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***OhioMHAS Dir. Tracy Plouck presents findings from the second Ohio Problem Gambling Analysis to members of the Ohio Casino Control Commission.***

### **>>> Second Ohio Gambling Survey Analysis Released**

The Ohio for Responsible Gambling (ORG) coalition today released an analysis of the *Ohio Gambling Survey – Round Two*, a follow-up to the baseline survey done in 2012, before any of the state’s casinos and racetrack-based racinos had opened. ORG includes the Ohio Commissions of Casino Control, Lottery and Racing, and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS).

The new 2016-17 survey gathered 24,000 completed responses and provides a summary of current gambling activity among Ohio adults, along with some comparative changes in gambling behavior since the 2012 survey. Four major points follow:

- Roughly 76,379 Ohioans, or 0.9%, may have a gambling disorder; the national average of past-year problem gambling is 2.2 percent.
- Younger adults, non-white adults, those unemployed, unmarried, and with less education all have higher rates of problem gambling.
- Other behavioral and physical health issues compound the likelihood that someone will have a problem with gambling.

Read the survey results [HERE](#). Learn more about responsible gambling at [www.beforeyoubet.org](http://www.beforeyoubet.org) or call the Problem Gambling Helpline at **1.800.589.9966** for assistance. Click [HERE](#) for problem gambling prevention and treatment resources. Read a [news story](#) from *The Associated Press*.

### >>> Ohio Third Frontier Announces \$8M Tech Challenge Aimed at Opioid Crisis



Ohio is looking for new ideas to be brought to the fight against drug abuse and addiction through today's launch of the [Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge](#). This global challenge is seeking new approaches and technology solutions whether they be from regular citizens or researchers and scientists. The [Ohio Third Frontier Commission](#) teamed with Cleveland-based [NineSigma, Inc.](#), to announce the \$8 million effort. The first stage is the idea generation phase, which will collect ideas from technical and non-technical audiences including caregivers, service providers, researchers, citizens, entrepreneurs and anyone impacted by the crisis. Up to five ideas from the idea generation phase with the highest likelihood of leading to a solution will be selected for a cash award of \$10,000 each. In addition, runners-up will be entered in a drawing to win \$500 prizes; 20 will be awarded to citizens and 20 to technical professionals and experts. The second stage is the challenge phase, using expertise of the worldwide business and innovation community to advance technical solutions in the areas of prevention, treatment, and overdose avoidance and response. The final stage is the product phase, enabling winners of the Challenge to further develop their technology for market entry. The deadline to [submit ideas](#) is **5 p.m. Dec. 15**. Winners will be announced in late January 2018, and the challenge phase will launch in February 2018. [Watch](#) the announcement. See a [short video](#) featuring OhioMHAS Medical Director Dr. Hurst and Recovery Supports Administrator Mindy Vance. Read [coverage](#) from *The Associated Press*.

### >>> Oct. 25 is Deadline to Register for 2017 Forensic Conference

The deadline to register to attend the [2017 Annual Forensic Conference: Tailoring Strategies for Diverse Forensic Populations](#) is Oct. 25. The conference will be held on Nov. 1 at the Embassy Suites Columbus-Dublin. Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D., ABPP, will provide the keynote address, "A Better Way to Help People with Severe Mental Illness who Commit Minor Crimes." The conference will also feature the annual Legal Update and workshops on Conditional Release Considerations, a Forensic Consumer's Experience with CIT, the Stepping Up Initiative in Ohio, Risk Assessment for Insanity Acquittees, Forensic ACT in Lucas County, Sovereign Citizens and Finding Expert Interpreters for people in the courts and forensic evaluation settings. Cost is \$145. [Register online](#).

### >>> SAMHSA Recovery LIVE! Virtual Event: Ethics and Boundaries in Peer Support – Oct. 26

Join the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) for a *Recovery LIVE!* virtual event on Oct. 26 from 2-3 p.m. Presenters will discuss the features and importance of ethics and boundaries specific to peer support organizations. The event will highlight organizational values common to all types of peer support services, and will include information on the practical applications of ethics and boundaries to everyday peer-to-peer interactions. Participants can engage directly with presenters and other participants through live chat, polls, and other interactive features. Register [HERE](#).

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