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John R. Kasich, Governor
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>>> Governor Kasich Signs Executive Order 2016-02K

On Tuesday, Gov. John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2016-02K, which allows the Ohio Department of Medicaid to amend rules so that changes to the State Plan Amendment regarding the inclusion of Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselors as eligible Medicaid providers will be effective July 1, 2016. [View the Executive Order.](#)

>>> Peer Support Certification Webinar – June 24

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Recovery Supports is conducting a follow-up webinar to the Regional Peer Symposiums on the topic of “Becoming a Certified Peer Recovery Supporter” on June 24 from 1-3 p.m. This webinar is for individuals who are interested in becoming a Certified Peer Recovery Supporter or for individuals who are interested in supervising Certified Peer Recovery Supporters. OhioMHAS will begin formally certifying Peer Recovery Supporters as of July 1, 2016. Register [HERE](#).

>>> OPEC 2016 to Feature Nationally-Renowned Speakers

There’s still time to [register](#) to attend the 2016 Ohio Promoting Wellness & Recovery Conference (OPEC) June 27-29 in Athens. This year’s conference features several nationally-renowned keynote speakers, including [Elizabeth Gaines](#), [Anthony Colannino](#) and [Roslyn Holliday Moore](#). Click [HERE](#) for the full agenda.

>>> Statewide Transportation Survey

The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council, Services for Independent Living, Disability Rights Ohio and the Government Resource Center have developed a [survey](#) about the transportation system that serves people with disabilities in Ohio. The survey is open to everyone and will help these groups develop a better understanding of the challenges people with disabilities face when dealing with transportation barriers. The survey will remain open until July 13.

>>> SAMHSA Resources Foster Resilience in Aftermath of Orlando Tragedy

The emotional toll from the mass shooting earlier this week in Orlando, Florida, continues to resonate both locally and nationwide. Following a tragedy of this magnitude, mental health support can make a substantial difference in beginning to heal a traumatized community. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has tools and resources to support survivors, community members, responders and behavioral health providers to foster recovery and resilience.

Resources for Survivors and Community Members

- [Coping With Grief After Community Violence](#)
- [Tips for College Students: After a Disaster or Other Trauma](#)
- [Tips for College Students: After a Disaster or Other Trauma: R U A Survivor of a Disaster or Other Trauma?](#)
- [Tips for Talking With and Helping Children and Youth Cope After a Disaster or Traumatic Event: A Guide for Parents, Caregivers, and Teachers](#)
- [Tips for Survivors of a Disaster or Other Traumatic Event: Managing Stress](#)

Resources for Responders and Behavioral Health Providers

- [SAMHSA Behavioral Health Disaster Response Mobile App](#)
- [SAMHSA Disaster Kit](#)
- [Understanding Compassion Fatigue](#)
- [Preventing and Managing Stress](#)
- [Identifying Substance Misuse in the Responder Community](#)
- [Returning to Work](#)
- [Adjusting to Life at Home](#)

Connect to Crisis Counseling via Phone or Text

The toll-free Disaster Distress Helpline offers immediate assistance for those who are experiencing psychological distress following this tragedy. Call 1.800.985.5990 or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746 to reach this confidential, multilingual helpline and connect with trained and caring professionals for counseling, referrals and other support services. The helpline's SMS service is also available in Spanish. Text "Hablanos" to 66746 for emotional support. TTY for Deaf/Hearing Impaired: 1.800.846.8517.

Additional Resources:

[Behavioral Health Equity: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender resources](#)

[Trauma-Informed Approaches for LGBTQ Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence](#)

[Trauma-Informed Approaches for LGBTQ Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Practice Observations](#)

[Trauma-Informed Approach and Trauma-Specific Interventions](#)

In the News

6.21.16 | *Twinsburg Bulletin (Guest Column)* [Advice on how to keep children from getting involved with drugs](#)

6.21.16 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Time to double down on drug prevention](#)

6.19.16 | *Medical Daily* [Teen Marijuana and Alcohol Use May Hurt School Performance, Mental Health](#)

6.17.16 | *The Beacon* [Ottawa County Common Pleas Mental Health Court program receives Ohio Supreme Court Innovation Grant](#)

6.15.16 | *WEWS-TV* [Cuyahoga County Recovery Court gives new perspective on drug abuse epidemic](#)

6.11.16 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Families of mentally ill adults work to have law providing treatment enforced](#)

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