

Sept. 29, 2017



*Hundreds of family members, individuals in recovery and advocates converged on the Ohio Statehouse today for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio Rally for Recovery sponsored by Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery, OhioMHAS and The Ohio State University – Wexner Medical Center. The event featured live entertainment, dynamic speakers, awards presentations, exhibitors, food, fellowship and the ever-popular “Recovery Countdown” (pictured above.) See the [In the News](#) section below for coverage from today’s Rally. More photos will be available soon on the [OhioMHAS Flickr page](#).*

### **>>> \$6M in Grants Will Strengthen Ohio’s Behavioral Health Workforce**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is taking action to strengthen and enhance the state’s behavioral healthcare workforce through \$6 million in grants to community-based mental health and addiction service providers. The funds will support agency-led recruitment and retention efforts, and incentivize existing professionals to attain a higher level of professional certification. The funds were awarded on a first-come, first-served basis to OhioMHAS-certified providers, with priority given to agencies who indicated intent to initiate or expand workforce capacity for serving deaf and hard of hearing populations. Providers were eligible to apply for a one-time funding maximum of \$100,000 for SFY 2018-19. All told, the Department sent award notices to 61 providers throughout the state. Read the entire [press release](#) including the list of funded programs.

### **>>> GFMS External Release Note – Sept. 29**

OhioMHAS has shared a new Grants Funding Management System (GFMS) External Release note. Click [HERE](#) to see this important update. All GFMS Release Notes can be found on the OhioMHAS [GFMS External Release Notes webpage](#). For GFMS questions, please contact your Project Lead. Board

questions can be addressed by contacting Fiscal at [MHAS\\_FiscalReview@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAS_FiscalReview@mha.ohio.gov). Items related to iPortal or logging into the system can be addressed by contacting the OhioMHAS Helpdesk at 614.466.1483 or via email at [MHAHelpDesk@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MHAHelpDesk@mha.ohio.gov).

### >>> Retirement of Outdated Grants Management Systems Coming Jan. 1, 2018

Newer grant management tools have made it possible for the OhioMHAS team to sunset five obsolete software applications. The following systems will no longer be available as of January 1, 2018:

- OLGA - Online Grants Application
- POPS
- PIPAR
- Prevention
- Funding Requests

To ensure the orderly retirement of these systems we are asking all customers to do the following:

- Review application entries and resolve any outstanding concerns as soon as possible
- Generate any necessary reports, prior to 1/1/2018

By completing these tasks, it will help to achieve the shutdown in a timely and cost effective manner. If OhioMHAS can assist with any questions about the plan to stand these applications down, please contact Jim Lapczynski at 614.728.5599 or email [James.Lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:James.Lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov)

### In the News

9.29.17 | *WSYX-TV* [Hundreds rally on Statehouse steps for addiction recovery](#)

9.29.17 | *WVXU 91.7* [Rally for Recovery at Ohio Statehouse](#)

9.29.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Recovery is Beautiful](#)

9.29.17 | *Lima News* [Project attempts to remove stigma of addiction](#)

9.29.17 | *Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune* [Women's rehab center opens](#)

9.28.17 | *WRGT-TV* [Dayton VA staff members sign pledge showing dedication to ending veteran suicide](#)

9.28.17 | *MarketsInsider* [Working Partners: For the first time in state history, treatment/prevention providers and businesses collaborate in 17 communities to create a drug-free workforce](#)

9.28.17 | *Columbus Dispatch (column)* [Biking for 'Uniquely Ordinary' goal: battling depression](#)

9.28.17 | *WCMH-TV* [County officials: Mental illness is a huge drain on resources for central Ohio jails](#)

9.27.17 | *WYSO 91.3* [State Pharmacy Board to Launch Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Program](#)

9.27.17 | *WOSU 89.7* [All Sides with Ann Fisher: Opioids in the Workplace](#)

9.27.17 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio State offering addiction treatment through its Psychological Services Center](#)

9.26.17 | *WLWT-TV* [Drop in heroin deaths has Ohio county sharing insights, encouragement](#)

9.26.17 | *Morrow County Sentinel* [Youth prevention key to fight against addiction](#)

9.26.17 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [To help others, grieving mother shares story of son's suicide](#)

9.26.17 | *Akron Beacon-Journal* [Here are warning signs of suicide, and how to help someone](#)

9.26.17 | *Forbes* [Five Mental Health signals you should never ignore](#)

9.25.17 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Department of Justice gives Southern Ohio \\$2.9M to help address opioid epidemic](#)

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