



News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

Sept. 15, 2016

>>> SFY 2017 Local Employment Partnership Funding Opportunities

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Bureau of Recovery Supports is pleased to announce the [SFY 2017 Local Employment Partnership](#) funding opportunities ([MHA-16-17-TRS-18-Employ](#)). This program will support funding opportunities for 20 community behavioral health authorities to participate in the development and implementation of policies and the creation of partnerships that will increase employer engagement, increase job opportunities for individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness and/or substance use disorders, and to reduce the number of positive employee drug screens.

OhioMHAS has provided funding to Working Partners, an organization that assists with the development, implementation, and maintenance of drug-free workplace programs, to bring together key stakeholders and employers from 20 communities and related Community Behavioral Health Authorities to provide technical assistance to implement this initiative. This initiative seeks to improve community awareness, increase the connection between local businesses and the local skilled workforce, decrease positive drug screens, and improve employer engagement. Each Community Behavioral Health Authority will receive \$20,000 for SFY 2017 and technical assistance from Working Partners. *An informational webinar will be held on Sept. 21 at 3 p.m.* [Register HERE](#). The application deadline is Oct. 7. Please note: funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. For more information, visit the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

>>> Nominations Sought for 2016 Howard H. Sokolov Forensic Mental Health Leadership Award

OhioMHAS is currently accepting nominations for the [Howard H. Sokolov Forensic Mental Health Leadership Award](#). The award recognizes excellence in the Ohio forensic mental health system by honoring an individual or program involved in a direct practice, program, policy-making and/or planning role who influences forensic mental health services by consistently reflecting a commitment to excellence, recognition of dignity and worth of the consumer, the security and safety of the community and dedication to providing quality forensic mental health services. [Nominations](#) must be received by *5 p.m. on Oct. 12*. The recipient will be announced at the [2016 Forensic Conference](#) on Nov. 3.

>>> Reminder: Ohio Rally for Recovery One Week Away

Ohio will recognize September as National Recovery Month with the annual [Rally for Recovery](#) at the Ohio Statehouse – West Lawn next Friday (9/23) from 1-4 p.m. The Rally will feature remarks from several Ohioans in recovery, more than 40 vendors, food, entertainment, awards and the annual recovery countdown. OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck will present a [proclamation](#) from Gov. John R. Kasich. Attendees will also hear from Sen. Rob Portman and State Rep. Robert Sprague. Follow the celebration on social media using the hashtag **#ohiorallyforrecovery2016**.

In the News

9.14.16 | *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Spotlighting mental health](#)

9.14.16 | *Toledo Blade* [Mental illness is a battle that should never be fought alone](#)

9.13.16 | *Bleacher Report* [I'm Not the Lone Wolf: To stay in football, Urban Meyer had to address his mental health](#)

9.13.16 | *Xenia Gazette* [CU professors, students meet with governor](#)

9.13.16 | *WCMH-TV* [Ohio is working to prevent veteran suicide](#)

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](#)!