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## >>> Addiction Treatment Program Expanded to Eight New Counties

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Bureau of Criminal Justice is pleased to announce the expansion of the Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) to eight additional counties in Ohio. The ATP originally started as a pilot project in SFY 2014 and SFY 2015 and was then expanded to serve a total of 14 counties in SFY 2016. The program provides addiction treatment services and recovery supports for clients who are enrolled in a certified drug court, have an opioid and/or alcohol use disorder, and are deemed eligible for Medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Treatment through the ATP includes MAT in conjunction with other clinical services offered by certified treatment providers.

The expansion will enable Butler, Clermont, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Mahoning, Stark, and Trumbull county to participate in the program in order to help decrease financial barriers to treatment services and recovery supports. The ATP will also continue to be available to the 14 counties that were included in the original program rollout in SFY 2016. These counties include: Allen, Clinton, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Gallia, Hamilton, Hardin, Hocking, Jackson, Marion, Mercer, Montgomery, Summit, and Warren. Visit the [ATP webpage](#) for more information.

## >>> OSAM Targeted Response Initiative: Employment and Persons with Substance Use Disorder

**OSAM** | Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring Network | The OhioMHAS Office of Quality, Planning and Research is pleased to announce the release of its latest Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network [Targeted Response Initiative \(TRI\): Employment and Persons with Substance Use Disorder](#). Please contact R. Thomas Sherba, Ph.D., M.P.H., LPCC, CPM, with questions at [Tom.Sherba@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Tom.Sherba@mha.ohio.gov) or 614.466.9020.

## >>> DEA Releases New PSAs as Part of National Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week – Sept. 19-23

In recognition of Sept. 19-23 as "National Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week," the federal Drug Enforcement Administration has launched a nationwide public service announcement campaign featuring Mario Lopez that will run through next weekend. These new PSAs will run on all of the major network morning shows, the top 200 iHeart Radio stations, the top 200 CBS Radio stations, outdoor billboards, and web-based digital platforms. All campaign

resources drive viewers/listeners to the DEA prevention website:  
[www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com](http://www.getsmartaboutdrugs.com).

Click the following links to view/download the files:

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9.17.16 | *Ashtabula Star Beacon* [Drug prevention officials laud community efforts](#)

9.17.16 | *Canton Repository* [Recovery event highlights hope amid heroin crisis](#)

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