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>>> SFY16-17 RFP: Whole Child Matters Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Children and Families is seeking proposals for the Whole Child Matters Early Childhood Mental Health Centralized Intake and Workforce Expansion Initiative (RFP# MHA-16-ECH-010-WFE). The Governor's budget has allocated funding to improve access to early childhood mental health prevention and early intervention services for infants, toddlers and young children (birth to kindergarten) to successfully retain them in their preschool and early learning settings. The goal of this grant is multi-dimensional: 1) Expand the ECMH workforce by increasing the number of Ohio ECMH-credentialed staff statewide providing the New Ohio/Georgetown Model of ECMH Consultation; 2) Create a centralized intake process that provides a seamless, rapid response capacity for family or center requests for ECMH consultations and 3) Sustain a limited number of Early Learning Challenge Grant - Race to the Top prepared master trainers to provide professional development services statewide. This request for proposal seeks grantees that will implement all or some of the three umbrella components to the Whole Child Matters ECMH Initiative. **Proposals must be submitted electronically to MHAS-ECWorkforce@mha.ohio.gov by 11:59 p.m. on Nov. 3.** Questions must be submitted electronically to the same email address. Responses will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

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>>> Behavioral Health System Redesign Moves Forward

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation ([OHT](#)) has convened the state's Behavioral Health Redesign Core Team to review Ohio's priorities for redesign and commit to a five-year implementation strategy. The goal is to integrate behavioral health and physical health services, provide high intensity services for those most in need, and move behavioral health services into managed care in January 2018.

See the [Vision, Priorities and Timeline](#)

>>> UNITE to Face Addiction Rally – Oct. 4

Addiction to alcohol and other drugs is an insidious public health crisis impacting more than 85 million Americans. The time has come to [UNITE to Face Addiction](#) at a national rally that will transform the conversation from problems to solutions for one of the most pressing issues of our time. On Oct. 4, tens of thousands of individuals in recovery, advocates and other supporters will converge on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. to collectively raise awareness and reduce the human and social costs of addiction. "The Day the Silence Ends" will feature remarks from celebrities, public officials and advocates, including U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek H. Murthy, Office of National Drug Control Policy Director Michael Botticelli, Dr. Mehmet Oz, Darryl Strawberry, Patrick Kennedy and many others. Joe Walsh, Steven Tyler, Sheryl Crow, Jason Isbell, The Fray and John Rzeznik of the Goo Goo Dolls will join the speakers on stage for musical performances. Ohio should be well represented with buses scheduled to leave from Akron, Alliance, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Sandusky and Toledo. Want more information? Contact Lori Criss at Criss@TheOhioCouncil.org.

In the News

9.22.15 | *WDTN-TV* [Loss Team needs volunteers](#)

9.21.15 | *Findlay Courier* [School district widens trauma training effort](#)

9.19.15 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [New health center in Dover pledges to provide service to all](#)

9.17.15 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Ohio hospitals seek federal help to fight prescription drug addiction](#)

9.16.15 | *Dayton Daily News* [Fewer people are without health care in Ohio](#)

9.16.15 | *This Week* [Stand Project takes aim at substance abuse](#)

9.15.15 | *Massillon Independent* [Mental health officials step up efforts to reach teens, young adults in crisis](#)

9.15.15 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Prevention kits hope to reduce drug use](#)



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