

**May 4, 2017**

### >>> Senate Budget Testimony Begins

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Tracy Plouck provided testimony on behalf of the Department's SFY 2018-19 budget today before members of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Health and Medicaid. Click [HERE](#) for Dir. Plouck's written testimony.

### >>> Olympic Champions to Highlight Tonight's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Event



Olympic champions Michael Phelps, the world's most decorated Olympian, and Allison Schmitt, an eight-time Olympic medalist, will serve as Honorary Chairpersons of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (Awareness Day) 2017 national event tonight at 7 in Washington, D.C. The 2017 national event will feature interactive panels addressing a variety of topics, including: the importance of social, emotional, behavioral and physical health needs of children, youth and young adults; modeling effective communication practices between behavioral health providers, primary care providers, families and youth; and addressing the needs of youth with co-occurring chronic

illnesses and mental and/or substance use disorders. During the national event, families, youth, and young adults across the country will have an opportunity to pose questions to panelists on the national stage through email and social media. SAMHSA will webcast the event and NBC4 Washington and its sister stations across the U.S. will livestream the event. Awareness Day 2017's national focus is on the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children, youth, and young adults with mental and/or substance use disorders. The 2017 national theme is "Partnering for Help and Hope." Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### >>> SAMHSA Spotlights Association Between Chronic Illness and Depression in Youth

Today, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration debuted several one-page "Spotlights" to accompany a major report on the association between a major depressive episode and chronic conditions such as diabetes, asthma, and obesity. The [full report](#) and four "Spotlights" were released in recognition of National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day (Awareness Day). This year's Awareness Day theme, "Partnering for Help and Hope," focuses on the importance of integrating behavioral health and primary care for children, youth, and young adults with mental and/or substance use disorders.

- [Bronchitis and Pneumonia Related to Major Depressive Episodes Among Adolescents](#)
- [Past-Year Major Depressive Episodes More Common Among Adolescents With Asthma](#)
- [One in Seven Adolescents With Diabetes Experienced a Major Depressive Episode in the Past Year](#)
- [One in Five Female Adolescents Who Were Overweight and Obese Had a Past-Year Major Depressive Episode](#)

### >>> 2017 Drug Interdiction, Disruption & Reduction Symposium – May 31

The Ohio Department of Public Safety, in partnership with the Ohio National Guard, Ohio Task Force Commanders Association and OhioMHAS, will host the [2017 Drug Interdiction, Disruption and Reduction Symposium](#) on May 31 at the ODOT Auditorium, 1980 W. Broad St., Columbus. The purpose of the symposium will be to discuss drug-related trends at the state, regional and national level. This free event, which is open to law enforcement, treatment, health care and first responders, will provide an opportunity for community partners and law enforcement to discuss drug trends that impact their communities. Guest speakers include: El Paso Intelligence Center Director/Special Agent in Charge K. Scott McRory; Colerain Township Administrator and Director of Public Safety Daniel P. Meloy and U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency Chemist Joseph Bozenko. Dirs. John Born and Tracy Plouck will provide welcome remarks. The deadline to register is May 19. For more information, call Clairissa Vandergriff at 614.995.4942.

### In the News

5.4.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Northeast Ohio librarians learn how to help homeless, mentally ill, drug addicted](#)

5.4.17 | *Associated Press* [The latest opioid street mix causing concern: ‘Gray Death’](#)

5.4.17 | *Huffington Post* [New movement to Silence the Shame about mental health](#)

5.3.17 | *WKSU 89.7* [Ohio Kids Rally at the Statehouse for Mental Health Treatment](#)

5.3.17 | *USA Today* [#MentalHealthMonth: Mental Health in America by the Numbers](#)

5.3.17 | *WOSU 89.7* [Teen suicide in the media](#)

5.3.17 | *CBS News* [State of Mind Episode 1: Where we are as a nation](#)

5.3.17 | *WCMH-TV* [Naloxone-resistant fentanyl is making its way into Ohio](#)

5.3.17 | *Dayton Daily News* [Walking Dead actor coming to Dayton for anti-heroin benefit](#)

5.2.17 | *The New York Times* [Netflix to add warning to start of ‘13 Reasons Why’](#)

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