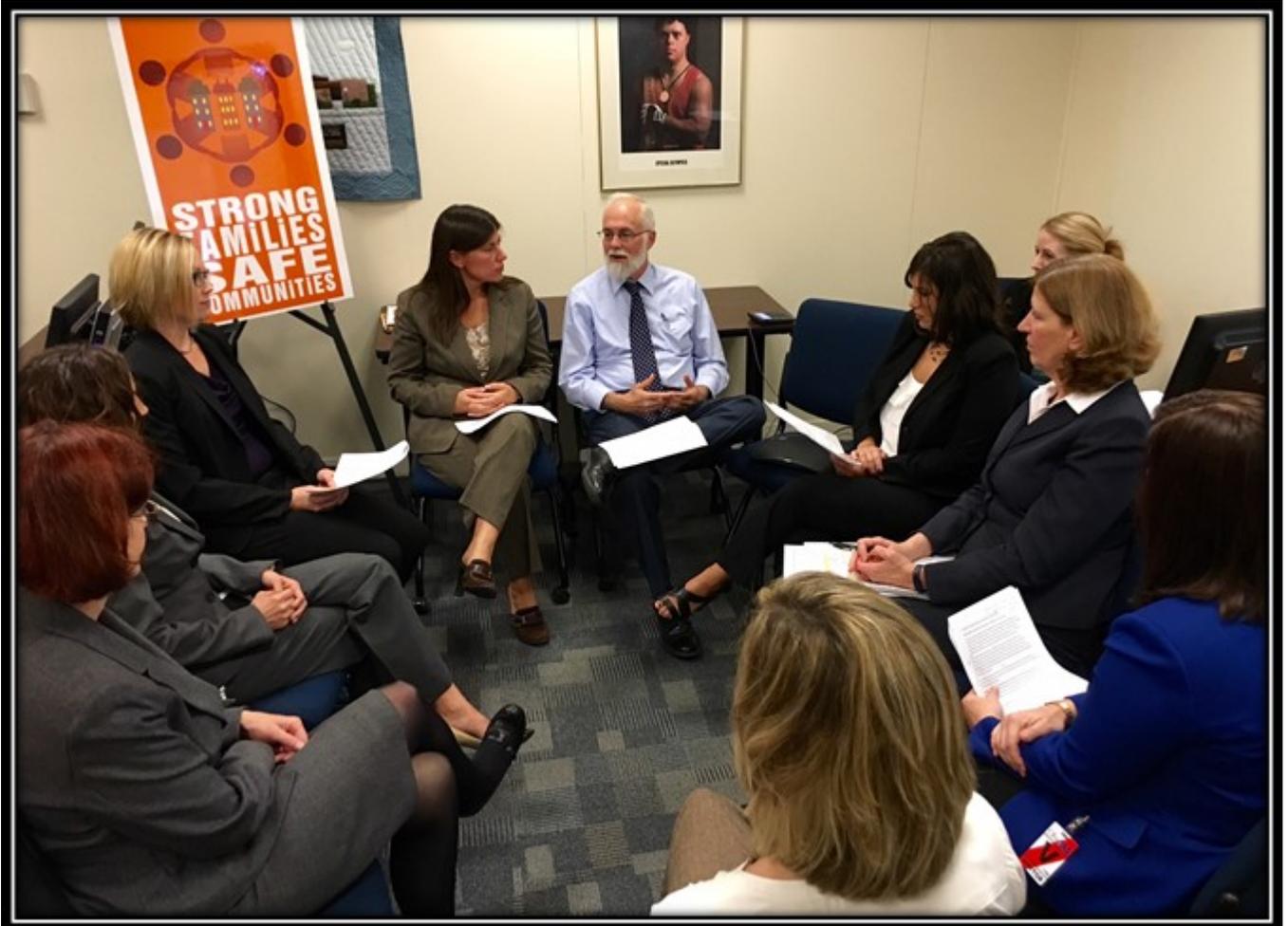


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*DODD Director John Martin talks about Ohio's ongoing Strong Families, Safe Communities programming efforts during this morning's "Kids in Crisis" virtual town hall.*

### **>>> SFY 2016 Strong Families, Safe Communities Grantees Announced**

The Ohio departments of Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health and Addiction Services today announced FY 2016 [Strong Families, Safe Communities](#) youth crisis grantees during a virtual town hall titled *Kids in Crisis: Preventing Tragedies Through Earlier Intervention*. DODD Director John Martin and OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck shared information about the origins of the project and announced this year's grantees, while project partners shared successes and lessons-learned as well as how best practices are being shared across the state. Below are materials from the event.

[PowerPoint presentation](#)

[FY 2016 Grantee Map](#)

**>>> Smart Choices Promising Problem Gambling Prevention Seminars Offered**

On behalf of OhioMHAS, Drug Free Action Alliance presents [Smart Choices](#), regional problem gambling prevention model trainings at no cost to participants. The *Smart Choices* program addresses the potential for problem gambling in elementary school age children through college age students. Research indicates that 80 percent of students between the ages of 12 and 17 have gambled for money in the past year. Adolescents' problem gambling prevalence rates are at least double that of adults. By making the program part of a community/school based effort, the intent is to build on resiliency skills and teach/reinforce refusal skills critical to today's youth and responsible decision making. This training will be facilitated by: Carl Robertson, M.RE, M.Div; Prevention Manager at the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling.

Click the link for registration information:

Nov. 9 – [The Conference Center at OCLC](#) | (Central) Dublin

Nov. 10 – [Maumee Bay Lodge & Conference Center](#) | (NW) Oregon

Nov. 12 – [The Lodge and Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake](#) | (NE) Geneva-on-the-Lake

Nov. 16 – [Great Wolf Lodge](#) | (SW) Mason

Nov. 18 – [Salt Fork State Park Lodge & Conference Center](#) | (SE) Lore City

**>>> SAMHSA Releases New *Medication for the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder* Pocket Guide**

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has released a new [Medication for the Treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder pocket guide](#) for health professionals. The guide offers a checklist for prescribing medication, approved medications for use in the treatment of alcohol use disorder and standard drink sizes/amounts and recommended limits.

**In the News**

11.2.15 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio wants easing of federal welfare-to-work rules](#)

11.2.15 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [As feds release 5,800 drug offenders early, Ohio also prepares to move inmates out of prison](#)

10.31.15 | *Zanesville Times-Recorder* [Recovery program offered instead of prison time](#)

10.30.15 | *WHIZ-TV* [Officers receive crisis training](#)

10.27.15 | *Coshocton Tribune* [Support group for families of mentally ill starting](#)



## Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference – Oct. 30

*Kendall Stewart, M.D., chief medical officer at Southern Ohio Medical Center, delivers keynote remarks during Friday's Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference in Columbus. The biennial conference was hosted by the Ohio Hospital Association in partnership with OhioMHAS. This year's conference theme was "Barrier Busting: A Breakthrough in Holistic Care." Supreme Court of Ohio Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton (Retired) highlighted the*

*luncheon hour with a presentation on "The Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems: Solutions to Stopping the Revolving Door." Check this month's issue of OhioMHAS e-Update for more coverage.*

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