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>>> Application Deadline Extended for Community Connectors Grants

Due to overwhelming interest in Ohio's Community Connectors program and desire by grant applicants to find the best mentoring partners, the deadline to submit funding applications has been extended to **Friday, March 6 at 5:00 p.m.** Community Connectors brings together families,



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community organizations, businesses and others in support of Ohio schools and to mentor students. The initiative 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 the skills to lead to success in school and the workplace.

An [FAQ](#) has been developed to address numerous questions about the types of organizations that fulfill the "faith-based" requirement. Applicants may also view an informational webcast on the [Community Connectors website](#). A second webcast will air on Weds., Jan. 21 at 2:00 p.m. Check out the website for more information.

>>> Employment Rule News

The latest version of the OhioMHAS Employment Rule ([5122-29-11](#)) took effect in December 2014. In order to ensure all of our stakeholders have a thorough understanding of the changes, OhioMHAS will be providing on-going technical assistance. A webinar has been planned for Feb. 10 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. to discuss the new employment rule. To register for the webinar, please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8939851232978703105> and enter Webinar ID: 130-274-139.

The purpose and intent of an employment service is to promote recovery through the implementation of evidence based and best practices which allow individuals to obtain and maintain integrated competitive meaningful employment by providing training, ongoing individualized support, and skill development that honor client choice. The outcome of an

employment service is that individuals will obtain and maintain a job of their choosing through rapid job placement which will increase their self-sufficiency and further their recovery.

>>> Update on OhioMHAS Rule-Making Process

OhioMHAS is updating the Department's process for developing and adopting administrative rules. The Department is streamlining the method for communicating draft rule proposals in order to reach a broader stakeholder base in a more timely manner. Rules will be drafted and stakeholders consulted primarily through the use of email distribution lists, although other methods of stakeholder outreach will be used as circumstances warrant. The rule process is outlined in the attached documents. The Department will also be updating OAC 5122-1-02 to codify this process. All future administrative rule communications will be through the "adminrules" email list. Click [HERE](#) to subscribe.

>>> REGISTER NOW! Ohio Problem Gambling Conference — March 5-6, 2015

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. The second day highlight will be Dr. Lori Rugle, director of Maryland's Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling, who will present on Gambling and SBIRT and Recovery Promotion. 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. A variety of educational seminars will round out both days, including a Diversity Panel on March 5. Seating is limited, so [register now!](#)

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