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## >>> Ohio Ready to Expand Behavioral Health Services Jan. 1

The State of Ohio is on track to significantly expand access to behavioral health services on January 1, 2018. Current gaps in care will be addressed with new programs, including assertive community treatment (ACT) for adults with severe mental illness, intensive home-based treatment (IHBT) for youth with serious emotional disorders and residential treatment for substance use disorders. These programs will be supported by new billing codes and fee schedules that tie rates to provider qualifications and boost access to services by enabling qualified providers previously closed out of the system to provide behavioral health services, including primary care practices and hospitals. [Read more.](#)

## >>> UPDATED RFP: Medication-Assisted Treatment Educational Symposiums for Recovery Housing

OhioMHAS is seeking a vendor to plan and facilitate six regional symposiums that focus on educating recovery housing providers on the benefits of Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), myths associated with MAT, policies and procedures for housing individuals participating in MAT and creation of MAT friendly environments. In addition, the vendor will be required to host and facilitate quarterly technical assistance calls related to MAT and recovery housing. **Note: All work must be completed by April 30, 2018.** Proposals must be submitted electronically to [RecoveryHousingRFI@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:RecoveryHousingRFI@mha.ohio.gov) by 2 p.m. on Jan. 15, 2018. All questions must be submitted to [RecoveryhousingFFI@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:RecoveryhousingFFI@mha.ohio.gov) by 2 p.m. on Jan. 10. Responses will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page.](#)

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## >>> 2018 Minority Health Month Kickoff & Exhibition – March 29

Save the date! The [Ohio Commission on Minority Health](#) will host its annual Minority Health Month kickoff and exposition from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on March 29 at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts, 77 S. High St., Columbus. Minority Health Month was created in 1989 to be a 30-day, high visibility, health promotion and disease prevention campaign. Conducted with and by community based agencies and organizations, this celebration reaches into urban, suburban and rural areas of the state. In 2000, Minority Health Month became a national celebration. For more information, please contact the Commission at 614.466.4000.

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12.14.17 | *WEWS-TV* [Lake County introduces a new program to help combat opioid epidemic](#)

12.14.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Housing First coalition on pace to end Cuyahoga County long-term homelessness by 2020](#)

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12.14.17 | *West Side Leader* [APS STEM students win app challenge](#)

12.14.17 | *West Side Leader* [Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation makes Impact Awards, rebrands](#)

12.11.17 | *The New York Times* [Treating anxiety in children](#)

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