



News Now

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>>> State Opioid Response (SOR) Grant

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has submitted an application for \$55 million in federal funding to aid in the fight against opioid addiction. The Ohio State Opioid Response (SOR) Project is intended to: 1) expand prevention efforts related to naloxone distribution, provide training across systems for professionals to improve system responses to the opioid epidemic, and deploy targeted awareness messaging for communities; 2) expand access to medication-assisted treatment and a clinical workforce with the expertise to provide MAT and psychosocial treatment to individuals with an opioid use disorder, and 3) expand the use of certified peer supporters and access to recovery housing, in particular recovery housing for families; and development of employment opportunities for persons in recovery from opioid addiction. In achieving these aims, programs and services will build upon the work already established by Ohio's 21st Century CURES State Targeted Response initiative. If funded, the project is expected to provide treatment and recovery support services to an estimated 18,000 Ohioans over the two-year grant cycle. Click [HERE](#) to see an overview of the project goals and grant submission.

>>> Mental Health America Releases 2018 Back to School Toolkit

Trauma can happen to anyone, at any age. It's important to be aware of how trauma can trigger mental health issues in young people to prevent mental health conditions before they reach crisis. Mental Health America has released its [2018 Back to School Toolkit](#) to provide young people with information to help them understand the effects of trauma, including the onset of mental health conditions like depression, anxiety and psychosis. The toolkit includes fact sheets, posters, sample social media posts, sample articles for use in school newsletters and a worksheet with grounding techniques.



>>> Free Screening of Documentary to Highlight World Suicide Prevention Day – Sept. 10

In recognition of Sept. 10 as [World Suicide Prevention Day](#), the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition is offering a free screening of the documentary [The S Word](#) from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Ohio Union Theater, 1739 N. High St., Columbus. The event will also feature a panel discussion and light refreshments. Seating is limited, so please click [HERE](#) to register.

>>> **Reminder: 29th Annual UMADAOP Statewide Conference – Sept. 12-14** The Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOPs) of Ohio will host its annual conference "Ubuntu! I Am Because We Are: Creating and Sustaining Healthy Communities" Sept. 12-14 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton – Columbus Airport. Featured speakers include: Ray Miller, Columbus and Dayton African American News Journal; Javier Sanchez, REACH Communications; Dr. John Cavanaugh, Cross Cultural Communications and Angela Dawson, Ohio Commission on Minority Health. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk Training – Dayton – Sept. 14

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) is offering an Assessing and Managing Suicide Risk (AMSR) training on Sept. 14 in Dayton. 6.5 CEUs will be offered for behavioral health professionals, crisis clinicians, nurses, CDCA professionals and social workers. Professionals in the fields of juvenile justice, military personnel, higher education, prevention, K-12 education, child welfare and primary care are also encouraged to attend. Cost is \$30. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register online.

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