

**April 27, 2017**

**>>> National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is This Saturday – April 29**



The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is sponsoring a nationwide prescription drug take back day this Saturday (4/29) from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This event provides a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of unused/expired/unwanted prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and diversion. Click [HERE](#) to find a participating collection site near you.

**>>> Mental Health Month Resources**

May is Mental Health Month. This year's theme is *Risky Business*. To help encourage conversations around mental health and the habits/behaviors that increase the risk of developing or exacerbating mental illnesses, Mental Health America has released the [2017 Mental Health Month Toolkit](#). The toolkit contains sample articles, media releases, proclamations, social media posts, web banners, fact sheets and more.



**>>> REMINDER: Summit Behavioral Healthcare Recovery Fair – May 12**

Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati will host its 10th annual Recovery Fair “Partners in Recovery: Empowering People to Build Better Lives” on May 12 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Community mental health service providers, consumers, family members and hospital staff are invited to participate in the day’s activities which will include keynote speakers, lunch and several breakout sessions led by local community organizations. The Recovery Fair is designed to educate both mental health service providers and community members about achieving recovery while enabling a stronger connection to be made between hospital and community resources. Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton (Retired) will deliver a keynote presentation on “Stepping Up: Partnerships to Change How We Deal with Mental Illness and Jail.” Other topics include presentations on the ongoing heroin epidemic, suicide prevention, positive psychology, peer recovery support, LGBT issues in recovery and ECT. 6.5 hours of Continuing Education Units will be offered in the fields of Social Work, Nursing, Counseling, Psychology and Occupational Therapy. 6.5 CMEs will be offered for Psychiatrists. A \$30 registration fee will be charged for community members, \$9 for students and consumer family members and \$5 for consumers. Registration includes a boxed lunch. For more information, contact Rebecca Middleton at 513.948.3635 or email [Rebecca.Middleton@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Middleton@mha.ohio.gov).

## >>> Updates from the Office of Health Transformation

### *MyCare Benefits Ohio*

Today Ohio Medicaid released a [three year evaluation](#) of the *MyCare Ohio* demonstration program that reports significant benefits for Ohioans enrolled in the program and taxpayers. *MyCare* plans coordinate Medicare and Medicaid services across physical, behavioral, and long-term services and supports for 107,000 individuals in 29 counties. In just three years, *MyCare* plans have reduced nursing facility stays four percent, decreased taxpayer costs per person 6.8 percent, and currently are saving Ohio Medicaid \$2.4 million every month. Despite early challenges, *MyCare* plans now pay 90 percent of all provider claims within 30 days and 99 percent of claims within 90 days. Most importantly, Ohio's *MyCare* plans were in the top ten percent of plans in the country on nearly half of the patient-focused quality measures that are reported nationally (HEDIS 2016). *MyCare* plans also outpace national averages on care plan completion rates, documentation of care plan goals, and follow-up care visits. *MyCare* plans also have been instrumental in assisting more than 300 residents move when seven poor-performing nursing facilities closed.

### *Health Transformation in Senate Finance*

The *MyCare Ohio* evaluation was featured prominently in Senate Finance testimony today presented by Ohio's health transformation team. Governor Kasich's Executive Budget converts the benefits, experience and lessons from *MyCare* into a new Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) program to extend the benefits of better care coordination to all Medicaid beneficiaries who receive community and facility based long term services and supports.

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## >>> NIDA Funding Opportunity

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has released a [solicitation](#) (RFA-DA-18-005) to test approaches for expanding medication-assisted treatment (MAT) or increasing access to naloxone in the context of State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis Grant funding. Among other criteria, proposals must: 1) leverage an opportunity made available by funding that states receive under the STR to the Opioid Crisis Grants; and 2) include relevant single state agency (SSA) staff as key personnel. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will need to collaborate and sign off on the applications submitted by research groups. Click [HERE](#) to view the OhioMHAS Opioid STR grant application. The deadline to apply is June 20.

### **In the News**

4.27.17 | *Findlay Courier (Editorial)* [Stopgap](#)

4.26.17 | *Newark Advocate* [Newark students urged to talk about addiction](#)

4.26.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [State touts managed care as saving millions, improving outcomes](#)

4.26.17 | *Ashtabula Star Beacon* [Officials announce development of drug task force](#)

- 4.26.17 | *Findlay Courier* [Naloxone training is essential](#)
- 4.26.17 | *WJW-TV* [Ohio school district sends parents letter of concern over '13 Reasons Why'](#)
- 4.26.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [How the Ohio House wants to spend additional \\$171 million to fight drugs, mental illness](#)
- 4.26.17 | *Chicago Tribune* [Celebrities open up about mental health struggles hoping to help others](#)
- 4.25.17 | *Youngstown Business Journal (Video)* [Juvenile Court's Early Warning System](#)
- 4.25.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio cities offering community education on addiction](#)
- 4.25.17 | *The Washington Post* [Meet the 34-year-old neuroscientist developing a drug to prevent depression and PTSD](#)
- 4.24.17 | *NBC News* [Anti-Drug Vaccines Could be a Game-Changer for People Battling Addiction](#)
- 4.24.17 | *The New York Times* [How to Build Resilient Kids, Even After a Loss](#)
- 4.24.17 | *NBC News* [Debut Novelist Takes on mental Health Stigma in 'Four Weeks, Five People'](#)
- 4.24.17 | *ThisWeek* [Center helps addicts break out](#)
- 4.23.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Change in 52-year-old Medicaid rule will expand mental health care](#)
- 4.23.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Fentanyl, a ruthless, indiscriminate killer, taking a big toll in Ohio](#)
- 4.23.17 | *WBNS-TV* [Face the State with Scott Light](#)
- 4.23.17 | *Spectrum News In Focus With Mike Kallmeyer* [Part 1](#) [Part 2](#) [Part 3](#)
- 4.23.17 | *WKBN-TV* [McDonald man's book on son's heroin addiction aims to help others](#)

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