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**>>> Office of Prevention and Wellness SFY 2016 *Partnership for Success Training & Technical Assistance* RFP**

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce the release of the SFY 2016 Partnership for Success Training & Technical Assistance [Request for Proposals](#). Grants will be funded for SFY 2016 with a possibility of continuation into SFY 2017, depending on successful progress toward goals. Grants will be funded in the areas of evidence-based practice for rural and Appalachian communities and mentor collaboratives. **Proposals must be submitted by 5 p.m. on April 30** to [MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov). For more information, visit the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#).

**>>> DEA Issues Nationwide Alert Over Rising Rates Of Fentanyl-Laced Heroin Overdoses**

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has issued a [nationwide alert](#) in response to the surging rates of opioid related deaths “from heroin laced with the powerful narcotic drug fentanyl.” According to DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart, “Drug incidents and overdoses related to fentanyl are occurring at an alarming rate,” and this rate poses a “significant threat to public health and safety. The [Wall Street Journal](#) has reported that fentanyl is currently the most potent prescription opioid available for medical use, reportedly 100 times more powerful than morphine. As part of the DEA’s alert, the agency warned local law enforcement agencies nationwide that fentanyl could also pose a death risk to them during drug busts because it can be inadvertently inhaled or absorbed in the skin.

**In the News**

(3/19/15) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Marijuana research doesn’t support legalization, public health advocates say](#)

(3/18/15) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Campaign urges doctors to take bigger role in fight against painkiller abuse](#)

(3/18/15) *WFAN 1330* [ADAMHS Board Reaching Out to Community to Work Toward Education](#)

(3/18/15) *WOSU 89.7* [All Sides Wellness Wednesday: Safety App, Cancer Talk, Mental Illness Models](#)

(3/18/15) *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Model for Ohio](#)

(3/17/15) *Toledo Blade* [Long-term addiction treatment gets boost](#)

(3/16/15) *WCPN 90.3* [Suicide More Prevalent in Rural Areas](#)

(Winter 2015 Issue) *Addiction Professional Magazine* [Coping Mechanisms as Behavioral Addictions](#) – Written By: Robert L. Smedley, LICDC-CS, LSW, deputy director, The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Wayne/Holmes Counties

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