



News Now

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>>> Week of Appreciation Honoring Professionals on Frontlines of Opioid Epidemic in Full Swing



As we all continue to proactively address Ohio's opioid epidemic, we want to take a moment to **THANK YOU** for all the good work that you are doing on the front lines of this fight. Every day across Ohio, first responders, and other front-line workers are answering the call to help individuals and family members who are being impacted by the scourge of opioids and addiction. While at times it may seem as if the opiate epidemic continues to

worsen we know that without all of you on the front lines working day in, and day out to help people in need, this epidemic would be even more catastrophic. We also know that this work is taking an emotional toll on many of you, and at times it may feel like a thankless job. Knowing this, we all want to encourage you to make sure that you step back and take the time necessary for you and your family to be, and to stay healthy. Most importantly, we want you to know that you are making a difference! Thousands of individuals across Ohio are alive today because of you! Additionally, thousands more are now in recovery, thanks to the fact that you just won't give up, and you keep on fighting for them and your communities.

To all our first responders and front-line workers, *Thank You!* on behalf of the staff of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team, the Attorney General's Office, and the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards, Your good work and selfless dedication to helping others, is making a difference for individuals, families and communities across Ohio. For a video with more information about the Week of Appreciation including some ADAMHS Board Directors sharing what they will be doing during the week, click [HERE](#). Click [HERE](#) to watch a video from Gov. John R. Kasich. Follow all Appreciation Week activities on the [OACBHA website](#).

>>> Clarification Memo Re: Residential Treatment Programs and the Federal IMD Exclusion

In January, the Ohio Department of Medicaid adopted new reimbursement codes that align with nationally recognized levels of care for substance use disorder treatment. In so doing, the department has received questions regarding how these changes are impacted by the federal "IMD exclusion," which prohibits federal reimbursement for treatment in certain institutional settings. Ohio Medicaid, in partnership with OhioMHAS, developed a document to clarify the state's position on this topic. Please click [HERE](#) to view.

>>> GFMS External Release Note – April 12

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. 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.

>>> Reminder: We Are the Majority Youth Rally – April 19



The Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network is hosting its 7th annual [We Are the Majority Rally](#) on April 19 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in downtown Columbus. Festivities begin in Genoa Park and include a march to the Ohio Statehouse to drive home the message that the majority of youth in Ohio, aged 12-17, are not participating in substance use and physical violence, and are leading the way in promoting mental health wellness. Click [HERE](#) for event information and to register.

In the News

- 4.10.18 | *Youngstown Vindicator* (Editorial) [Long-term war on abuse of opiates is far from over](#)
- 4.10.18 | *Dayton Daily News* [Local opioid deaths sink at start of 2018...Health officials: Wide distribution of naloxone has contributed to decline](#)
- 4.9.18 | *Ideastream* [Perspectives on the opioid crisis from Ohio, Oregon and New York](#)
- 4.9.18 | *Findlay Courier* [Gatekeepers work to guard peers' well-being](#)
- 4.9.18 | *PBS News Hour* [Giving vulnerable residents help before mental health issues land them in jail](#)
- 4.9.18 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [U.S. Surgeon General in Northern Kentucky: Yes, naloxone is enabling – enabling recovery](#)
- 4.9.18 | *Lake County News-Herald* [Mentor, Willoughby-Eastlake schools take peer-based approach to prevent drug abuse](#)
- 4.9.18 | *WTRF-TV* [Annual event raises awareness of suicide](#)
- 4.8.18 | *Steubenville Herald Star* (Guest Column) [Bringing Help. Bringing Hope.](#)
- 4.7.18 | *Canton Repository* [Demand is growing for counselors in mental health and substance abuse](#)
- 4.7.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Local counseling agency saves Bhutanese-Nepali community center from closing](#)
- 4.6.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio health officials: Synthetic marijuana laced with rat poison causing severe bleeding in other states](#)
- 4.6.18 | *Findlay Courier* [Area agencies ready to help families impacted by drug epidemic](#)
- 4.6.18 | *Lima News* [Opiate deaths, overdoses decline in Lima area](#)
- 4.6.18 | *The Plain Dealer* [Resources for parents on teen depression and suicide prevention: Talk of the Towns](#)
- 4.5.18 | *Jackson County Times-Journal* [Week of Appreciation set for April 9-16](#)
- 4.5.18 | *Lake County News-Herald* [Friends of Recovery Northeast Ohio to start new family support group](#)
- 4.5.18 | *WCPO-TV* [Recovering addict, mother who lost son support Surgeon general's call for more Narcan carriers](#)
- 4.5.18 | *WKBN-TV* [Warren pinwheels are stark reminder of child abuse victims](#)
- 4.2.18 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Childhood trauma training offered](#)

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