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*Central Ohio parent Denise Meine-Graham discusses how suicide impacted her family while OhioMHAS Dir. Tracy Plouck*

*and former ODMH Director and national consultant Mike Hogan listen. The three participated in the launch event at the Ohio Statehouse today*

*of Ohio's comprehensive suicide prevention initiative. State Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills), OhioMHAS Medical Director*

*Dr. Mark Hurst and Sarah Bernes, associate project director for the Zero Suicide workforce development program also spoke at today's event.*

## **>>> Ohio Launches Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Initiative**

As part of the Kasich Administration's continued effort to help Ohioans with mental illness, state officials today unveiled a comprehensive suicide prevention initiative. Supported by a \$2 million investment included in Gov. John Kasich's SFY 2016-17 biennial budget, Ohio's initiative brings together the departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Health and Medicaid with a variety of stakeholders to focus on a shared goal of reducing suicides through: workforce development; expanded resources for survivors of loss; a collaborative approach to crisis hotlines and text support; research; awareness and stigma reduction. "Suicide remains a major public health issue across the nation. Each year, Ohio loses between 1,200 and 1,500 of our citizens due to death by suicide," said Tracy Plouck, director of the Ohio Department of Mental

Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). “The steps we are taking today strengthen and enhance Ohio’s efforts on all fronts to reduce the number of deaths by suicide.”

[Read the media release and one-pager](#)

[More photos from today's announcement](#)

[Associated Press news coverage](#)

[Learn more about ZeroSuicide](#)

[SuicidePrevention.ohio.gov](http://SuicidePrevention.ohio.gov)

### **>>>\_Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment/Gap Analysis**

The OhioMHAS Office of Quality, Planning, and Research is requesting that Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Boards and suicide prevention coalitions [complete a suicide prevention needs assessment](#) to identify local community capacity and gaps in services. Survey results will be used to develop strategies to assist individuals at-risk and reduce the statewide suicide rate. The deadline to complete the survey is April 26. Questions? Please contact Christine Sielski: [Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov) 614.466.9981 or Helen Anne Sweeney: [HelenAnne.Sweeney@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:HelenAnne.Sweeney@mha.ohio.gov) | 614.466.9981.

### **>>> Electronic Submission of Level I PASRR Forms**

In April 2015 the Hospital Exemption Notification System (HENS) became mandatory for submitting the Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) Hospital Exemption (Form ODM 07000). HENS has evolved over the years and is now HENS 2.0. The revised HENS 2.0 system has enhanced features which many PASRR stakeholders may be unaware of; mainly, the system also processes the Level I PASRR screen (Form ODM 03622). Click [HERE](#) to read a memo from the Ohio Department of Medicaid, which outlines further details about submitting the ODM 03622 electronically. Questions? Contact Brandon Sturgill at [Brandon.Sturgill@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Brandon.Sturgill@mha.ohio.gov) or 614.752.9853.

### **>>> Regional Peer Support Symposiums**

The PEER (Peers Enriching Each other’s Recovery) Center is partnering with OhioMHAS to host a series of free, regional peer support symposiums. The first four *Path of Peer Support in Ohio* symposiums will be held in Butler (June 15), Fulton (May 18), Guernsey (June 29) and Jackson (June 23) counties. The certification requirements for Ohio Peer Supporters are changing, and these symposiums will provide an opportunity to have questions answered by OhioMHAS staff. Topics covered will include: peer support basics, certification process, rules changes and updating credentials. Space is limited, so register today. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

### **>>> Register Now for the 2016 OPEC Conference – June 27-29**

Registration is now live for the [2016 Ohio Promoting Wellness & Recovery Conference \(OPEC\)](#), which will take place June 27-29 at Ohio University in Athens. OPEC focuses on creating access, improving quality and making connections with Ohio’s prevention, early intervention and treatment workforce for children, families and communities. OPEC will offer six subject-matter

tracks, including: early childhood mental health, adolescent treatment and recovery/peer support, prevention, collective impact, youth development and cultural competency. Cost is \$100 and includes lunch Monday through Wednesday and dinner Tuesday evening. CE/RCH hours have been applied for totaling more than 20 hours. Lodging is also available at a variety of hotels (see registration) as well as in the dorms (Dorm costs: 3 nights (Sunday-Tuesday) including linen packet and breakfast for approximately \$225 single & \$180 double) All rooms are located on-campus in brand-new facilities with individual thermostat controls and are ADA handicapped accessible. Click [HERE](#) to register. Questions? Contact Dr. Holly Raffle, [raffle@ohio.edu](mailto:raffle@ohio.edu) or Molly Stone, [molly.stone@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:molly.stone@mha.ohio.gov).

### **In the News**

- 4.13.16 | *Findlay Courier* [211 calls: Crisis help now offered](#)
- 4.13.16 | *Youth Today* [The Importance of Youth Leaders in Substance Abuse Prevention](#)
- 4.13.16 | *Cincinnati Enquirer (Column)* [‘Start Talking’ about problem of alcohol abuse](#)
- 4.13.16 | *WCPO-TV* [New program ‘Heroin Hopeline’ offers aid to those struggling with heroin](#)
- 4.13.16 | *Associated Press* [Kasich proposes measures to end painkiller, heroin addiction in Ohio](#)
- 4.12.16 | *The New York Times* [Aid Groups Aim to Put Mental Health on World Agenda](#)
- 4.12.16 | *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* [Mental health court certified by state](#)
- 4.12.16 | *Findlay Courier* [ADAMHS Board, United Way partner for recovery helpline](#)
- 4.12.16 | *OSU Lantern* [Active Minds is ditching mental illness stigma](#)
- 4.11.16 | American Suicide Prevention Foundation [Advocates Host “Suicide Prevention Day at Ohio’s Capital”](#)

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