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## >>> SFY 2016 RFP Needs Assessment/Gap Analysis of Suicide Prevention and Treatment Community

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) [is seeking](#) a researcher to conduct a needs assessment and gap analysis of community-based services and supports throughout Ohio for individuals at-risk of suicide and families/friends affected by a suicide death. Services and supports include the spectrum of prevention, intervention, treatment and postvention services and supports. Researchers meeting the following requirements are invited to submit a proposal:

- Must be affiliated with either a college or university.
- Have demonstrated experience in conducting needs assessments/gap analysis in the public health system, preferably the public behavioral health system.
- Be knowledgeable of literature concerning community-level suicide risk factors that affect local ability to offer appropriate publicly-funded behavioral health services and supports .
- Be knowledgeable about appropriate data sources identify community-level suicide risk factors.
- Demonstrate the ability to conduct the needs assessment, analyze the information, and prepare a final report by Sept. 30, 2016.

Please submit proposals by **2 p.m. on Sept. 24, 2015**,

to: [SFY16NeedsassessmentRFP@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:SFY16NeedsassessmentRFP@mha.ohio.gov). All questions related to this RFP must be submitted by 4 p.m. on Sept. 1, 2015 to [SFY16NeedsassessmentRFP@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:SFY16NeedsassessmentRFP@mha.ohio.gov). Responses will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

- [Budget Narrative Template](#)
- [Needs Assessment RFP](#)
- [New Vendor Information Form](#)
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- [W9 Form](#)

## >>> Survey Says: Most Medicaid Beneficiaries Work, More Ohioans Have Health Insurance

This week, the Ohio Departments of Medicaid and Health joined the Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center to announce the results of the [2015 Ohio Medicaid Assessment Survey](#). The biannual survey's findings illustrate dramatic recent improvements in Ohio's health care landscape: half of Ohio's adult Medicaid enrollees or their spouses currently work, and another 30 percent are individuals living with disabilities; Ohio's uninsured rate has been cut in

half since 2012; the rate of employer-sponsored insurance has remained constant since 2010; and, compared to three years ago, fewer survey respondents cited issues in accessing health care services.

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### >>> **First Medicaid Managed Care Report Cards Released**

The Ohio Department of Medicaid has released a new [Medicaid Managed Care Consumer Report Card](#) that rates Ohio's five contracted health plans on topics such as "getting care" and "keeping kids healthy" and "doctors' communication and service." The goal is to provide greater transparency around Medicaid care and services, encourage competition among the five health plans, and help Medicaid beneficiaries learn more about the managed care plans available to them.

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8.20.15 | *WebMD* [New Research: Can What You Eat Affect Your Mental Health?](#)

8.20.15 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [His mother had warned him to stay away from heroin, but the thief of souls attacked in the dark of night](#)

8.20.15 | *Clermont Sun* [Local business owner hopes to help solve heroin problem](#)

8.20.15 | *Akron West Side Leader* [Urban Ounce of Prevention Celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#)

8.20.15 | *Akron West-Side Leader* [Margaret Clark Foundation Announces 2015 Impact Award Winners](#)

8.20.15 | *Ottawa County Beacon* [Light House Sober Living grand opening and ribbon cutting](#)

8.18.15 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State releases report card on Medicaid's managed-care plans](#)

8.14.15 | *Chicago Tribune* [Girl Scouts can earn a badge in mental health awareness](#)

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