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>>> Joint Commission Behavioral Health Standards Update Webinar – Nov. 3

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Licensure and Certification is sponsoring a free webinar on Nov. 3 at 10:30 a.m. to review updates to the Joint Commission's next edition of the behavioral health care accreditation manual. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center are pleased to co-sponsor the [2015 Annual Forensic Conference](#) on Nov. 18 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North – Worthington. This year's theme is "Contemporary Challenges in Forensic Mental Health" and should appeal to a broad range of professionals who work with people with mental illness involved in the justice system. Workshops will address topics such as outpatient competency restoration; housing; supported employment; new guardianship rules; forensic monitoring and research on offenders with intellectual disabilities and mental illness. The conference also features 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 at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine will deliver the keynote, "The Premise of Criminalization and the Promise of Offender Rehabilitation: Reentry, Recidivism and Recovery." Cost is \$135.

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>>> Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 23-31

Are you ready for Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 23-31)? The National Family Partnership's Red Ribbon Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention awareness campaign in the nation and serves as a way for individuals and communities to take a stand against drugs. This year's theme, "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free," created by Solon Middle School student Kristofer Calhoun, is a wonderful, positive message to share.

[Get the Theme and Planning Guide](#)

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In the News

10.9.15 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [\\$10M mental health unit to open Jan. 1](#)

10.9.15 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Fentanyl overdose deaths rise drastically in 2015, county medical examiner says](#)

10.9.15 | *Stateline* [How heroin is hitting the foster care system](#)

10.8.15 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Melissa Etheridge gives concert at Ohio Reformatory for Women](#)

10.8.15 | *Akron West-Side Leader* [Urban Ounce of Prevention festivities mark 25th anniversary](#)

10.8.15 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [New drug wellness center will help combat Medina County's heroin problem](#)

10.8.15 | *Behavioral Healthcare Magazine* [Marijuana legislation needs regulatory teeth](#)

10.7.15 | *The Athens NEWS* [October declared Medicine Abuse Awareness Month in Athens County](#)



10.7.15 | *WSAZ-TV* [Group Reaches Out to Family Members of Addicts](#)

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