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>>> Statement from Dr. Hurst on the Passing of Longtime Mental Health Advocate and Champion Dr. Fred Frese

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services joins with mental health professionals, advocates and consumers throughout the nation in mourning the loss of renowned psychologist Dr. Frederick J. Frese III. Dr. Frese, 77, died at home on July 16 with his family by his side, according to his [obituary](#) in *The Plain Dealer*. Dr. Frese was known as a fierce advocate for the rights and dignity of the mentally ill and had delivered more than 2,000 presentations locally, nationally and internationally in a career that stretched more than 40 years. He taught psychiatry at Northeast Ohio Medical University; served as a clinical assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University; served as a coordinator of the Summit County Recovery Project and previously worked as director of Psychology at Western Reserve Psychiatric Hospital. Referred to as “a national treasure” by colleagues, Dr. Frese was also a consumer, diagnosed with schizophrenia as a young Marine Corps officer. The Department extends its deepfelt sympathies to Dr. Frese’s family.



Here’s what OhioMHAS Director Mark Hurst, M.D., said about his colleague’s passing:

“Dr. Fred Frese was a tremendous influence in improving mental health care provided in Ohio and the rest of the country. I knew Dr. Frese for more than 20 years and was constantly impressed with his advocacy and commitment. His life experience as a person with mental illness as well as a clinical psychologist gave him a unique perspective and a unique voice. I especially appreciated his keen intellect and sense of humor which he had great skill in combining to make a point when difficult issues arose. A true titan in our field who will be greatly missed.”

>>> Latest Drug Trend Report Released

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Office of Quality, Planning and Research has released its most recent [Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring](#) Network drug trend report: [Surveillance of Drug Abuse Trends in the State of Ohio: June 2017-January 2018](#). Click [HERE](#) to view an archive of all previous OSAM trend reports.

>>> Free Screening of Documentary *Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety* – Aug. 8

Join Heart & Soul: Caring for Our Community on Aug. 8 at 6:30 p.m. for a free screening of the 56-,minute Indieflix Original documentary *Angst: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety* at the Maumee Indoor Theater, 601 Conant St., Maumee, Ohio 43537. The film tells the stories of several children and teens who discuss their anxiety and its impacts on their lives and relationships, as well as how they’ve found solutions and hope. The



film also includes a special interview with Olympic gold medalist and mental health advocate Michael Phelps. Click [HERE](#) to register.

In the News

7.18.18 | *The Plain Dealer* [Ohio Medicaid's mental, addiction benefits achieve equality with physical care: state report](#)

7.18.18 | *Business Insider* [Millions are battling mental illness – these entrepreneurs are trying to tackle it via technology](#)

7.17.18 | *WOUB-TV* [WOUB-TV to shed light on opioid epidemic with weekly specials](#)

7.15.18 | *WSYX-TV* [From suicidal to mental health advocate: Central Ohio man tells his story](#)

7.15.18 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Get physically active to reduce risk of drug abuse in kids](#)

7.14.18 | *WLIO-TV* [Hidden in Plain Sight trailer shows parents what ordinary subjects may be used to hide drugs](#)

7.14.18 | *WKBN-TV* [Drug prevention coalition holds annual track meet for more than 20 schools](#)

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