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**>>> Planning Council Seeking Parents of Children Receiving Mental Health Services**

The [Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council](#) (Planning Council) is seeking to recruit parents of children under 18 who are receiving or have received mental health services. The Planning Council serves as an advisory board to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and meets federal requirements for Ohio to receive Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Block Grant funds. Planning Council meets six times a year on Fridays and Saturdays in Columbus. A stipend and travel reimbursement is available for those who qualify. For more information, please contact Liz at [Elizabeth.Gitter@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Gitter@mha.ohio.gov) or call 614.466.9963.

**>>> 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act Community Behavioral Health Providers Needs Assessment**

OhioMHAS is currently conducting a needs assessment with treatment providers as part of the activities related to the federal [21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act](#). The Department is collecting information on current practices, barriers and innovations associated with the treatment of clients with opioid-related disorders. If you are a provider and your organization didn't receive an invitation to participate in the needs assessment, contact Laura Potts, [laura.potts@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:laura.potts@mha.ohio.gov). Deadline for participation is Sept. 8.

**>>> GFMS External Release Note – Aug. 17**

OhioMHAS has shared a new Grants Funding Management System (GFMS) External Release note. Click [HERE](#) to see this important update. All GFMS Release Notes can be found on the OhioMHAS [GFMS External Release Notes webpage](#). For GFMS questions, please contact your Project Lead. Board questions can be addressed by contacting Fiscal at [MHAS\\_FiscalReview@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS_FiscalReview@mha.ohio.gov). Items related to iPortal or logging into the system can be addressed by contacting the OhioMHAS Helpdesk at 614.466.1483 or via email at [MHAHelpDesk@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAHelpDesk@mha.ohio.gov).

**>>> UPDATED RFP: Community Collective Impact Model for Change**

As the result of feedback from stakeholders on the Community Collective Impact RFP ([MHA-18-CommunityImpact-015](#)), the RFP language has been updated to clarify the purpose and requirements related to the funds. The purpose of this Request for Proposal is to select organizations and/or individual(s) that will launch and sustain a “backbone” organization to coordinate implementation of a long-term community level effort that impacts population level outcomes within communities. Communities will receive training, technical assistance, support and coaching throughout the project from a Collective Impact State Leadership team, focused on capacity building, infrastructure and collaboration to develop a shared vision and measures to address opiate addiction across the continuum. **Proposals must be submitted electronically to [OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov) by 3 p.m. on Aug. 25.**

**>>> RFP: Expansion of Prevention Evidence-Based Practices – Deadline Sept. 15**

OhioMHAS is currently accepting proposals for funding to support the expansion of prevention evidence-based practices ([MHA-18-PW-Expansion EBP-014](#)). This RFP will provide funds that will support opportunities for communities to expand existing EBP's that have demonstrated a high return on investment and significant outcomes through either national or local evaluation. School systems also have the option of utilizing Opioid STR resources to expand other evidence-based school-based prevention efforts if they are already in practice in the school system. Providing a plan for sustainability beyond the funding period will be a critical component in the RFP process. Applicants may request up to \$30,000.00. **Proposals must be submitted electronically to [MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov) by 3 p.m. on Sept. 15.** Questions may be submitted electronically to [MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov) by 10 a.m. on Sept. 8. Responses will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page](#).

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8.17.17 | *WFMJ-TV* [Parents' options for addressing bullying at Ohio schools](#)

8.16.17 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Sheriff's department to launch overdose quick-response team](#)

8.16.17 | *WOSU-89.7* [Ohio State Study Shows Mobile App Helps Teens With Concussions](#)

8.16.17 | *Cincinnati CityBeat* [Punk Talks uniquely connects mental health resources to musicians and music fans](#)

8.16.17 | *The Economic Times* [Now, manage your mental health and chronic conditions with an app](#)

8.16.17 | *Reuters Health* [Special probation for prisoners with mental illness cuts recidivism](#)

8.16.17 | *ABC News* [US teen drug overdose deaths inch up after years of decline](#)

8.14.17 | *Huffington Post* [How to talk to your teen about drugs: 6 tips for parents](#)

8.14.17 | *CNN* [Suicides under age 13: one every 5 days](#)

8.11.17 | *Canton Repository* [The Bluffs treatment center slated to open in late September at Atwood Lake](#)

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