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>>> Record Gathering Energizes 'We Are The Majority' Rally

Nearly 2,000 teenagers from more than 100 high schools, communities and youth groups from throughout Ohio, converged in downtown Columbus yesterday for the sixth annual [We Are the Majority](#) drug-free youth rally. The students gathered in Genoa Park for a morning rally and then marched to the Ohio Statehouse to show legislators their passion and pride in being part of the majority of young people who don't use alcohol or other drugs.

As part of the rally, representatives from Drug Free Action Alliance, Start Talking! and Verizon recognized winners of the Start Recording/Start Talking statewide video contest. More than 130 students participated in the contest and created videos that offer tips on how adults and other youth

can have frequent and honest conversations about substance abuse. Read about the winning entries [HERE](#). Watch for more photos in the April issue of *OhioMHAS e-Update* newsletter.

>>> RFA: SFY 2018-19 Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Linkage Projects

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) seeks to support collaborative partnerships to address the needs of individuals in the county/region through comprehensive, community based services that support treatment continuity and improved outcomes through its [SFY 2018-19 RFA for Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Linkage Projects funding opportunity \(MHA-18-19-TRS-009-CJS\)](#). The target population includes individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders involved in the criminal justice system, while incarcerated and/or upon their return to the community. OhioMHAS is interested in funding projects that focus on the goal of increasing public safety and minimizing harm to those with behavioral health needs who come in contact with law enforcement by linking them to treatment resources and recovery supports. The applicant is required to be an Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, Community Mental Health (CMH) Board or Alcohol, Drug Addiction Services (ADAS) Board that is willing to contract with a provider to deliver services. Applicants already awarded Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Linkage grants are not eligible. The applicant should demonstrate an existing partnership with its local law enforcement agency, the local judicial system, a correctional facility and community provider(s). Proposals must be submitted to OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov by 5 p.m. on May 25. Questions must be submitted to OhioMHASGrantOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov by May 10. Responses will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

[RFA](#)

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>>> 2017 Building Ohio's Addiction and Mental Health Workforce for the Future – April 24

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is hosting a student and provider workforce development forum on April 24 at Columbus State Community College. The forum agenda will highlight information regarding workforce need and benefits.

Students will have the opportunity to network with providers and other attendees in the field. Prospective employers will discuss crisis needs in the field, career pathways, internship and career opportunities. Sheila Raye Charles, daughter of legendary icon Ray Charles, will be the featured forum speaker. Ms. Charles is a powerful and dynamic advocate on recovery and the importance of an educated and skilled behavioral health workforce to address issues of addiction and recovery. Offsite colleges and universities are also invited to participate via live-stream to maximize local community engagement and outreach. The event will be [livestreamed](#) to a number of satellite locations statewide, including: Cincinnati State Technical and Community College -- Middletown Campus; Columbus State Community College -- Delaware Campus, Hocking College, Kent State University – Salem Campus, Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (internal viewing only), The Ohio State University – Mansfield Campus, Ohio University – Chillicothe Campus, Southern State Community College, Stark State Community College (internal viewing only) and Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare. For more information, contact Adreana Tartt at 614.466.9006 or Adreana.Tartt@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> OCJS Ohio Community-Police Relations Grant Program

The Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) is now accepting applications for the Ohio Community-Police Relations Grant Program. Grant recipients can receive up to \$40,000 to fund initiatives designed to improve relationships between communities and law enforcement agencies serving them. To be considered, applications must be submitted online through the [OCJS Grants Management System](#) by **5 p.m. on May 18**. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. OCJS will prioritize programs and practices that are deemed to be evidence-based. Examples of programs include community policing initiatives, training, juvenile mentoring programs, education and awareness tools and evidence-based policing strategies. OCJS plans to host a voluntary Grant Bidder's Training to discuss the application process and provide detailed information that will be useful in preparing an application. The bidder's trainings will be held via webinar April 27 at 10 a.m. [Registration](#) for the webinar is limited and required. For more information on Ohio Community-Police Relations Grant Program, please visit the [OCJS website](#).

>>> Ohio Clinician Examines Why Netflix Mini-Series *13 Reasons Why* Gives Cause for Concern

If you have a middle or high school student in your life, you've probably heard them talk about the Netflix show *13 Reasons Why* (*13RW*). Youth development specialists, suicide awareness advocates and preventionists across the country are raising concern with the mini-series and questioning its potentially negative impact. Being revered as a "must see," behavioral health experts are starting to caution parents and other concerned adults about the explicit and vivid scenes within the show how said images may glorify teen suicide. [Dr. John Ackerman](#), a clinical psychologist and prevention coordinator for the [Center for Suicide Prevention & Research](#) at Nationwide Children's Hospital has authored a [paper](#) on the series and how it doesn't quite hit the mark when effectively talking about teen suicide.

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4.20.17 | *WKSU 89.7* [Ohio's Addiction Agency Director Talks About Funding to Fight Opiate Abuse](#)

4.20.17 | *WBNS-TV* [2000 teenagers march in downtown Columbus for "We Are the Majority"](#)

4.20.17 | *WSYX-TV* [Students gather for drug-free rally in downtown Columbus](#)

4.20.17 | *WVXU 91.7* [Drug Free Kids Rally at Ohio Statehouse on 4/20](#)

4.20.17 | *Dayton Daily News* [New heroin treatment option coming to Middletown](#)

4.19.17 | *AthensNEWS* [State escalates regional fight against opioid surge](#)

4.19.17 | U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Media Release) [Trump Administration awards grants to states to combat opioid crisis](#)

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