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## >>> Latest *Behavioral Health Trends in Ohio* e-Journal Now Available

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Bureau of Research and Evaluation is pleased to announce the availability of the latest issue of its [Behavioral Health Trends in Ohio](#) e-Journal. The Journal represents a new incarnation of *Current Research Trends*, which was first published in 2012 by the former Ohio Department of Mental Health. Periodically, the e-Journal will include human-interest stories about various personalities, places or issues affecting the public behavioral healthcare spectrum. Through the e-Journal, the OhioMHAS research team circulates up-to-date information about behavioral healthcare outcomes data, policy matters, treatment debates and evidence-based best practices. The Department invites the field to submit articles for publication. Please read the [manuscript preparation guidelines](#) for information on how to properly format submissions. For more information, contact Helen Anne Sweeney at 614.466.9981 or send an email to [OPQR-OhioMHAS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OPQR-OhioMHAS@mha.ohio.gov).

## >>> PAX Good Behavior Game Trainings Filling Fast

As a part of Ohio's [21st Century Cures Act](#) initiative, OhioMHAS is supporting training, professional development and ongoing support for teachers to implement the [PAX Good Behavior Game](#). Training slots are filling fast, so register today. The following trainings are now full: Nov. 1 (Region 1), Nov. 6 (Region 1), Nov. 14 (Region 15), Nov. 16 (Region 14), Nov. 28-29 (Regional 11 – Partner Training) and Dec. 6 (Region 2). For a list of available trainings, or to request a training in your area, please visit <https://www.paxohio.org/>. Click [HERE](#) to view a presentation that discusses all aspects of the project. Questions? Please contact Valerie Leach at [valerie.connolly-leach@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:valerie.connolly-leach@mha.ohio.gov).

## >>> National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day This Saturday (10/28)

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will host its 14<sup>th</sup> National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 28. Take Back Day provides a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposing expired/unused prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for diversion and abuse of medications. More than 270 sites throughout Ohio participated in the April collection, which netted more than 33,200 pounds of unused medications statewide. Nationally, Americans disposed of 900,300 pounds (450 tons) of unwanted medications. Click [HERE](#) to find a collection site near you.



## >>> DEA Releases 2017 National Drug Threat Assessment

The DEA has released its [2017 National Drug Threat Assessment](#). This document provides a yearly assessment of the challenges local communities face related to drug abuse and drug trafficking. Highlights in the report include usage and trafficking trends for prescription drugs, heroin,

methamphetamine, cocaine, marijuana and synthetic drugs. The Assessment factors in information from many data sources such as drug seizures, drug purity, laboratory analyses, information on the involvement of organized criminal groups, and survey data provided to DEA by 5,155 state and local law enforcement agencies across the country.

### **In the News**

10.24.17 | *WSYX-TV* [Officials draw attention to rise in Adderall, Ritalin use leading to harder drugs](#)

10.24.17 | *WKEF-TV* [Community Overdose Action Team says it's making progress against opioid crisis](#)

10.24.17 | *WHIO-TV* [Detox facility planned by region's hospitals, community partners](#)

10.24.17 | *Huffington Post* [America's 'Overdose Capital' is rising up, and it's time for the media to pay attention](#)

10.24.17 | *Ohio State News* [Nurses' depression tied to increased likelihood of medical errors](#)

10.24.17 | *CNN* [This is fentanyl: a visual guide](#)

10.23.17 | *WCBE 90.5* [State's Behavioral health Redesign Now in Testing Mode](#)

10.23.17 | *This Week News* [Human trafficking: Victim advocates make strides, but long road ahead](#)

10.23.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Whitehall will test programs to reduce opioid addiction and deaths](#)

10.23.17 | *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* [Why more U.S. teens are suffering from severe anxiety – and how parents can help](#)

10.23.17 | *Massillon Independent* [Phoenix Rising grows to treat more clients](#)

10.23.17 | *Patch.com* [Talawanda School district educates students to prevent alcohol and drug abuse](#)

10.22.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Experts help preschools avoid expelling problem kids](#)

10.22.17 | *NBC News* [Is social media contributing to rising teen suicide rate?](#)

10.20.17 | *Jackson telegram-News* [First-ever Red Ribbon Rally draws large crowd](#)

10.20.17 | *Canton Repository* [Stark jail naloxone program to be honored](#)

10.15.17 | *Athens News* [Dreamland author puts regional opioid crisis into perspective](#)

10.14.17 | *Toledo Blade* [Area haunted house helps volunteers get past addiction](#)

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