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>>> Provider Waiting List – Due Aug. 31

Reminder to all community addiction services providers that effective July 1, 2017, new requirements went into effect for community addiction services providers requiring that a waiting list be maintained for all opioid or opioid and co-occurring drug addiction services and recovery supports. While the statute and rule uses the term “waiting list,” what is required is *not* a typical waiting list. The statute primarily focuses on tracking two areas: 1) time from first contact to assessment, and 2) time from assessment to treatment. Under the law, a community addiction services provider would have to track both items for opioid and opioid/co-occurring clients regardless of how long they had to wait. Click [HERE](#) for more information about waiting list requirements. Questions? Please contact Jim Lapczynski at james.lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov or 614.728.5599.

>>> Coming: PAX Good Behavior Game Trainings, Professional Development and Ongoing Support

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is announcing programs coming for 2017-2018 school year as a part of the [21st Century Cures Act](#) in an effort to combat



the opioid epidemic. These will include training, professional development and ongoing support for teachers to implement the PAX Good Behavior Game. The PAX Good Behavior Game is a classroom-based prevention intervention that gives teachers skills and strategies to create nurturing environments in their classrooms and to teach self-regulation, co-regulation, and group regulation throughout their daily instruction. Thus, instead of merely implementing an “anti-drug” campaign, the PAX Good Behavior Game actually teaches students skills in delayed gratification that have shown in multiple controlled trials to dramatically improve behavioral, academic, and lifetime outcomes. According to research one through the PAXSIS Institute, children exposed to at least one year of the PAX Good Behavior Game have demonstrated a 60% reduction in lifetime likelihood of opioid addiction. Based on the research and continued request from schools and communities, we are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to expand PAX GBG across Ohio. For more information on the proposed trainings for this project, please visit www.PAXOhio.org/getting-pax or contact Valerie Leach at Valerie.Connolly-Leach@mha.ohio.gov. Watch OhioMHAS e-news for more updates in the coming weeks.

>>> UPDATED RFP: Community Collective Impact Model for Change – Proposals Due Sept. 1

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 by 3 p.m. on Sept. 1.**

>>> New Video Highlights Trauma-Responsive Care

OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) collaborate on a statewide Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) Initiative intended to promote a greater sense of safety, security and equality among consumers/clients. TIC is an approach that explicitly acknowledges the role trauma plays in people's lives. The Rose-Mary Center in Cleveland has produced a new video – [Ray's Story](#) – that illustrates trauma responsive care in action. Rose-Mary provides services to persons with developmental disabilities. The Center was part of a three-year Trauma Responsive Care project funded by DODD. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Ohio's Trauma-Informed Care Initiative.

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