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>>> New Report Shows Continued Progress in Promoting Responsible Opioid Prescribing



Opioid prescribing in Ohio declined for a fourth consecutive year in 2016, according to a [newly released report](#) from the State Board of Pharmacy's Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS).

Between 2012 and 2016, the total number of opioids dispensed to Ohio patients **decreased by 162 million doses** or 20.4 percent, from a peak of 793 million doses to 631 million doses. The number of opioid prescriptions provided to Ohio patients decreased by 20 percent during the same period. The report also finds a 78.2 percent decrease in the amount of people engaged in the practice of "doctor shopping" since 2012. Additionally, the use of OARRS continued to increase, reaching an all-time high of 24.1 million requests in 2016.

[Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System Website](#)
[Ohio's Opioid Prescribing Guidelines](#)
[Drug Disposal Resources](#)

>>> Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program Wait List Announcement

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) anticipates having a waiting list for the Residential State Supplement (RSS) Program before the end of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2017. RSS provides financial assistance to adults who have increased needs due to a disability that is not severe enough to require long term care in an institution, such as a nursing home or hospital. The Department is excited to announce that program enrollment has reached approximately 2,300 individuals statewide. Complete program applications will continue to be reviewed in the order received. When the waiting list is initiated, new applications will be processed per the RSS Waiting List Policy, which is available online at www.mha.ohio.gov/RSS. For more information, please contact RSS@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> 10th Annual Drugs and Alcohol Chat Day – Jan. 26

The National Institute on Drug Abuse will sponsor its 10th annual [Drugs and Alcohol Chat Day](#) on Thursday, Jan. 26 as part of National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week. Chat Day is a live online chat held between high school students and NIDA scientists. Students from around the country ask the questions they most want the answers to about drugs and drug abuse, including drug effects, how to help friends or family that are abusing drugs, and what causes addiction. NIDA experts give them the facts. See the [2016 Chat Day Transcript](#). Click the link above for instructions on how to join the discussion.



>>> DEADLINE EXTENDED! Fourth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit Call for Workshop Presentations

The deadline to submit workshop proposals to present at the [2017 Trauma-Informed Care Summit](#) slated for May 1-2 at the Hyatt Regency, Columbus, has been extended through **Feb. 17**. This year's theme is "Creating Environments of Resiliency and Hope in Ohio." The conference planning committee is seeking proposals on a variety of topics, including: mental health/addiction and developmental disabilities services and supports; at-risk special populations; programs for persons throughout the lifespan and in a variety of settings (inpatient, developmental facilities, residential, long-term care, corrections); programs that address vicarious/secondary trauma and steps on becoming a trauma-competent organization. All sessions are 75 minutes. Proposals must be submitted via email to 2017TICSummit@mha.ohio.gov by Feb. 17.

>>> Registration Open and Full Program Available: 2017 Recovery Housing Conference – March 1-2

Registration is open and the full program is available for [Ohio's Fourth Annual Recovery Housing Conference](#) slated for March 1-2 at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. The full program for the conference is available [here](#). The conference features two days of learning and networking dedicated to starting and operating quality recovery housing. Visit conference.ohiorecoveryhousing.org for more information.

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- 1.25.17 | *Canton Repository (Editorial)* [Recovery housing vital to curbing addiction crisis](#)
- 1.25.17 | *Forbes* [The need for compassion in considering the future of Medicaid](#)
- 1.24.17 | *Canton Repository* [Recovery houses grow in importance](#)
- 1.24.17 | *Dayton Daily News* [Pill bags let users dispose of prescription drugs safely](#)
- 1.24.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [The rise of Archie Green, Cleveland's hip-hop mental health advocate](#)
- 1.24.17 | *TIME* [The Story Behind the Viral Photo of an Opioid Overdose](#)
- 1.23.17 | *Harvard Health* [Let the sun shine: Mind your mental health this winter](#)
- 1.22.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Medicaid-expansion recipients in Ohio fear repeal](#)
- 1.22.17 | *Toledo Blade* [Racing for Recovery on front line of Ohio's addiction epidemic](#)
- 1.22.17 | *New Philadelphia Times-Recorder* [United Way funds Takin' it to the Schools program to prevent drug and alcohol abuse](#)
- 1.21.17 | *Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune* [Board launches drug-free workforce community initiative](#)
- 1.19.17 | *WBNS-TV* [New program offers mental health support for Ohio first responders, their families](#)
- 1.13.17 | *Lake County News-Herald* [Signature Health merges with Connections, ORCA House](#)

1.11.17 | *Perry County Tribune* [Grant provides funding for books at Perry County schools](#)

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