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>>> SFY16 RFP: #BeAware Multi-Media Campaign

The Governor's budget has allocated funding to reduce the number of suicides in Ohio through a comprehensive, public health approach that will increase help-seeking behaviors and improve access to evidence-based prevention, intervention and treatment services. The goal of this RFP is to seek a grantee to build upon the #BeAware behavioral health awareness campaign developed by the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) and the Ohio Youth MOVE Statewide Councils. The goals of this campaign are to reduce stigma, increase help-seeking behaviors and improve natural support for youth and young adults. The selected grantee must collaborate with the OYLPN and Ohio Youth MOVE Statewide Councils to expand the #BeAware campaign into a culturally and linguistically appropriate multi-media campaign that includes customizable electronic resources. The proposal must include plans for content development, focus group testing, launch and statewide dissemination. The selected grantee must have experience collaborating with youth. Questions must be submitted electronically to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on Nov. 6. Responses will be posted on the OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities website. **Proposals must be submitted to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on Nov. 16.**

#BeAware Multi-Media Campaign RFP

SFY 2016 Budget/Expenditure Form

SFY Agreements and Assurances

>>> PASRR Update: New Toll-Free Fax and Phone Number

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) today announced plans for a new comprehensive data management system that will improve how the department tracks and processes PASRR-SMI applications. The new system will ensure the state can meet, and in many instances, beat the national standard for turnaround times (which is currently 7-9 business days) and keep its commitment to OhioMHAS-licensed psychiatric units to issue decisions within 48 hours from the point of receiving an application. New toll-free fax and phone numbers have been established as part of the implementation phase for the new system. **Beginning Oct. 16**, all faxed applications must be submitted to **1.844.285.9764**. All inquiries for status checks and technical assistance should be directed to **1.844.723.7816**. For more information, please refer to the stakeholder memo outlining the improvements. Click HERE for more information related to the PASRR Contract Change.

>>> New Resources Promote Housing Stability, Conversations with Residents

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices, with funding support from OhioMHAS, has released nine new resources to help increase housing stability among people with mental illness, addiction and co-occurring disorders. The new resources focus on three intervention strategies: exploring motivation to change; creating a culture of work and making informed choices about benefits and work. Click HERE to download free PDFs of new posters, mini-posters and reminder cards. Learn more about the Center's consulting and training services for housing initiatives.

>>> National Depression Screening Day – Oct. 8

As part of National Mental Illness Awareness Week, tomorrow (10/8) is National Depression Screening Day – a perfect time to check in on your mental health with an online screening tool.

In the News

10.7.15 | *WKBN-TV* Recognizing Mental Illness Awareness Week

10.6.15 | *Sandusky Register* Locals rally for recovery in nation's capital

10.6.15 | *Dayton Daily News* Health officials to track people who may have been exposed to HIV virus

10.5.15 | *Upper Sandusky Daily Chief-Union* Local woman starts anew with sobriety

10.5.15 | *USA Today* John Oliver on Oregon shooting: 'Worst time to talk about mental health'

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