



# News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Tracy Plouck, Director

Oct. 28, 2014

## >>> \$3.5M Awarded to Specialized Docket Programs

As part of a roll-out of funding initiatives outlined in the latest Mid-Biennium Review (MBR), the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has awarded \$3.5M to support certified specialized docket programs that target participants with drug addiction or dependency. These allocations defray a portion of the payroll costs associated with the employment of new or existing court personnel who support offenders in complying with treatment. For State Fiscal Year 2015, the funding will support 93 specialized dockets. The Department anticipates funding additional dockets (up to a total of \$4.4 million) as they become certified. To learn more about this funding opportunity, email

[Christopher.Nicastro@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Christopher.Nicastro@mha.ohio.gov).

[See a county-by-county spreadsheet of awards](#)

## >>> Partnerships for Success (PFS) Phase I – Evaluation & Capacity Building RFP

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.

Proposals must be submitted by **3:00 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 28, 2014** to: [MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov)

**>>> Faces & Voices Recovery Messaging Training – Nov. 22**

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) is sponsoring a [Recovery Messaging Training](#) on Sat., Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at LifeCare Alliance, 670 Harmon Ave., Columbus. Attendees will learn how to increase public understanding, eliminate stigma and put a positive face on recovery. The training will be led by John Shinholser, who was featured in *The Anonymous People* documentary and co-founded the McShin Foundation Recovery Community Organization in Richmond, Va. Cost is \$10 and includes lunch and a copy of the *Our Stories Have Power* DVD. Seating is limited -- [register](#) by Nov. 14.

### **In the News**

(10/28/14) *Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum* [Crawford County drug court program shows promise](#)

(10/27/14) *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Maximizing benefits](#)

(10/26/14) *Columbus Dispatch* [Addicts no longer the people you love](#)

(10/25/14) *Marion Star* [Marion Area Counseling Center celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> year](#)

(10/25/14) *Logan Daily News* [Graduating from addiction, second group of Vivitrol graduates honored](#)

(10/24/14) WCPN 90.3 [Cuyahoga County to Add Second Drug Court](#)

(10/22/14) *WOUB* [Mental Health and Wellness a Priority at Magnolia Clubhouse](#)

(10/22/14) *Medina Gazette* [November workshop for parents, teachers to focus on drug prevention](#)

(10/21/14) *The Daily Advocate* [Talking to kids about drugs](#)

(10/19/14) *Akron Beacon Journal* [Community Health Center helps patients seek recovery for 40 years](#)

(10/19/14) *Uloop* [Depression on Campus: What's the Solution?](#)

(10/18/14) *Canton Repository* [New state law seeks to improve mental health treatment](#)

(10/18/14) *Ashtabula Star Beacon* [Opiate Summit tackles drug problem in northeast Ohio](#)

(10/17/14) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Casinos and racinos have not yet led to an increase in problem gambling, officials say](#)

(10/17/14) *Portsmouth Daily Times* [Project DAWN to be expanded](#)

(10/16/14) *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio to spend \\$5.8 million on gambling addiction treatment](#)

(10/16/14) *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Report shows Drug Court success in preventing new crimes, officials say](#)

(10/16/14) *Gallipolis Daily Tribune* [Prevention program aims to keep students drug-free](#)

**Please share widely and encourage your colleagues to subscribe to *OhioMHAS eNews* on our [website](#). Also, be sure to join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#)!**