



News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

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>>> Governor Announces Public Lottery for *State of the State* Tickets

Today, Governor John R. Kasich invited Ohioans interested in attending the 2017 State of the State address in Sandusky, on Tuesday, April 4, at 7 p.m. to submit their names online at governor.ohio.gov to be eligible for a random ticket lottery. The event will be held at the Sandusky State Theatre. Ohioans seeking tickets can sign up beginning today until noon on Friday, March 24, and request a maximum of two tickets. Individuals selected for tickets by random lottery will be notified via e-mail by Wednesday, March 29. Since 2011, Kasich has broken with the tradition of delivering the State of the State address at the Statehouse in Columbus. Kasich has taken the address on the road to Steubenville, Lima, Medina, Wilmington and Marietta.

>>> OhioMHAS Budget Testimony Available

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Tracy Plouck provided testimony in support of the department's FY 2018-19 budget before members of the House Health and Human Services Subcommittee on March 2. Click [HERE](#) to read Dir. Plouck's testimony. Follow the budget process on the OhioMHAS [website](#). Email statebudgetquestions@mha.ohio.gov with any questions about the state budget.

>>> 2017 Disparities and Cultural Competence (DACC) Learning Community Webinar Series

The Disparities and Cultural Competence ([DACC](#)) Advisory Committee has released its 2017 Learning Community Webinar Series. Upcoming trainings include (click the links to register):

March 21 – 10-11 a.m. | [Recruitment and Retention: Loan Repayment for Professional Shortages](#)

April 18 – 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [Understanding Unintentional Drug Overdose in Minority Communities](#)

May 17 – 10-11:30 a.m. | [Utilizing Interpreters in Health and Human Services](#)

June 21 – 10-11:30 a.m. | [Chronic Co-Morbidity Implications of Treatment](#)

July 12 – 10-11:30 a.m. | [The Ohio Systemic Approach to Reducing Infant Mortality](#)

In the News

3.7.17 | *WKSU 89.7* [Race, Deaths and Past War on Drugs: All Shape Ohio's Response to the Heroin Crisis](#)

3.6.17 | *WSYX-TV* [Alert issued for non-narcotic pain pill that's increasingly abused](#)

3.6.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* ['Blocker' could help fight addiction](#)

3.6.17 | *WKU-97.5* [Ending Affordable Care Act Could Cut Addiction Treatment](#)

3.6.17 | *Patch.com* [Take Five Miami Takes on Mental Health](#)

3.5.17 | *Fremont News-Messenger* [Heroin addiction leading to a spike in cocaine use](#)

3.5.17 | *Newsweek* [Why Sleeping Too Much May Be Bad for Mental Health](#)

3.5.17 | *WLIO-TV* [Treating problem gambling](#)

3.3.17 | *Dayton Daily News* [Mental health professionals, advocates discuss resources for transgender community](#)

3.3.17 | *WLIO-TV* [Suicide Prevention Workshop at St. Rita's](#)

3.3.17 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Pain pill alternative is being abused](#)

3.3.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Mental health advocates enlist local clergy to dispel misconceptions](#)

3.3.17 | *Mansfield News-Journal* [Medicaid expansion put Ohioans 'back to work'](#)

3.2.17 | *Bellefontaine Examiner* [Text '4Hope' to 741 741](#)

3.2.17 | *KentWired* [Local mental health services available to students](#)

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