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## >>> Upcoming OhioMHAS Certification Rules Webinars

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Bureau of Licensure and Certification has announced a series of free training webinars to highlight several certification rules changes that will take effect April 1, 2016. The series begins on Feb. 25 and wraps up on March 25. Click [HERE](#) for a complete schedule and to register.

## >>> Call for Proposals: 2016 Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery Conference (OPEC)

The OhioMHAS Office of Prevention and Wellness is seeking proposals from individuals interested in presenting at the *2016 Annual Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery (OPEC) Conference* to be held June 27- 29 on Ohio University's campus in Athens. Proposals must be submitted via the web form no later than **5 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2016.**

[Learn more and submit proposal](#)

[Save the Date flier](#)

## >>> Register Today for Ohio's 2016 Opiate Conference – May 2-3

Registration for *Ohio's 2016 Opiate Conference: Advancing Prevention, Intervention, Treatment, and Recovery* is now available. This year, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, will host Ohio's seventh annual Opiate Conference on May 2-3 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus, Ohio. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a local task force pre-conference on day one, and on day two will hear keynote presentations from two state legislators as well as from Sam Quinones, author of *Dreamland*. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## >>> Nationwide Children's Awarded Funding to Oversee Early Child Mental Health Initiative Centralized Intake

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce that [Nationwide Children's Hospital](#) in Columbus has been awarded the Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Centralized Intake component. The hospital will receive \$100,000 in SFY 2016 and \$125,000 in SFY 2017 to develop a centralized statewide system that provides in-person, rapid response for an ECMH consultation in an effort to prevent potential pre-school expulsions. Learn more about the initiative [HERE](#).

## **In the News**

2.17.16 | *HealthDay News* [Many Suicidal People Make Long-Term Recovery, Study Shows](#)

2.17.16 | *New York Magazine* [Behind the Scenes of Reddit's Suicide Watch](#)

2.17.16 | *Psychiatry Advisor* | [Bullied Preemies at Greater Risk for Mental Illness as Adults](#)

2.17.16 | *Akron Beacon-Journal* [Father to parents on heroin addiction: 'It's not your kid until it is'](#)

2.17.16 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Study: Meds boost drug court success](#)

2.17.16 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Apps, virtual reality now part of battle to treat addiction](#)

2.16.16 | *WHIO-TV* [Former superintendent tells gambling addiction story](#)

2.15.16 | *Toledo Blade* (Editorial) [Killing Pain](#)

2.13.16 | *Modern Healthcare Magazine* [Behind Medicaid's move to pay psychiatric hospitals](#)

2.12.16 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Fentanyl deaths spike to record levels in Cuyahoga County, heroin deaths decrease](#)

2.12.16 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Trumbull officials hope Vivitrol can help inmates kick addiction](#)

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