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John R. Kasich, Governor
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>>> 2017 Peer Recovery Supporter Conference – June 1-2

OhioMHAS will host the Peer Recovery Supporter Conference 2017: Professionalizing the Workforce, June 1-2 in Columbus. Keynote speakers include Phil Valentine and Ohio's own Dr. Fred Frese. Peer Recovery Supporters interested in attending can register for one or both days. Individuals interested in attending both days must register for [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#). Participants will receive certificates of attendance which will apply towards recertification. Lunch will be provided both days through support from The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation. Peer Recovery Supporters who need to apply for Consumer and Family Partnership (CFPT) funds to cover the cost of lodging or mileage reimbursement may begin submitting applications to Sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov. CFPT applications can be found [HERE](#).

>>> Safe & Healthy Schools Summit – June 6

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Department of Education and PreventionFIRST! are teaming up to host *Supporting Youth Through Evidence-Based Practices*



[Safe and Healthy Schools Summit](#) on June 6 at the Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus. The conference will provide school staff and behavioral health professionals the opportunity to learn about the successes of the [Safe Schools & Healthy Students federal grant](#) that Ohio has been administering for the past four years. Conference objectives include: 1) informing participants about system-based approaches for identifying behavioral health needs of students; 2) demonstrating use of multi-tier system approaches and evidence-based practices; and 3) providing practices for sustaining school and community partnerships and behavioral health services. RCHs/Social Work CEU's and CHES hours are being applied for. For more information, email Cathy Born at cborn@prevention-first.org or call 513.751.8000 ext. 10.

>>> Office of Health Transformation Update

A new study published by the National Association of States United for Aging and Disabilities (NASUAD) describes the benefits for states that have adopted managed long term services and supports (MLTSS). These states report that relying on private sector managed care plans to coordinate long term services and supports has allowed them to:

- Improve member experience, quality of life, and health outcomes;
- Rebalance Medicaid spending away from institutions to home and community based alternatives;
- Reduce waiting lists for home and community options and increase access to services; and
- Increase budget predictably and manage costs.

Ohio has achieved similar results through the MyCare Ohio program, which relies on managed care plans to coordinate services for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees in 29 counties. In just three years, MyCare plans reduced nursing facility stays four percent and decreased per member costs 6.8 percent. Currently MyCare plans save the Medicaid program and Ohio taxpayers \$2.4 million every month.

Governor Kasich's budget would build on the success of MyCare and MLTSS programs in other states by extending the benefits of managed long term services and supports to more Ohioans. It would set aside the current one-size-fits-all reimbursement system that pays nursing facilities and other providers without regard to quality and instead rely on private sector managed care plans to pay more for quality as an incentive for providers to improve. The House of Representatives voted to delay these reforms until 2021 and the issue is now under consideration in the Ohio Senate.

[Demonstrating the Value of Managed Long Term Services and Supports MyCare Ohio Report](#)

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- 5.13.17 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Mahoning Valley to receive \\$685K to fight opioid addiction](#)
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- 5.11.17 | *Lima News* [Spencerville students fight against suicide, learn mental health awareness](#)
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