



# News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Tracy Plouck, Director

Feb. 2, 2015

## >>> Gov. Kasich Rolls Out “Blueprint for a New Ohio” SFY 2016-17 Budget Proposal

Emphasizing that Ohio “is winning once again,” Governor John R. Kasich unveiled his executive



BLUEPRINT FOR  
**A NEW OHIO**

GOV. JOHN R. KASICH'S FISCAL YEARS 2016-2017 BUDGET

budget proposal for State Fiscal Years 2016-17 at an afternoon press conference. Dubbed a “[Blueprint for a New Ohio](#),” the Governor’s latest budget maintains fiscal restraint and builds on much of the work begun in the last four years – addressing areas that are so

critical to long-term economic success such as education, tax cuts to improve competitiveness, and opportunities for those most in need of assistance.

Governor Kasich’s budget proposals continue to transform Ohio into a national leader in health care. This latest series of reforms focuses on improving the quality and outcomes associated with Ohio’s health care programs, while staying accountable to taxpayers and finding new ways to support all Ohioans. The proposed budget continues the state’s investment for mental health and addiction services. OhioMHAS’ budget includes an increase in funding for children in need of mental health services as well as continued funding for the Residential Supplement Program. These initiatives will help lift Ohioans that are often living in the shadows of society to achieve their God-given potential.

***“The reforms in this budget will help create opportunities and jobs for all Ohioans – keeping us on the road toward solid, sustained prosperity throughout this great state. Together, we have done so much to lift up Ohioans, much remains to be done and I know we can continue to make Ohio the best place to work, live and raise our families.” – Gov. John R. Kasich***

### **SFY 2016-17 Budget Resources:**

[Blueprint for a New Ohio web site](#)

[Budget Recommendations](#)

[Budget Highlights](#)

[Tax Expenditure Report](#)

[Office of Health Transformation](#)

[Blueprint for a New Ohio policy detail](#)

[Stakeholder support](#)

[Fact sheet](#)

[OhioMHAS Budget web page](#)

**>>> REMINDER: Register to Participate in OhioMHAS Budget Briefing Webinar – Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.**

Make plans to join OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck for a special SFY 2016-17 budget briefing webinar on **Thurs., Feb. 5 at 1 p.m.** Director Plouck will discuss particulars of the biennial budget as they relate to Ohio's mental health and addiction services field. Click [HERE](#) to register. Participants will receive a confirmation email containing instructions on how to join the webinar.

[View System Requirements](#)

**>>> Watch SAMHSA's FY 2016 Federal Budget Briefing – Feb. 4**

Join SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde for a live webcast on Weds., Feb. 4 from 1-2 p.m. EST, for an overview of the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's fiscal year (FY) 2016 budget proposal. No pre-registration is required. [Watch the webcast live](#). Call-in number: 1.888.324.8136 | Passcode: 3844574. The briefing will be recorded and archived on the [SAMHSA web page](#).

**In the News**

(2/2/15) *Toledo Blade* [Gov. John Kasich unveils \\$72B two-year 'Blueprint for a New Ohio' budget proposal](#)

(2/2/15) *Youngstown Vindicator* [Massive tax cuts planned in Ohio's 2016-17 budget proposal](#)

(2/2/15) *Columbus Dispatch* [Gov. John Kasich's budget increases, broadens sales tax, cuts income tax](#)

(2/2/15) *Columbus Dispatch* [Legislature might avoid voting on keeping Medicaid expansion](#)

(2/1/15) *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Kasich to focus on infant mortality](#)

(2/1/15) *WKRC-TV 12 Newsmakers - Feb. 1, 2015 Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health FIRST (first episode schizophrenia project)*

(1/30/15) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Kasich to take State of the State on the road, this year to Wilmington](#)

(1/30/15) *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Entering new world of Prevention First](#)

**Please share widely and encourage your colleagues to subscribe to *OhioMHAS eNews* on our [website](#). Also, be sure to join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#)!**