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>>> Winter Weather Alert

Winter weather with ice, snow, and cold (sometimes of an extreme nature) can present safety challenges for all Ohioans. Those in treatment for psychiatric and substance-related conditions, and the staff who care for them, can benefit from reminders about the hazards of winter weather, suggestions for avoiding winter weather-related complications, and information on how to address winter weather-related health conditions, should they develop. Click [HERE](#) to read an important message from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Medical Director's Office. The Ohio Department of Aging also shared a similar [cold weather guide](#) for older adults.

>>> REMINDER: Retirement of Outdated Grants Management Systems Effective Jan. 1, 2018

Newer grant management tools have made it possible for the OhioMHAS team to sunset five obsolete software applications. ***The following systems will no longer be available as of Jan. 1, 2018:*** OLGA - Online Grants Application, POPS, PIPAR, Prevention and Funding Requests. To ensure the orderly retirement of these systems, the OhioMHAS Office of Information Services is asking all external customers to review application entries and resolve any outstanding concerns as soon as possible and generate any necessary reports prior to Jan. 1, 2018. By completing these tasks, it will help to achieve the shutdown in a timely and cost effective manner. Please contact Assistant Director Jim Lapczynski at 614.728.5599 or email James.Lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov with questions.

>>> Funding Opportunity: Cardinal Health Foundation -- Generation Rx Grants

The Cardinal Health Foundation is accepting applications for three new Generation Rx requests for proposals. Awards will be made in three categories: [Prevention Education for Youth](#) (30-50 programs funded at \$25,000-\$35,000 each), [Best Practices in Pain Medication Use and Patient Engagement](#) (20-30 programs funded at \$25,000-\$30,000 each) and [Community-Level Response to the Opioid Crisis](#) (Five awards at \$75,000-\$100,000 each.) Proposals must be submitted online by Jan. 12, 2018. Click the hyperlinks above for RFP information and [HERE](#) for more general information. View a [list](#) of Frequently Asked Questions.

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12.27.17 | *WCPN 90.3* [In hurricane aftermath, Puerto Ricans being resettled in Ohio face mental health issues](#)

12.26.17 | *Lake County News-Herald (Opinion)* [Mental health consideration for athletes should be mandatory](#)

12.26.17 | *U.S. News & World Report* [Excessive video gaming to be named mental health disorder by WHO](#)

12.25.17 | *Medical News Today* [Family meals may boost kids' physical, mental health](#)

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12.22.17 | *The New York Times* [The Opioid Crisis is Getting Worse, Particularly for Black Americans](#)

12.22.17 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Summit County residents continue to overdose at lower rates than months ago](#)

12.21.17 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Community Mental Healthcare Executive Director Elected to lead Behavioral Health Council](#)

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