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>>> Office of Health Transformation Releases 2015 Highlights Report

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation (OHT) has released its [2015 Health Transformation Year in Review](#) report. In sharing the latest highlights, OHT Director Greg Moody said, "Thank you to the thousands of Ohioans who directly participated in the state's 2015 health transformation activities. After several years of intense work, we are beginning to see significant signs of improvement. In 2015, Ohio's uninsured rate was cut in half, fewer infant deaths were reported than at any point in at least 75 years, and Ohio Medicaid led the nation in prosecuting fraud and transitioning individuals out of institutions. The Kasich Administration will leverage these gains to address the challenges that remain, for example to reduce the number of black infant deaths and continue the fight against drug abuse. Thank you in advance for your leadership in 2016 to help the state address these issues and work together to further improve overall health system performance."

>>> OhioMHAS Certification Rules Webinars

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Licensure and Certification will be conducting two different webinars to review the [updated OAC Chapter 5122-25 rules](#) for providers seeking initial or renewal AoD, Mental Health or dual certification. The revised rules will go into effect **Feb. 1, 2016**. Click on the links below to register. Recordings of the webinars will be made available online for those who are unable to attend.

[Jan. 14, 9:30 a.m.-noon Non-Deemed Status Providers](#)

[Jan. 19, 1-3 p.m. Deemed Status Providers](#)

>>> REPOSTED: RFP – Whole Child Matters/Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) Centralized Intake

The Governor's budget has allocated funding to improve access to early childhood mental health prevention and early intervention services for infants, toddlers and young children (birth to kindergarten) to successfully retain them in their preschool and early learning settings. The goal of this re-posted grant ([MHA-ECH-010](#)) is to: 1) Create a centralized intake process that provides a seamless, rapid response capacity for family or center requests for ECMH Consultation services to prevent a potential episode of expulsion of a pre-school aged child. This request for proposal seeks grantees that will implement this component to the Whole Child Matters ECMH Initiative. **Proposals must be submitted to MHAS-ECWorkforce@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on Jan. 22. All questions must be submitted to MHAS-ECWorkforce@mha.ohio.gov no later than 5 p.m. on Jan. 13.** Answers will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

[Whole Child Matters RFP](#)

[OhioMHAS Budget Form](#)

SFY 2016 OhioMHAS Agreements and Assurances ([Word](#) | [PDF](#))

>>> Public Comment Sought: SAMHSA's National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP)

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality is seeking feedback on the launch of a new endeavor at the National Registry of Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP). In addition to reviewing programs received during the open submission process, NREPP will conduct independent literature reviews to add programs with strong evidence bases to the registry. SAMHSA welcomes comments from community

organizations; clinicians; practitioners; advocates; researchers; city, county and state agencies; and all other stakeholders. This feedback will help NREPP identify and

prioritize important practices and programs to the mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment field. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

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1.6.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Scott VanDerKarr, judge who helped addicts, resigns](#)

November 2015 | *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* [Responding to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System: Ohio's Behavioral Health/Juvenile Justice Initiative](#)

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