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>>> Opioid STR/CURES Act Technical Assistance Calls: August 2018 Schedule

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is facilitating a series of statewide technical assistance calls to discuss projects and topics related to the State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant through the 21st Century CURES Act. Each call covers different topics and includes about 10 minutes of content presentation, while the remaining time is utilized for participant questions and open discussion. Please click [HERE](#) for the August 2018 call schedule and select the hyperlinked topics to register for the call through the webinar system. Please send future topic requests and direct any questions related to the calls to: CURESteam@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Be Present End of Summer and Back to School Event Tour

The [Be Present Campaign Speaking Tour](#) is ready to relaunch for the back-to-school season (mid-August through mid-to-late September). REACH Communications has been selected to spearhead a new set of speaking engagements, school assemblies and provider workshops in communities throughout Ohio. Motivational speaker Javier Sanchez and health



communications expert Ivan Juzang from MEE Productions are the key presenters for the *Be Present* tour, which is underwritten by OhioMHAS. These engaging presenters have been taking the important *Be Present* mental-wellness messages out to youth and adult audiences, inspiring campaign participation with ways to get involved and take action. Click [HERE](#) to see a calendar of available dates and to sign up to host and/or provide attendees for a *Be Present* speaking engagement.

>>> Section 811 Referral Agent Training – Aug. 6

OhioMHAS is collaborating with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) to implement the [Ohio 811 Project Rental Assistance Program](#) (811 Program) designed to serve approximately 485 households throughout the state. Those individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness (SPMI) who are determined disabled, candidates for independent community living, and connected to a community behavioral health center may be eligible for this housing option. Eligible individuals' access to the 811 Program will be coordinated by those staff charged with housing referrals for each respective ADAMH board throughout the state. Boards should designate board staff who assist with housing or staff from their provider agencies to act as 811 Referral Agents. Post-training, Referral Agents will use SocialServe to assess and refer eligible individuals to the 811 Program. The next Referral Agent training is scheduled for Aug. 6 at 2 p.m. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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7.30.18 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [What a meth: Cartels flood Ohio to urge switch from heroin to ice](#)

7.30.18 | *TIME* [How Should the Media Cover Suicides? A New Study Has Some Answers](#)

7.29.18 | *Crain's Cleveland Business* [Change could aid access to substance abuse care](#)

7.29.18 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Local social-service agencies announce grant awards](#)

7.29.18 | *New Philadelphia Times Reporter* [Suicide prevention method: question, persuade and refer](#)

7.28.18 | *Piqua Daily Call* [Statewide \(Take Charge Ohio\) program engages, educates prescribers](#)

7.27.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [City hopes Commission on Black Girls builds foundation for strong women](#)

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