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## >>> SMART Bet Implementation Grants



Prevention Action Alliance, with the support of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, is offering a funding opportunity for those interested in utilizing the SMART Bet program in their community. SMART Bet is a prevention based curriculum designed to help young adults (18-25) gain the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices about whether, when, and how much to gamble. The program is designed

to allow participants to explore the role of gambling in our society and in their lives. With this program, participants will learn about the risks and benefits of gambling, as well as examine their own attitudes, feelings and opinions around the decision to gamble or not to gamble. A total of five grantees will be awarded \$1,000 each to implement the SMART Bet program in their community and share their data with Prevention Action Alliance. Eligible applicants include those working in problem gambling prevention or are interested in bringing a problem gambling awareness program to their community. Applicants must utilize the evaluation tools provided and return collected data to Prevention Action Alliance upon completion. Applications are due March 2. Click [HERE](#) to apply. For more information, contact Krysta Bennett, director of Problem Gambling Programs at 614.540.9985 ext. 16 or [kbennett@preventionactionalliance.org](mailto:kbennett@preventionactionalliance.org).

## >>> Watch Sinclair Broadcast Group's Your Voice, Your Future Opioid Townhall

OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck was among the panelists who participated in a one-hour town hall on opioid addiction hosted by Columbus news station WSYX-TV 6. The town hall was simulcast on Sinclair Broadcast Group-owned stations in Cincinnati, Dayton, Steubenville and Toledo. If you didn't get a chance to see the event live, click [HERE](#) to watch the program in its entirety.



## >>> Social Media for Prevention Training Planned for April 3



Youth to Youth International will host a "Social Media for Prevention" training from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 3 at the Jerry Hammond Center, 1111 E. Broad St. in Columbus. This training fuses trends and tactics with technology and the truth about substance use from varying perspectives and is designed to teach prevention professionals,

advocates and coalition leaders how to engage audiences and yield community change using digital platforms. Cost is \$75 (lunch included). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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