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Start Recording & Start Talking video contest

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>>> Ohio Students Invited to Create Videos to Support Start Talking! Drug Prevention Initiative

Drug Free Action Alliance and the Start Talking! drug prevention program, through support from Verizon, are inviting Ohio students in grades 6 thru 12, to test their creativity and produce 60-second videos offering tips on how adults and other youth can have frequent and honest conversations about substance abuse. To keep Ohio youth engaged in conversations about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse, from January 9 until March 3 students may take part in the "Start Recording & Start Talking" video contest where they can produce and submit informational videos that share tips and best practices on how youth can stay drug free. The producers of the top videos have a chance to win up to \$2,500 in college saving awards. Once the contest closes on March 3, each entry will be reviewed and representatives from Drug Free Action Alliance and Start Talking will select the top 10 videos March 17. The top three finishers will be selected on March 31 and their prizes will be awarded in mid-April. The first place video producers will receive a \$2,500 College Advantage college saving award. The second place video will awarded a \$1,500 college saving award. Third place will receive \$1,000. Contest [details, rules and information](#) about how students may submit their videos are all available on the [Start Talking website](#).

>>> Health and Opioid-Abuse Prevention Education (HOPE) Curriculum Coming Soon!

Start Talking! has partnered with the Ohio Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance ([OAHPERD](#)) to start work on the development of a new [Health and Opioid Abuse Prevention Education \(HOPE\) Curriculum](#) for Ohio students in grades K-12. The HOPE Curriculum is being developed through a collaboration of health educators, teachers and faculty from Wright State University, University of Toledo, Cleveland State University and Ohio University to address the requirements of [HB 367](#). The curriculum, which will be made available this summer, will include lesson plans, assessment tools, instruction materials, teacher/administrator guides and ideas for community and parent engagement. Connections with Start Talking! and other school-based drug abuse prevention programs will provide consistent drug-free messaging and support the development of healthy behaviors, at school, home and in the community. The project is supported by funding from the Ohio Department of Higher Education. For more information, or to help pilot draft lessons, contact OAHPERD President Kevin Lorson at HOPEcurriculum@wright.edu.

>>> Registration Open: 13th All Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry – March 24-25

Northeast Ohio Medical University, in partnership with the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Medicaid, will present the [13th All Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry “Behavioral Health Re-Design: Focus on Recovery for Ohio’s Consumers”](#) March 24-25 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North. This year’s conference will explore issues related to behavioral health redesign in Ohio and the challenges facing mental health professionals in meeting the needs of mental health consumers and persons with substance use disorders. The Institute will feature workshops, showcase presentations and a poster session featuring the best of new programs, curricula and practices throughout Ohio. This program is designed for physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers, counselors, case managers and other mental health professionals. Click the link for the agenda and to register online. For more information, call 330.325.6460 or email cpd@neomed.edu.

>>> Save the Date! Early Childhood Mental Health “Skills to Action” Conference – April 19-20

Mark your calendars! The OhioMHAS Bureau of Children and Families has [announced](#) the first Early Childhood Mental Health “Skills to Action” Conference April 19-20 at the Columbus Airport Marriott. Watch the Department website and eNews for more details in coming weeks.

In the News

1.17.17 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Free counseling available via text messaging to residents dealing with depression, drug addiction and other issues](#)

1.17.17 | *Salem News* (column) [Human Trafficking Awareness Month: Are you informed?](#)

1.17.17 | *Associated Press* [Officials: Crisis text line has helped over 200 Ohioans](#)

1.17.17 | *Bryan Times* [New unit to help men in mental health crisis](#)

1.17.17 | *Steubenville Herald-Star* [Texting for help](#)

1.17.17 | *HealthZette* [How Millenials Could Change Mental Health Care](#)

1.16.17 | *NewsMedical.net* [New pocket guide offers detailed guidance on treating older adults with mental health issues](#)

1.14.17 | *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* [New device could aid in drug addiction recovery](#)

1.13.17 | *Circleville Herald* [Biomarker in pregnant women linked to depression, low fetal birth weight](#)

1.13.17 | *Dayton Daily News* [Ohio uses marketing muscle to push new crisis text line](#)

1.13.17 | *Wall Street Journal* [Advocates Lobby to Protect Obamacare Coverage for Substance Abuse Treatment](#)

1.13.17 | *ThisWeek* [Maryhaven program extends its reach](#)

1.12.17 | *AddictionNOW* [Program tailored for foster families shows promise in preventing drug abuse](#)

1.12.17 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Clark County gets \\$1M, first-of-its-kind program to treat kids](#)

1.11.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Report: Repeal of health care law will affect those treating drug addiction, mental illness](#)

1.11.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Crisis texting hotline has been successful in Ohio, officials say](#)

1.11.17 | *WOSU 89.7* [State and Communities Promote Crisis Text Line](#)

1.11.17 | *Athens NEWS* [Recovery House residents have each other's backs](#)

1.10.17 | *CBS News* [The toll poverty takes on children's mental health](#)

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