



News Now

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>>> OHT Update: Kasich, Taylor Urge Thoughtful Repeal and Replacement of Affordable Care Act

Ohio Governor John R. Kasich and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor have submitted a letter to Republican Congressional leaders, which strongly supports a thoughtful strategy to repeal and replace Obamacare. The letter outlines anticipated serious consequences of repealing the law without a replacement, including insurance market destabilization and wide consumer uncertainty. With these concerns in mind, Gov. Kasich and Lt. Gov. Taylor support a single repeal-and-replace package that quickly repairs damage caused by Obamacare, protects those who have gained coverage since 2010 and retains key state-requested reforms that support Medicaid program performance improvements.

[Read the letter to the House](#)

[Read the letter to the Senate](#)

>>> Zero Suicide Academy Technical Assistance Call Scheduled for Jan. 24

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will host the next [Ohio Zero Suicide Academy™](#) Feb. 21-22 at Deer Creek State Park Lodge. A second technical assistance session has been scheduled for **Jan. 24 at 9 a.m.** To join the session, please call 1.888.850.4523 and use passcode 756902.

>>> 2017 Ohio Problem Gambling Conference – March 2-3

Register today to attend the 2017 Ohio Problem Gambling Conference “Fully Integrating Problem Gambling Services into Behavioral Health” March 2-3 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in north Columbus (Lewis Center). This conference will bring together national and local practitioners in gambling prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, research, administration and responsible gambling. Early bird registration is \$75; \$100 after Feb. 4. There will also be three hours of prevention ethics and three hours of treatment ethics available on March 3 for an additional \$35 fee. Visit www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org for more information and to register.

>>> Save the Date: 2017 Annual OPEC Conference – June 26-28

The annual Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery (OPEC) conference will be held June 26-28 at Miami University in Oxford. More information, including how to register, will be available in coming months. Visit <http://opeconference.com> to learn more about the conference.

>>> New Crisis Text Line Tool Shows Real-Time Trends by State

A [new tool](#) from Crisis Text Line reveals the location, day of the week, time of day, accompanying issues, and words most associated with specific mental health issues. For example, substance abuse peaks at 6am. Eating disorders peak on Sunday and Wednesday. Meanwhile, Vermont, Rhode Island, and Mississippi score highest for bullying. Data is

updated daily, so real-time trends in mental health across the country can be spotted. The updated portal, funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and available at CrisisTrends.org, enables users to search the data based on geography, issue area and time period. Data visualizations (colorized maps) use anonymized and aggregated data from more than 600,000 crisis conversations over three years to make the largest real-time crisis data set in America interactive and accessible to the public. The Crisis Text Line serves anyone, in any type of crisis, providing access to free, 24/7 support and information. Text *4HOPE* to 741741 to connect with a trained crisis counselor

>>> National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week – Jan. 23-29

OhioMHAS is pleased to join with the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to recognize Jan. 23-29 as [National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week](#) (NDAFW). This annual event is a national health observance for teens to promote local events that use NIDA science to [Shatter the Myths](#) about drugs. This [online guide](#) gives you everything you need to plan, promote, and host your NDAFW event. Watch a [video](#) about NDAFW.

In the News

1.19.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Kasich urges GOP congressional leaders to replace Obamacare with Ohio's setup](#)

1.18.17 | *Akron Suburbanite* ["Chasing the Dragon" forum a sobering reminder of opiate epidemic](#)

1.18.17 | *Gallipolis Daily-Tribune* [COHHIO grant to fight youth homelessness in southeastern Ohio](#)

1.17.17 | *Bryan Times* [New unit to help adults in mental health crisis](#)

1.17.17 | *Forbes* [Why Millennials Are Struggling with Mental Health at Work](#)

1.17.17 | *Fairborn Daily Herald* [EPD drug drop off box hailed as a success](#)

1.11.17 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Cuyahoga Falls police, fire join with drug counselors to visit home of addicts to offer help](#)

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