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>>> 2015 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention Demonstration Project

OhioMHAS, in collaboration with the [Ohio Children's Trust Fund](#) (OCTF), is [requesting proposals](#) to develop, implement and/or sustain evidence-based practices to prevent child sexual abuse (CSA) and provide effective early intervention services to young victims of abuse. The [Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Early Intervention demonstration project](#) (MHA15039) aligns Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health Services with the statewide Strong Families Safe Community, Safe Schools Healthy Students and the Early Learning Challenge Grants. These initiatives prioritize focus on children birth to 8 years old through evidence-informed and/or evidence-based programs and practices that are responsive to a child's community and cultural backgrounds.

This inter-agency collaboration will result in needed early intervention/treatment services for young children experiencing trauma from childhood sexual abuse and empower young children with the skills to prevent future, possible episodes of sexual abuse. By providing joint funding of this \$150,000 demonstration project, OhioMHAS and OCTF showcase excellence in state human service agency collaboration celebrating prevention and trauma treatment innovation resulting in "win-win-win" for Ohio's children's and families.

Proposals are due Friday, Dec. 12. All questions must be submitted to the [DAS portal](#) by the date indicated.

>>> Ohio Community Connectors Mentoring Grants RFA

In his 2014 State of the State address, Gov. John R. Kasich outlined a new proposal to bring together families, community organizations, faith-based groups, businesses and others in support of our schools and to mentor students. [Community Connectors](#) will provide \$10 million in 3-to-1 matching grants that will help give more Ohio students, in grades 5-12, access to role models who can help motivate and inspire them, as well as help them develop skills that lead to success in school and the workplace. [Applications](#) are currently being accepted. The maximum award is \$500,000, which will be awarded over three years. **Deadline for application**

submission is Friday, Feb. 20, 2015. Reimbursement grants are expected to be awarded in March 15. Awardees must be ready to implement selected programs by Sept. 7, 2015.

>>> OCTF Human Trafficking Prevention Campaign RFA

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund recently announced the availability of funding through a Request for Grant Applications to support prevention programs and community education campaigns in Ohio aimed at eliminating the growing social crisis of human trafficking. The grants will provide qualified organizations with a maximum of \$15,000 for the purpose of operating Ohio Human Trafficking Prevention campaigns. Applications must be received by **3:00 P.M. Monday, Dec. 8, 2014**, and selected applicants will be notified by Dec. 22, 2014. Click [HERE](#) to apply.

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(11/27/14) *Marion Star* [ODRC director supports local treatment for drug addicts](#)

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