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>>> Ohio Preschool Expulsion Prevention Partnership Announces Toll-Free Centralized Intake Line

Nationwide Children's Hospital, in partnership with OhioMHAS, has announced a [new centralized intake resource](#) for licensed preschools and childcare providers – the *Ohio Preschool Expulsion Prevention Partnership* at **1.844.678.ABCs (2227)**. The line, which is staffed Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., links callers to an early childhood consultant in their area who can complete an on-site consultation within two business days. The consultants will: observe and consult at a preschool; provide recommendations on specific classroom strategies and interventions; offer service recommendations and resources for students and families (including referrals to local mental health providers, if necessary) and provide recommendations for training and professional development. The centralized intake line is part of a \$9.1 million investment to strengthen early childhood mental health services that was [announced](#) in January.

>>> 2016 Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference – May 13

Time is running out to register to attend the [2016 Statewide Suicide Prevention Conference](#) on May 13 on the campus of The Ohio State University. The third annual symposium focuses on *Suicide and the Family* and will feature presentations from leading researchers and advocates. New this year, the conference will feature two breakout sessions that will provide tools and resources in addressing the impact of suicide and suicide prevention. The conference is presented by The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in partnership with OhioMHAS. For more information, click the link above or contact Caitlin Willett at 614.293.7827 | Caitlin.Willet@osumc.edu.

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