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>>> Navigating the Network of Care Website Trainings

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is offering three, free workshops on navigating the *Network of Care* [website](#). Network of Care is a web-based resource that provides county level data in comparison with state and national data. It also includes best practices and updates on pending legislation, among other information. The Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio is providing these interactive trainings sponsored by OhioMHAS. Remaining trainings will be held in Bowling Green (June 25) and Columbus (June 26). Space is limited, so [registration](#) is required — [see the flyer](#) for details.

>>> Marijuana Education Resources



Drug-Free Action Alliance (DFAA) has compiled resources from Nationwide Children's Hospital of Columbus and the Arizona Chamber of Commerce to assist in community education and prevention efforts around marijuana. Nationwide Children's Hospital recently released a report that was published in the *Clinical Pediatrics Journal* titled, "[Marijuana Exposure Among Children Younger Than Six Years in the United States](#)." Summary findings show that the rate of marijuana exposures for children under six years of age rose by 147.5 percent between 2006 and 2013 in states with legalized marijuana. According to researchers, 75 percent of the children with marijuana exposure were under three years of age. The Arizona Chamber of Commerce released a Policy Brief titled, "[Recreational Marijuana: Is the Case for Legalization Going Up in Smoke?](#)" The report delves into issues dealing with marijuana legalization such as short- and long-term health effects, overestimated economic benefits and impact on employers. DFAA has [fact sheets](#) available for communities to educate citizens, policymakers and leadership about the impact of marijuana legalization. To order these free resources, call 614.540.9985 or email contact@DrugFreeActionAlliance.org.

>>> Office of Health Transformation Update: Ohio Tops Nation in Prosecuting Medicaid Fraud

As reported by the [Dayton Daily News](#), investigations of health care providers billing taxpayers while neglecting or defrauding Medicaid patients have more than doubled in Ohio since 2010 and led to 124 indictments last year, more than in any other state. The increase in fraud investigations and indictments is likely not related to increased caseload -- the number of providers billing Medicaid has remained fairly constant at around 92,000 -- but because the state is getting better at catching the fraud that

already existed. "The Ohio Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is doing as good or better than any in the country," said Lloyd Early, special agent in charge of Medicaid fraud in the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

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