



News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

Nov. 5, 2014

>>> Governor Establishes Community Connector Advisory Board to Shepherd New School Mentorship Program

On Tuesday, Gov. John Kasich signed [Executive Order 2014-05K](#) creating the Community Connector Advisory Board to provide guidance to the state superintendent of public instruction on Ohio's new school mentoring program. Community Connectors is one of the key education reforms signed into law by the Governor last June and seeks to bring together parents, community organizations, faith-based groups, businesses and others to support Ohio's schools and to mentor students. Community Connectors provides \$10 million in 3-to-1 matching grants that will help give more Ohio students 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. The program presents a good opportunity for the mental health and addiction system to develop partnerships within the schools, so stay tuned for more information via the [Community Connectors website](#). The Ohio Department of Education plans to kick-off the grant program later this fall.

[Read](#) the press release.

>>> Board Levies Sweep to Victory

Ohio voters approved all 12 local board levies on the November 2014 Mid-Term Election ballot yesterday. The following counties successfully passed levies (approval rate in parenthesis): Ashtabula 5-year replacement (59%), Butler CMH 5-year renewal (71%), Erie-Ottawa 5-year renewal/additional (59%), Fairfield 10-year renewal (61%), Huron 10-year replacement (54%), Lake 10-year renewal (64%), Lorain CMH 5-year renewal (65%), Lucas 10-year renewal (63%), Putnam 5-year renewal/additional (51%), Trumbull 10-year renewal (62%), Wood 10-year renewal (65%) and Montgomery HHS Levy 8-year renewal/additional (64%).

>>> Office of Prevention and Wellness to Host Grant Writing Training – Nov. 24-25

The OhioMHAS Office of Prevention and Wellness is pleased to announce a free grant writing training conducted by Department staff Nov. 24-25 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the State Fire

Academy, 8895 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg. As a result of this interactive training, participants will be able to: identify various resources to access grant funding; identify key elements of most every grant application; demonstrate an ability to develop clear logic models for goals and objectives; and articulate what should and should not be in most grant proposals and budgets. Space is limited. No food or beverages will be provided, but participants should feel free to bring their own. Lunch is on your own. Please email Molly.Stone@mha.ohio.gov to reserve a spot. Be sure to include: name, agency name/address, email and phone number. **Please note:** Each person must register individually.

>>> March 2015 Problem Gambling Conference Announced

The *Ohio Problem Gambling Conference 2015 – Growing Awareness, Building Capacity* has been set for March 5-6, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus, 6500 Doubletree Avenue. Hosted by OhioMHAS and sponsored by Ohio for Responsible Gambling, the 1.5-day event will feature Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky of McGill University, who is an expert in prevention and treatment of problem gambling among adolescents. Dr. Mark Dixon, of Southern Illinois University, known internationally for his research and practice in gambling disorder treatment and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, has also been invited to keynote the 1.5 day-long event. The afternoon of the second day will offer a three-hour session on Ethics with a focus on problem gambling treatment – especially useful for the new Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board Gambling Endorsement.

>>> Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Regional Training Schedules

A number of upcoming problem gambling prevention and treatment training opportunities are available. Treatment sessions are offered for foundations and advanced levels from [Recovery Resources](#). Also open for registration is a series of free *Stacked Deck: A Program to Prevent Problem Gambling Training of Trainers* events. Stacked Deck is an evidence-based practice program for preventing problem gambling among 13-17 year-olds. To learn more about these CEU-based sessions, visit <https://www.drugfreeactionalliance.org/smart-bet/providers/education>.

In the News

(11/3/14) Lorain Chronicle-Telegram [Lorain church to distribute heroin antidote kits](#)

(11/2/14) *Sandusky Register* [Light House receives grant](#)

(11/1/14) *WBNS-10TV* [Netcare Access Gives Central Ohio's Homeless a Helping Hand](#)

(11/1/14) *Community Common* [Project DAWN to be expanded](#)

(10/31/14) *Newark Advocate* [The Place Next Door opens for those in need of housing](#)

(10/31/14) *Huffington Post* [Evidence that Heart Health and Mental Health are Linked](#)

(10/25/14) *Zanesville Times-Recorder* [Officers train for mental health crises](#)

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](#)!