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>>> SURVEY: OhioMHAS Public Affairs Team Needs Your Feedback!

Your opinion matters! The OhioMHAS Office of Public Affairs is committed to providing timely, accurate news updates and training information to Ohio's behavioral health field. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure we are meeting the needs of our various stakeholders, we are asking for your assistance in completing a [brief survey](#) to help us assess the effectiveness of our various communications vehicles. Here's your opportunity to tell us how we're doing, and how we might evolve our communications efforts (*NewsNow*, *e-Update*, social media, website) to better meet your needs. Deadline to complete the online survey is **5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12**.

>>> Partnerships for Success (PFS) Phase I – Evaluation & Capacity Building RFP – **DEADLINE EXTENDED**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Office of Prevention & Wellness (OhioMHAS) is seeking a vendor for a five-year funding opportunity through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) related to evidence-based practice and evaluation for Ohio's Partnerships for Success (PFS) grant.

Objectives include:

- Use evaluation support as a strategy to support a **modern prevention infrastructure** that will increase access of high-need rural areas to implement evidence-based prevention services by building prevention workforce capacity;
- Use training and technical assistance to enhance capacity for statewide and local **data collection** efforts; and
- Conduct statewide and local **evaluation utilizing an empowerment approach** for all PFS-related initiatives.

Ohio's PFS will help build an integrated public health infrastructure that more efficiently leverages prevention resources to support the alignment of prevention priorities from multiple systems at the community and state levels. This expanded infrastructure and increased

workforce capacity will lead to an increased use of evidence-based practices and ensure that Ohio's Appalachian and rural populations have equitable access to culturally competent prevention services. Click [HERE](#) to see the Request for Proposals.

The deadline for questions is Friday, Nov. 21. See a [list of current FAQs](#). Proposals must be submitted by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014** to: MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov

In the News

(11/12/14) *Springfield News-Sun* [Clark, Champaign Counties awarded \\$750K for opiate treatment](#)

(11/11/14) *Dayton Business Journal* [Ohio to invest \\$10M in housing for addiction recovery](#)

(11/10/14) *WKSU 89.7* [Ohio lawmakers seem lukewarm to Medicaid expansion next year](#)

(11/10/14) *WSAZ-TV* [\\$250K Federal Grant Awarded to Ironton/Lawrence Co. Area Community Action](#)

(11/10/14) *Toledo Blade* (Editorial) [Arresting an epidemic](#)

(11/9/14) *Washington Times/AP* [Ohio to add more housing for recovering addicts](#)

(11/9/14) *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Students use humor to educate about dealing with addiction](#)

(11/9/14) *Toledo Blade* (Editorial) [Waiting to recover](#)

(10/31/14) *Sandusky Register* (video) [They got land bank vote: Recovery advocates make hard sale; win first big battle for drug and alcohol addiction services](#)

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