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John R. Kasich, Governor
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>>> Ohio Zero Suicide Academy – Feb. 21-22

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is accepting applications for the [Ohio Zero Suicide Academy™](#) Feb. 21-22 at Deer Creek State Park Lodge. Clinical care providers in behavioral health and primary care settings as well as Federally Qualified Health Centers (FOHC) are invited to apply to participate with priority given to organizations that serve clients in two of our Regional Psychiatric Hospital catchment areas: Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare (Columbus) and Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare (Athens). The Academy is a two-day training for senior leaders of health and behavioral health care organizations that seek to dramatically reduce suicides among patients in their care including patients with serious mental health disorders. Using the Zero Suicide framework, participants learn how to incorporate best and promising practices into their organizations and processes to improve care and safety for individuals at risk. Zero Suicide faculty provide both interactive presentations and small group sessions, and collaborate with participants to develop organization-specific action plans. Click the link above to learn more and apply. **The deadline to apply is Jan. 20.**

NOTE: A technical assistance session will be held Jan. 17 from 9-10 a.m. To join the session, please call 1.888.850.4525 and use the passcode 756902.

>>> SFY 2017 Forensic Conference Event Coordination RFP

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has issued a [Request for Proposals](#) seeking a vendor to coordinate planning for the 2017 Forensic Conference. This annual training event supports ongoing education and sharing of best practices for persons working with Ohio's forensic behavioral health system. The target audience for the conference includes OhioMHAS Central Office and Regional Psychiatric Hospital (RPH) staff, staff from the Designated Forensic Evaluation Centers, the Community Forensic Monitors, community providers, judges and attorneys, other state departments and others interested in forensic services. Proposals must be emailed to forensics@mha.ohio.gov **by Jan. 23 at noon**. All questions must be submitted to forensics@mha.ohio.gov **by Jan. 18 at 5 p.m.** Responses will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#).

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2017 Ohio BH Conference Underway. *Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board Executive Director Kim Fraser and Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities CEO Cheri Walter welcome an estimated 600 participants to the 2017 Ohio BH Conference "Moving Forward in Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care."*

Day Two of the conference will feature remarks from Ohio Gov. John R. Kasich, OhioMHAS Dir. Tracy Plouck, Rick Kellar, president of the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation and Nancy Lublin, Founder/CEO of the national Crisis Text Line, as well as recovery speakers and dozens of breakout sessions.

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