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More than 2,100 middle and high school students throughout Ohio marched in downtown Columbus today as part of the 7th annual We Are the Majority youth rally to celebrate healthy lifestyles and advocate for youth-led prevention. Watch OhioMHAS e-Update for more photos from the rally.

>>> Governor Designates April 23-29 as “Addiction Treatment Week”

Gov. John R. Kasich issued a [resolution](#) today designating April 23-29 as “Addiction Treatment Week” in Ohio to help raise awareness that addiction is a treatable disease. The Governor noted in the resolution that the week, “Will help people become more aware that addiction is not a moral failing, but a disease that can affect families, friends, coworkers, partners and communities.”

>>> BOLD Beginning! Website New Portal for State of Ohio Early Childhood Resources

Access information related to early childhood resources within Ohio's state agencies in one place. This site is a resource for all people interacting with young children — whether a parent, grandparent, caretaker, teacher, child care provider — there is valuable information for all. Visit the [BOLD Beginning!](#) Website to learn more. The portal will be highlighted at the 2018 ECMH Conference: Intentional Transformation: Early Childhood Success – Master Plan for Change Conference April 23-25 at the Hilton Polaris in Columbus. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the conference.

>>> Reminder: Planning Council Seeking New Members

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is currently seeking persons in recovery from mental illness and/or addiction, and their family members to apply for vacant seats on the Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council. The Planning Council serves as an advisory board to OhioMHAS and meets federal requirements for Ohio to receive block grant funds. The Council meets six times a year on Fridays and Saturdays in Columbus. A stipend and travel

reimbursement is available for those who qualify. To apply, please [download](#) and submit an application **by May 19** to be considered for terms beginning July 1. Questions? Please contact Elizabeth.Gitter@mha.ohio.gov | 614.466.9963 or Lynette.Cashaw-Davis@mha.ohio.gov | 614.466.1984.

>>> Ohio Osteopathic Symposium – April 25-29

The Ohio Osteopathic Symposium, a continuing medical education conference in Columbus, will be held April 25-29, with noted primary care advocate Andrew Morris-Singer, M.D., as keynote speaker. Morris-Singer, founder of Primary Care Progress, an inter-professional, grassroots movement to reform primary care and delivery, will give his presentation April 27 at 11:30 am. For more details or to register for the Symposium, go to www.ooanet.org/cme. To register only for the keynote presentation, call the Ohio Osteopathic Association at 614.299.2107.

>>> Registration Now Open for Safe & Healthy Schools Conference -- June 4-5

Registration is now open for the *2018 Safe and Healthy Schools Conference*, hosted by OhioMHAS, the Ohio Department of Education and Prevention FIRST! June 4-5 at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus-Worthington. The conference will showcase state and local partnerships and practices that demonstrate a cross systems approach and comprehensive strategies for school safety as well as preventing and addressing behavioral health needs in Ohio schools. This conference will inform and engage school and community stakeholders in building their local capacity to create safe and supportive environments for students in preschool through 12th grade. Cost is \$100.00 for two-days or \$50.00 for one-day. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

In the News

- 4.19.18 | *WSYX-TV* [Students rally at Statehouse to promote mental health wellness and drug-free lifestyles](#)
- 4.19.18 | *WCMH-TV* [Students come together for 'We Are the Majority' rally](#)
- 4.19.18 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Annual Rising Up luncheon celebrates recovery from drug abuse, other achievements](#)
- 4.18.18 | *Perry County Tribune* [County Care Team to reach out to families affected by addiction](#)
- 4.18.18 | *WOUB-TV* [Take Charge Ohio Campaign Aims to Get People Thinking About Prescription Opioid Risks](#)
- 4.18.18 | *The Plain Dealer* [Lakewood targets opioid epidemic with innovative pilot program Project SOAR](#)
- 4.18.18 | *The New York Times* [An Army Veteran Confronts His Own Trauma with a Camera](#)
- 4.17.18 | *OSU Lantern* [You Inc. raises emotional intelligence, highlights mental health](#)
- 4.17.18 | *Pike County News Watchman* [Three local agencies unite to form Post Overdose Response Team](#)
- 4.17.18 | *WFMJ-TV* [Business executive and recovering addicts opens a drug recovery center](#)
- 4.17.18 | *Circleville Herald* [Health Department providing free drug disposal kits](#)
- 4.17.18 | *WCPO-TV* [Local schools begin launch of Hope Squads to reduce teen suicide deaths](#)

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