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**>>> Reposted: FY 2017 Wellness Initiative RFP**

*NOTE: This opportunity is available to the Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare Catchment area only (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Portage and Summit Counties).*

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) believes that recovery supports including peer services, employment and housing are critical to assist individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders on their individual paths of recovery. For SFY 2017, OhioMHAS will release six (6) regional mini-grants (each totaling \$50,000) to Consumer Operated Services/Business and Clubhouses to provide regional technical assistance, training and oversight for a wellness initiative. The Wellness Initiative is in an effort to encourage increased resiliency, wellness, and self-management of health and behavioral health among people with mental illnesses and/or substance use disorders throughout Ohio for individuals who are living in the community, regional psychiatric hospitals and individuals transitioning into community living. Proposals should be submitted via email to [wellnessrfp@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:wellnessrfp@mha.ohio.gov) and must be received by **2 p.m. on March 25**. All questions should be submitted to [wellnessrfp@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:wellnessrfp@mha.ohio.gov) by 2 p.m. on March 21. All responses will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

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**START TALKING IN THE VALLEY** – On Tuesday, Sarah Smith, director of Ohio’s Start Talking! statewide youth drug prevention initiative presented to a group of approximately 100 parents, educators and community leaders at Sandy Valley High School in Carroll County. The event was sponsored by the Sandy Valley Drug Awareness Initiative, in partnership with Drug-Free Stark County and the Stark MHAR Board. *Pictured (l-r): Sarah Nelson, founder, Sandy Valley Drug Awareness Initiative (SVD AI); Sarah Smith, director Start Talking!; parent and SVD AI coalition member Violet Frascone; recovery housing coordinator Nick Bianco; Sandy Valley Local Schools Supt. David Fischer; Magnolia Police Department Sgt. Gary Six and Stark mental Health and Addiction Recovery Board Health and Wellness Manager Fran Gerbig. See [more photos](#).*

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- 2.22.17 | *Christian Science Monitor* [For kids struggling with drug abuse, can ‘sober’ schools make a difference?](#)
- 2.21.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer (Editorial)* [William Denihan’s retirement is Northeast Ohio’s loss](#)
- 2.21.17 | *Governing* [How Some Places are Easing the Often Fatal Transition from a Psych Ward](#)

- 2.21.17 | *Toledo Blade* [Promedica addresses mental health issues](#)
- 2.15.17 | *PsychCentral* [Low Birth Weight Babies at Risk for Mental Health Issues Later in Life](#)
- 2.21.17 | *WTOV-TV* [School, health officials talk preventing drug abuse in youth](#)
- 2.19.17 | *New Philadelphia Times Reporter* [Anti-drug coalition members pick up useful information at national conference](#)
- 2.18.17 | *Lisbon Morning Journal* [Addiction treatment facility proposed](#)
- 2.18.17 | *PsychCentral* [New approach reduces teen risk for drug addiction](#)
- 2.17.17 | *Lima News* [Lima's mental health crisis center gets facelift, detox wing](#)
- 2.16.17 | *Massillon Independent* [Students learn about drug prevention at Mercy](#)
- 2.16.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [William Denihan retiring from drug, mental health board after decades of public service](#)
- 2.15.17 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Local level action urged to help address Ohio's ongoing heroin epidemic](#)
- 2.14.17 | *Hamilton News-Journal* [Warren County services aims to curb teen substance abuse](#)
- 2.14.17 | *WLIO-TV* [Partnership for Violence-Free Families Ribbon Cutting Ceremony](#)
- 2.14.17 | *Dayton Daily News* [Warren County services aim to curb teen substance abuse](#)
- 2.13.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Opioid addiction means more Ohio kids in protective custody](#)

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