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

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is currently conducting a needs assessment with county boards as part of the activities related to the Cures Act. The Department is collecting information on current practices, barriers and innovations associated with the treatment of opioid/opiate use disorder clients. If your Board 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), or Christine Sielski, [christine.sielski@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:christine.sielski@mha.ohio.gov). **Deadline for participation is July 1.** A community behavioral health provider survey will be available soon.

## **>>> Ohio's Maternal Opiate Medical Support (MOMS) Project Featured in Report to Congress**



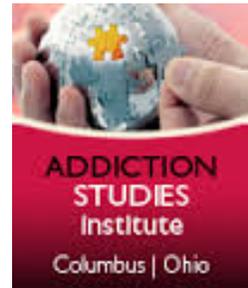
Ohio's Maternal Opiate Medical Support ([MOMS](#)) project is featured in the recently-published [2017 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP](#). MOMS, a collaboration between OhioMHAS, Ohio Medicaid and the Office of Health Transformation, was a two-year pilot project to improve maternal and fetal outcomes, family stability and reduce the costs associated with neonatal abstinence syndrome. In addition to clinical services at four locations, the project's \$4.2 million budget covered recovery support and non-clinical services such as housing vouchers, transportation and child care. Compared to a matched Medicaid comparison cohort, MOMS participants received more prenatal care and behavioral health services during pregnancy and after delivery; were more likely to receive MAT during pregnancy and after delivery; and had better outcomes with child protective services 18 months post-delivery. Information about the Ohio MOMS project appears in Chapter Two, page 75 in a section titled *Medicaid and the Opioid Epidemic*. Plans are underway to expand the program over the next two years to six new sites per year of the grant, utilizing a portion of funding received through the federal [21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act](#).

## **>>> Planning Council Seeking New Members**

Ohioans in recovery from mental illness and/or addiction, as well as their family members, are invited to apply for vacant seats on the Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council. The [Planning Council](#) serves as an advisory board to OhioMHAS, and meets federal requirements for Ohio to receive Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Block Grant and CURES grant funding. Planning Council meets six times a year on Fridays and Saturdays in Columbus. A stipend and travel reimbursement is available for those who qualify. Click [HERE](#) to download an application. For more information, please contact Liz at [Elizabeth.Gitter@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Gitter@mha.ohio.gov) or 614.466.9963 or Lynette at [Lynette.Cashaw-Davis@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Lynette.Cashaw-Davis@mha.ohio.gov) at 614.466.1984.

### >>> 2017 Addiction Studies Institute – Aug. 2-4

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Talbot Hall will host the 2017 Addiction Studies Institute Aug. 2-4 at the Columbus Convention Center. The Institute is the largest Midwest conference of its kind providing an array of dynamic educational sessions for the chemical dependency counselor, social worker, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist, prevention specialist, nurse, psychologist, physician, other healthcare specialists, criminal justice professional, clergy and educator. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the 2017 keynote speakers. In addition to general sessions, participants can select from more than 60 workshops. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



### >>> Save the Date: OhioMHAS “Housing University” – Sept. 25-26

OhioMHAS will host a [Housing University](#) on Sept. 25-26 for Adult Care Facility, Recovery Housing and Permanent Supportive Housing operators. The two-day training will be held at the Marriott Columbus on Olentangy River Road near The Ohio State University campus. Topics will include: budgeting, asset management, business practices and funding resources. Registration is not yet available. For questions, contact Ryan Velie at 614.466.9995 or [ryan.velie@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:ryan.velie@mha.ohio.gov).

### In the News

6.22.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Kasich, Portman decline to back Senate GOP health care bill](#)

6.22.17 | *Akron West Side Leader* [NAMI celebrates 31 years with award presentations](#)

6.21.17 | *Los Angeles Times* [Tens of thousands died due to an opioid addiction last year, With an Obamacare repeal, some fear the number will rise](#)

6.21.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Statehouse battle looming over addiction crisis; Medicaid freeze panned](#)

6.21.17 | *Associated Press* [GOP Medicaid Cuts Would Hit States Fighting Opioid Epidemic](#)

6.21.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Test strips could help drug users detect deadly fentanyl](#)

6.21.17 | *WSYX-TV* [Action plan announced to fight central Ohio’s opiate epidemic](#)

6.21.17 | *VICE Video* [An Ohio Family Rebuilds After Addiction](#)

6.21.17 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Feds offer \\$1B to fight drug epidemic as overdoses rise in Springfield](#)

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