American community
2.9.17 | WOIO-TV New push to stop heroin with partnership funds
Peer support an option for recovery
Summit County students fight heroin with PSAs
Ohio Health Dept. implements action plan to track bad batches of heroin
Transition center could save lives
Council expands youth-led prevention initiatives
Prevention agency forges lifelong partnerships
Program graduates do not counsel, they intervene and refer to professional help
Ohio to get residential mental-health center for those released from hospitals
Mahoning-Trumbull drug initiative launched in area
Eklund Receives Award for Legislative Excellence
Survivor tells of trafficking at awareness event
Opioid epidemic demands multi-faceted approach
Kasich: State gives aid to fight drug woes, local effort is the key
ADAMHS Board pushes crisis text line
Kasich keeps Medicaid expansion in state budget proposal

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