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>>> RFP: FY 19 Smoking Cessation First Episode Psychosis Program (MHA-19-MEDDIR-SMokeCessation-59)

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has issued a Request for Applications to secure an organization that can implement a smoking cessation program directed toward individuals with psychosis, in particular, youth and young adults. Organizations that will be the target of this program are the First Episode Psychosis (FEP) programs (total of fifteen) funded by the department. This initiative will be a collaboration between the OhioMHAS Office of the Medical Director and the FEP team leaders and team psychiatrists. Applicants will be required to coordinate an implementation plan and activities through the Office of the Medical Director. OhioMHAS is interested in working with organizations that focus on a targeted and integrated approach to smoking cessation. This program will initially be directed to a portion of the FEP teams, but applicants are encouraged to include a timeframe for gradual implementation to all teams. Proposals should identify key partners, including primary care, behavioral health providers, local departments of health, and other individuals who are involved with youth and young adults. Questions must be submitted to FEPSMokingCessationRFA@mha.ohio.gov by **Dec. 28**. Responses will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). Applications must be submitted to FEPSmokingCessationRFA@mha.ohio.gov by **noon on Jan. 4, 2019**.

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>>> G.A.P. Network Regional Conferences

Instead of one, centralized conference, the G.A.P. Network recently announced plans to host four, [regional summits](#) in 2019. Themed, "Erase the Stigma," these regional conferences will bring grieving communities together to better understand what happened to their loved ones, appropriately address their grief, combat stigma and advocate for prevention in their communities. Prevention Action Alliance, which coordinates the G.A.P. Network, will bring in experts on grief and substance use disorders, as well as grieving families that have transformed their grief into advocacy for prevention in their communities. Dates and locations include (click link to register): [Cleveland](#) (1/12), [Cincinnati](#) (1/26), [Toledo](#) (2/9) and [Columbus](#) (6/1).

>>> **Attorney General DeWine to Appear on Sunday's '60 Minutes' to Discuss Opioid Lawsuits** Ohio Attorney General and Governor-elect Mike DeWine's lawsuits to hold opioid manufacturers and distributors accountable for their role in the opioid crisis will be featured on CBS's *60 Minutes* Sunday evening. In August, Attorney General DeWine sat down with *60 Minutes'* Bill Whitaker to update him on the status of these lawsuits. In May 2017, Attorney General DeWine [announced a lawsuit](#) against

leading opioid manufacturers alleging they engaged in fraudulent marketing practices regarding the risks and benefits of prescription opioids. In February 2018, Attorney General DeWine [filed a lawsuit](#) against opioid distributors for allegedly using unsafe distribution practices and irresponsibly oversupplying the market in and around Ohio with highly-addictive prescription opioids. The program will air Dec. 16 at approximately 7:30 p.m. (following conclusion of the NFL game on CBS stations).

>>> Save the Date! Sixth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit – May 14-15, 2019

OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities will partner to host the Sixth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit May 14-15, 2019, at the Marriott Columbus – University Area. Workshop proposals will be accepted beginning in January, while conference registration is expected to go live in late February. Watch *OhioMHAS eNews* for updates.

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12.11.18 | *The Plain Dealer* [Ohio lawmaker pitches new betting tax for pro sports leagues](#)

12.11.18 | *WCPO-TV* [Overdose deaths decrease in Butler County](#)

12.10.18 | *WKYC-TV* [Ohio for Responsible Gambling Shares Tips to Help Those Battling Gambling Addiction](#)

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