



News Now

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>>> SFY 2016 Strong Families, Safe Communities Request for Proposal

The Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health and Addiction Services are seeking collaborative community proposals to establish treatment models of care that focus on crisis stabilization for children and youth with intensive needs. This is the third round of funding aimed at serving Ohio's youth in crisis through, local, community-driven solutions. The Departments funded a total of 40 projects in state fiscal years 2014-15. For the 2016-17 biennium, proposals are welcomed from previous responders as well as new collaborative groups. Proposals must meet the guidelines and requirements of this RFP. **The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. on May 29.** Questions must be submitted electronically no later than 4 p.m. on May 22 to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov. Responses will be posted to the OhioMHAS funding web page under the [SFY 16-17 Strong Families, Safe Communities RFP](#) header.

Supporting Documents:

1. [RFP](#)
2. [PMW](#)
3. [Agreements & Assurances](#)
4. [Budget Expenditure Form Template](#)
5. [Budget Narrative Template](#)
6. [Ohio Logic Model pptx](#)

>>> New Housing Resources Available

In collaboration with OhioMHAS, the Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices has released a variety of new housing resources and tools. Click [HERE](#) to view the materials. Stable housing gives people who live with mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders a foundation to succeed in recovery. These resources will help professionals build self-awareness about attitudes, thoughts and communication style while interacting with consumers, learn to keep attention centered on residents, and learn how to explore and encourage motivation to change.



>>> Older Ohioans Initiative Focuses on Live "Well Beyond 60!"

May is celebrated nationally as Older Americans Month to recognize the achievements of our elders and acknowledge the many organizations that serve them, care for them and provide them with opportunities to grow, thrive and contribute. This year, the Ohio Department of Aging is encouraging all Ohioans to explore the many ways they can live “Well Beyond 60!”

The department recommends a three-pronged approach:

1. **Take control of your health** – Use the HEALTHY U Ohio initiative to learn strategies to actively manage your health and care, especially if you are among the three out of four older adults living with at least one chronic condition, such as diabetes or heart disease.
2. **Take control of your safety** – One in three older adults will fall this year. Use the STEADY U Ohio initiative to recognize that falls are not a normal part of aging and that most falls can be prevented with minor changes to your home, health and habits.
3. **Continue to grow, thrive and contribute** – Older adults who stay active through volunteering, working, learning and other activities see improved physical and mental health, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service.

For more information and resources, click [HERE](#).

Photo Project

Through May 15, Ohioans of all ages are encouraged to submit pictures that show how they or their loved ones are living “Well Beyond 60!” You can post pictures and selfies to [ODA's Facebook timeline](#) as well as post photos and short video clips on Twitter and Instagram using the hashtag #WellBeyond60 and mentioning @OhioDeptOfAging. Additionally, you may submit photos by mail to: Ohio Department of Aging, ATTN: Older Americans Month Photo Project, 50 W. Broad St./9th Fl., Columbus OH 43215-3363. Please note: photos cannot be returned. The department reserves the right to use submitted images and videos in its online and print publications and outreach.

In the News

(4.28.15) *Youngstown Vindicator* [‘If we can save one life, isn’t that a success?’](#)

(4.28.15) *Medical News Today* [Bullying leads to worse mental health problems than childhood maltreatment](#)

(4.28.15) *This Week News* [Tyler’s Light 5K to put faces on addiction, offer hope](#)

(4.27.15) *Lake County News-Herald* [Expressions of Recovery art show kicks off Mental Health Month](#)

(4.27.15) *Toledo Blade* [Art show deals with substance-abuse recovery](#)

(4.27.15) *Youngstown Vindicator* [Mental Health and Recovery Services offices to be in Ohio One Building](#)

(4.27.15) *Columbus Dispatch* [Painkiller fentanyl holds dangerous allure for addicts](#)



(4.25.15) *Toledo Blade* [Gerritt wins national award for series on heroin epidemic](#)

(4.24.15) *Akron Beacon-Journal (Column)* [Heroin-related deaths soaring: readers suggest what we can do about it](#)

(4.24.15) *Columbus Dispatch* [Advocates talk 'over-criminalization' of mentally ill](#)

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