



# News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor  
Tracy Plouck, Director

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*Public Safety Dir. John Born, OhioMHAS Dir. Tracy Plouck, Washington County Sheriff Larry Mincks and*

*Ohio Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Mark Bartman pose for a photo after a late-day press conference.*

## **>>> 2016 State of the State**

All eyes were on Washington County yesterday as Gov. John R. Kasich delivered his 2016 State of the State address at the historic People's Theater in downtown Marietta. During the day, cabinet directors visited stakeholders and participated in a wide array of public events to showcase past-year accomplishments. OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck participated in a healthcare workforce discussion at Marietta Hospital with representatives from the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Department of Higher Education and a midmorning "5 Minutes for Life" presentation to students at Belpre High School. Dir. Plouck was joined by Interim Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Lonny J. Rivera from the Ohio Department of Education, as well as colleagues from the Ohio National Guard and Ohio State Highway Patrol, to help students and staff learn more about Ohio's Start Talking! youth drug prevention campaign. In the afternoon, Dir. Plouck joined with Washington County Sheriff Larry Mincks, Guernsey County Sheriff Jeffrey Paden, Ohio Valley Educational Service Center Supt. Chris Keylor and members of the "Be Aware" coalition to debut the coalition's mobile drug prevention education trailer.

The Governor's remarks focused on Ohio's continued job growth, innovation and commitment to common sense reforms, behavioral health was mentioned throughout. While discussing the impact of Medicaid expansion and noting the administration's commitment to fighting drug abuse and addiction, Gov. Kasich noted, "The frontlines of this battle are in every urban center, town and farm community across Ohio." He added, "Keeping kids off drugs is a big part of our moral calling to help every Ohioan fulfill their chance to have a purpose and God-given ability." While hinting at future proposals regarding addiction treatment, Gov. Kasich said, "Fighting this battle takes everything we've got and attacking it from every angle and that comprehensive approach is the best part of Ohio's strategy."

[Read the full transcript of Gov. Kasich's State of the State Address](#)

[Watch the 2016 State of the State Address on the Ohio Channel](#)

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## **>>> SFY 2016 RFP Ohio Screening Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment Problem Gambling Pilot**

The Ohio SBIRT Project is seeking partners to implement the SBIRT model applied to problem gambling at medical and two specialty behavioral health treatment sites in Ohio. This RFP seeks a partner to conduct a pilot of SBIRT for problem gambling in a medical setting, and at least two additional specialty treatment settings. The partner will conduct at least 1,500 screens in a medical setting and at least 1,500 total screens in the specialty treatment settings, e.g. detox, inpatient AOD treatment. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than 10 a.m. on April 21 to [OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov). Proposals must be submitted to [OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov) by 3 p.m. on April 25.

[SBIRT Problem Gambling Pilot Announcement](#)

[SBIRT Problem Gambling Pilot RFP](#)

[SFY 2016 Agreements and Assurances](#)

[SFY 2016 Budget Expenditure Form](#)

[SFY 2016 Budget Narrative Template](#)

### **>>> Ohio Medicaid Seeks Public Comment on Healthy Ohio**

The Ohio House of Representatives proposed and the Senate agreed to create a new Healthy Ohio Program in the state budget enacted in June 2015. The legislature's plan requires Ohio Medicaid to seek a federal waiver to mandate enrollment in a Health Savings Account (HSA) for every non-disabled adult enrolled in Medicaid. Ohio Medicaid will post a draft waiver request on April 15, 2016 and seek public comment on the draft from April 15 to May 13 prior to submitting the final request to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

[More detail](#)

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### **>>> Free Tier 1 Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) Network Training – April 13**

The Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) initiative is sponsoring a free Tier 1 training at the American Red Cross of Summit and Portage Counties, 501 W. Market St., Akron, Ohio 44303 on April 13. Providers who complete the training will be listed in the SBHP registry. Star Behavioral Health is a resource for veterans, service members and their families to locate behavioral health professionals with specialized training in understanding and treating military service members and their families. For more information on the Star Behavioral Health Network visit [www.starproviders.org](http://www.starproviders.org).

### **In the News**

4.6.16 | *WTAP-TV* [Education, mental health officials to students: Start Talking](#)

4.6.16 | *WTAP-TV* [Be Aware Coalition educates Washington County About Teenage Drug Use](#)

4.6.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [BWC cutting opioid use by Ohio's injured workers](#)

4.5.16 | *Akron Beacon Journal (Editorial)* [Treatment before prosecution](#)

4.5.16 | *Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum* [Study: Vivitrol reduces overdose, relapse for ex-prisoners](#)

4.5.16 | *The Guardian* [Why words matter when it comes to mental health](#)

4.4.16 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Woman who lost many to drugs leading group raising awareness about drug abuse, violence](#)

4.4.16 | *Northwest Signal* [Group helps suicide survivors pick up the pieces](#)

4.2.16 | *WCPO-TV* [Butler county mental health provider and addiction recovery group combine to fight heroin epidemic](#)

3.31.16 | *Forbes* [Adding value and increasing access in the mental health arena](#)

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