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>>> 60 Minutes Report Looks at Heroin Epidemic in Ohio

This Sunday (11/1), the CBS Television News program *60 Minutes* plans to run a [heartbreaking story](#) highlighting the nation's heroin epidemic. Reporter Bill Whitaker visited spent time in Ohio interviewing families and some of the individuals who have been on the front lines of our state's fight. The program airs at 7 p.m. ET on local CBS stations. Anyone who thinks this is an easy fight is wrong, and the Department looks forward to working with all of our partners on new ways to strengthen our efforts. Earlier this week, Gov. John Kasich [announced](#) an investment of up to \$1.5 million a year to integrate the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) directly into electronic medical records and pharmacy dispensing systems so prescribers and dispensers can automatically check past opiate history within the same system they use day-to-day. Ohio is the first state in the nation to take such action.

Other useful resources:

[Health Resource Toolkit for Addressing Opioid Abuse](#)

[Combatting the Opiate Crisis in Ohio 2011-2015](#)

[Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team \(GCOAT\) Website](#)

>>> Register Now: 2015 Forensic Conference – Nov. 18

Don't miss out on your chance to attend the 2015 Forensic Conference, "Contemporary Challenges in Forensic Mental Health" on Nov. 18 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North – Worthington. The deadline to register is **Nov. 6**. This year's conference will feature a Legal Update, Ethics Track and Consumer Panel. Merrill Rotter, M.D., Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Director of the Division of Law and Psychiatry for the Department of Psychiatry, Albert Einstein College of Medicine will provide keynote presentation, *The Premise of Criminalization and the Promise of Offender rehabilitation, Recidivism and Recovery*. An array of 11 workshops will address such topics as: outpatient competency restoration; housing options; supported employment opportunities; new guardianship rules; forensic monitoring; and research on offenders with intellectual disabilities and mental illness. The Forensic Consumer Panel, a highlight of previous forensic trainings, will be included, as will our perennial Legal Update, presented this year by Joy Stankowski, M.D., and Douglas Mossman, M.D.

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>>> OhioMHAS Announces Training Opportunities for Adult Care Facility Owners, Operators

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce a series of free training opportunities designed to help Adult Care Facility (ACF) operators and owners meet licensure rule requirements. Click [HERE](#) for information on training topics, dates, locations and registration information. Questions? Please contact Kueiting Betts at reservations@mha.ohio.gov or 614.466.9955.

In the News

10.29.15 | *PR Newswire* [Computer-based Modeling Improves Outcomes for Infants in Drug Withdrawal](#)

10.29.15 | *Dayton Daily News* [Overdose cases on decline in Montgomery County](#)

10.29.15 | *Medscape* [How does alcohol influence mental health?](#)

10.29.15 | *Troy Daily News* [Tipp resident named assistant medical director](#)

10.29.15 | *Bellefontaine Examiner* [Logan County launches Adult Recovery Court](#)

10.29.15 | *Findlay Courier* [Sprague: Medical community plays role in heroin epidemic](#)

10.29.15 | *Columbus Dispatch (Editorial)* [Pharmacies, doctors should link to new prescription tool](#)

10.29.15 | *The Week Magazine* [Mental health treatment in the digital age](#)

10.29.15 | *Dayton Daily News* [Campaign aims to eliminate stigma of heroin abuse](#)

10.28.15 | *The Atlantic* [The changing vocabulary of mental illness](#)

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