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## >>> Forum to Promote Careers in Addiction, Mental Health Fields – April 24

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is hosting a student and provider workforce development forum on April 24 at Columbus State Community College. The forum agenda will highlight information regarding workforce need and benefits. Students will have the opportunity to network with providers and other attendees in the field. Prospective employers will discuss crisis needs in the field, career pathways, internship and career opportunities. Sheila Raye

Charles is the featured forum speaker. Daughter of legendary icon Ray Charles, she is a powerful and dynamic advocate on recovery and the importance of an educated and skilled behavioral health workforce to address issues of addiction and recovery. Offsite colleges and universities are also invited to participate via live-stream to maximize local community engagement and outreach. For more information, contact Adreana Tartt at 614.466.9006 or [Adreana.Tartt@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Adreana.Tartt@mha.ohio.gov) or Joseph Hill at 614.752.9702 or [Joseph.Hill@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Joseph.Hill@mha.ohio.gov).

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## >>> 2017 Ohio Regional Peer Recovery Supporter Symposiums Kick Off March 22

OhioMHAS, in partnership with the Peer Center, is pleased to launch a series of free, regional Peer Recovery Supporter Symposiums, beginning March 22 in Cleveland. All symposiums begin at 9 a.m. with check-in beginning at 8:30 a.m. [Registration](#) is required. Other upcoming symposiums include: April 5 – Dayton, April 19 – Akron, May 3 – Cincinnati and May 17 – Toledo. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## >>> Registration Open: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual We Are the Majority Rally – April 20

Register today to attend the [6<sup>th</sup> Annual We are the Majority \(WATM\) rally and resiliency ring](#) on April 20 at Genoa Park in Columbus. The event is free to all Ohio middle and high school students and adult leaders. Students who attend will receive a free WATM T-shirt and lunch. The program begins at 9 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., participants will march to the Ohio Statehouse for a noon rally. [Travel stipends](#) are available. For more information, please contact Connie Kristof, [ckristof@drugfreeactionalliance.org](mailto:ckristof@drugfreeactionalliance.org).



## >>> Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) Upcoming Training Opportunities

Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) is sponsoring a series of upcoming trainings to help behavioral health providers better meet the needs of military service members, veterans and their families. The mission of this program is to provide licensed Ohio behavioral health



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providers with specific evidence-based training that will help them meet the needs of those impacted by military service. Eligible providers who complete the training may be listed in a comprehensive public access provider registry that identifies them as having completed this training in military issues. The registry is a valuable resource for service members, veterans, families, and referring professionals in and outside the military.

**Tier One** training provides an introduction to military culture, information about the deployment cycle and the effect of the deployment cycle on service members and their families. The training is free to participants, and continuing education units (CEUs) may be earned at no cost. **Tier Two** trainings are a two-day, classroom based training. To attend a Tier Two training, you have to have completed Tier One training. **Tier Three** trainings offer behavioral health professionals specific clinical skills that focus on evidence-based treatment. To attend Tier Three trainings, you must be accepted into the registry and have completed Tier One and Tier Two. Learn more and register [HERE](#).

### Upcoming Trainings:

#### **Tier One**

April 7 – [American Red Cross, Cincinnati Area Chapter](#)

#### **Tier Two**

April 11-12 – [American Red Cross – Akron](#)

#### **Tier Three**

May 17-18 – [Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging](#)

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3.14.17 | *CNN* [Depression, anxiety and PTSD: The mental impact of climate change](#)

3.14.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Coroner's 2<sup>nd</sup> heroin summit to focus on education about epidemic](#)

3.13.17 | *Lima News* [Activate Allen County: Lima Senior is getting activated](#)

3.13.17 | *Psychology Today* [Stress mindset tied to physical and mental health](#)

3.12.17 | *The Washington Post* [As opioid overdoses rise, police officers become counselors, doctors and social workers](#)

3.11.17 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Upcoming forum to offer support to those grieving an overdose death](#)

3.10.17 | *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* [Officials target underage drinking](#)

3.7.17 | *WKBN-TV* [Boardman Schools recognized for drug prevention education](#)

3.7.17 | *Jackson Times-Journal* [Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation offering two Kognito trainings for Ohio students](#)

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