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>>> Final Call for Presentations: 2018 Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery Conference

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Office of Prevention and Wellness (OPW) is [accepting workshop proposals](#) for the 2018 [Ohio Promoting Wellness and Recovery Conference \(OPEC\)](#) through **5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23**. This year's conference takes place at Miami University June 25-27. Free registration for the conference will be provided for one speaker per session.

>>> Problem Gambling Treatment Stage II Training - March 1-2

Recovery Resources is hosting a Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler training at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center in Cambridge March 1-2. This training provides clinicians with 12 CEU hours of gambling-specific education. Designed for the clinician preparing to treat disordered gamblers, participants will gain a better understanding of treating gambling addiction through Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing techniques. Case reviews, role plays, writing treatment plans and discussing disordered gambling as a co-occurring disorder are all part of the sessions. A prerequisite is Stage 1 Foundations in Disordered Gambling or 12 hours of previous gambling counseling training. This cost is \$50, which includes breakfast and lunch. Register [HERE](#).

>>> Criminal Justice Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Symposia Announced

As part of the [21st Century CURES Act](#), the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is sponsoring 10 Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Symposia for criminal justice professionals. These free opportunities provide training on the nature, application, efficacy and implementation of MAT. Trainings are hosted by Moore Counseling and Mediation Services, Inc. Workshops have been approved for (6) CLEs and CEUs. Click [HERE](#) for the full training schedule and [HERE](#) to register. Dates include: Feb. 23 (Cuyahoga County); March 5 (Franklin County); March 16 (Montgomery County); March 19 (Lucas County); March 23 (Clark County); March 29 (Trumbull County); April 6 (Summit County); April 12 (Hamilton County); April 20 (Scioto County) and April 23 (Warren County).

>>> Ohio Medicaid Supports Work and Community Engagement

Today, Ohio Medicaid announced it will seek federal approval to implement a work requirement to promote financial independence, community engagement and better health outcomes among Medicaid expansion enrollees. Most of the 700,000 Ohioans enrolled in the Medicaid expansion work – 58 percent earned income in the previous year and 44 percent currently meet the work requirement. Additional enrollees are exempt from the requirement based on Ohio law and new federal guidelines. As a result, an estimated 95 percent of the current Medicaid expansion population will meet the work requirement or be exempt, and the remaining 5 percent – about 36,000

individuals – will need to seek work or otherwise comply with the requirement to remain enrolled in Medicaid.

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2.15.18 | WKBN-TV [Psychiatrist: Mental illness misunderstood, 'easy to target' for blame](#)

2.15.18 | WKYC-TV [The psychology behind a mass shooter](#)

2.15.18 | Forbes [Dayton Filmmakers Confront Addiction Stigma by Sharing Stories of Hope](#)

2.14.18 | Plain Dealer [Methamphetamine's prevalence increased last year in Cuyahoga County, medical examiner says](#)

2.14.18 | WOIO-TV [Abandoned Amherst nursing home could become one-stop drug recovery hub](#)

2.14.18 | Record Herald [Trauma-Informed Care Comes to Fayette County](#)

2.14.18 | PsychCentral [Preventing teen substance abuse with exercise](#)

2.13.18 | The New York Times [Meth, the forgotten killer, is back. And it's everywhere.](#)

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