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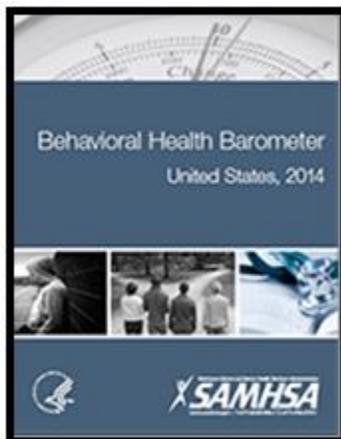
>>> RFP: Trauma-Informed Care Supplemental Educational Events

The Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and Developmental Disabilities (DODD) launched a statewide Trauma-Informed Care Initiative (TIC) in 2014 with a TIC Summit in June. Proposals are sought for a vendor to provide event services for two supplemental educational events during 2015. Click [HERE](#) to view RFP No. MHA15045. The scope of work includes providing event services including securing venue, managing registration, corresponding with speakers and distributing evaluations for:

- Day-long Trauma-Informed Care Summit in June 2015; anticipated attendance 500
- Day-long Alternatives to Seclusion and Restraint Summit Educational Event in June 2015; anticipated attendance 200

All questions must be submitted electronically at OhioMHASBidOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov no later than Thursday, January 30, 2015, by 2:00pm. Please include RFP Number MHA15045 in the email subject line. Responses to all Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). Final proposals must be submitted by **2:00 p.m. on Tues., Feb. 3** to: OhioMHASBidOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> New Report Tracks the Behavioral Health of America



The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released the "[2014 National Behavioral Health Barometer](#)" (Barometer). This publication provides state and national data about key aspects of behavioral health care issues affecting American communities. Those issues include rates of serious mental illness, suicidal thoughts, substance use, underage drinking and the percentages of those who seek treatment for these disorders. The Barometer indicates that the nation's behavioral health is improving in some areas, particularly among adolescents. For example, past-month use of

both illicit drugs and cigarettes has fallen for youth ages 12-17 from 2009 to 2013 (from 10.1 percent to 8.8 percent for illicit drugs, and 9.0 percent to 5.6 percent for cigarettes.) Past-month binge drinking among children ages 12-17 has also fallen from 2009 to 2013 (from 8.9 percent to 6.2 percent).

“The Barometer provides new insight into what is happening on the ground in states across the country,” said SAMHSA Administrator Pamela S. Hyde. “It provides vital information on the progress being made in each state as well as the challenges ahead. States and local communities use these data to determine the most effective ways of addressing their behavioral health care needs.”

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