



News Now

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>>> Opioid STR/CURES Act Technical Assistance Calls Planned

Beginning in October, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will facilitate a series of statewide technical assistance calls to discuss projects and topics related to the State Targeted Response (STR) to the Opioid Crisis grant through the 21st Century CURES Act. Each call will cover different subject areas such as: the Maternal Opiate Medical Supports (MOMS) Program, Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), Telehealth, American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria, Quick Response Teams and more. Calls will include about 10 minutes of content presentation, while the remaining time will be utilized for participant questions and open discussion. Click [HERE](#) for a calendar of upcoming calls.

>>> \$89 Million Awarded to Largest-Ever Number of Community Coalitions To Prevent Youth Substance Use

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) announced \$89 million in Drug-Free Communities (DFC) Support Program grants to 719 local drug prevention coalitions — including several in Ohio — the largest number of single-year grantees since the program's founding. Directed by ONDCP, in partnership with SAMHSA, these grants will provide local community coalitions with funding to prevent youth substance use, including prescription drugs, marijuana, tobacco and alcohol. View a [list of FY 17 grant award recipients](#).

>>> 14th Annual MACC Statewide Training Conference – Oct. 5-6

Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) will host its 14th Annual Statewide Conference “Aiming for Equity: Combating Social Determinants of Health” on Oct. 5-6 at Columbus State Community College. Harry Jay Heiman, M.D., M.P.H., associate clinical professor of Health Management and Policy from the Georgia State University School of Public Health, will provide keynote remarks on day one. Quinn Capers, IV., M.D., F.A.C.C., F.S.C.A.I., assistant professor of Clinical Medicine at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, will provide keynote remarks on day two. The conference is also supported by OhioMHAS, the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Franklin County, the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Franklin County, Northeast Ohio Medical University BeST Center and Sun Behavioral- Columbus. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

In the News

9.25.17 | *WBNS-TV* [Rally for Recovery goes a step further to fight opioid epidemic](#)

9.25.17 | *Salem News* [September is National Suicide Awareness Month](#)

9.25.17 | *Marion Star* [City plans to expand drug court using federal grant](#)

9.25.17 | *Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier* [Kent schools to hold opioid assemblies](#)

9.25.17 | *Parkersburg News and Sentinel* [Right Path holds Recovery is Beautiful Walk in Marietta](#)

9.25.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Ohio Lottery retailers can offer help to problem gamblers](#)

9.25.17 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Trumbull saddled with high overdose rate and unemployment](#)

9.25.17 | *U.S. News & World Report* [Advocates want more police training for mental health](#)

9.24.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Reporter Alan Johnson's compassion gave voice to the voiceless](#)

9.24.17 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Suicide prevention walk raises more than \\$16,000 for prevention, awareness](#)

9.23.17 | *The New York Times* [Some of the youngest children finding, overdosing on adults' narcotics](#)

9.22.17 | *Lake County News-Herald* [CVS limiting opioid prescriptions to 7 days](#)

9.22.17 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Trumbull County sounds alarm because of spike in overdoses](#)

9.22.17 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Middletown group to hire drug prevention expert with \\$125,000 grant](#)

9.22.17 | *Mount Vernon News* [Knox Substance Abuse Action Team earns Drug-Free Communities grant](#)

9.22.17 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [To increase odds of success, VNA delivers meds to ease anxiety, discomfort, to addiction patients in opioid treatment](#)

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