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>>> Ohio Hosting 2018 National Conference on Problem Gambling – July 18-21

For the first time, Ohio is hosting the National Conference on Problem Gambling, July 18-21, at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown. The 32nd annual



conference offers the highest quality speakers on an engaging variety of topics related to problem and responsible gambling, veterans, the gambling industry, and specialized sessions for clinicians, prevention specialists, public health and gambling industry regulators. Ohio professionals and recovery advocates can take advantage of numerous discounts, including a \$150 scholarship and a \$200 travel stipend. To [register for the conference](#) and ensure you receive the discounts, contact dlongmeier@pghohio.org.



Conference registrations include CEUs, breakfast, and lunch for each day of registered participation, plus the Thursday evening welcome reception and the Friday night highlight event at the [Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#). The hotel room block is sold out, but alternative hotels are available here:

[Hampton Inn Cleveland-Downtown](#)

[DoubleTree Cleveland Downtown/Lakeside](#)

[Drury Plaza Hotel Cleveland Downtown](#)

[Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center](#)

[Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland Downtown](#)

[The Westin Cleveland Downtown](#)

>>> Controlling Board Approves Renewal of Telehealth Hub Contract With Bright Heart Health, Inc.

The Ohio Controlling Board has approved the release of \$55,500 in Year Two CURES grant funds to allow Bright Heart Health, Inc. to continue to provide telehealth services for patients with opioid use disorder in collaboration with emergency departments, hospitals, Federally-Qualified Health Centers, opiate treatment programs and other entities. The telehealth hubs will include medication-assisted treatment (MAT), linkage to behavioral health care, required lab work, equipment and personnel for telehealth coverage. In addition to the five hubs established in Year One of the CURES grant, Bright Heart Health, Inc. will establish at least one additional hub in year two of the federal grant. Bright Heart Health is expected to serve at least 30 patients per month at each contracted behavioral health organization. For more information, contact Christine Sielski at 614.752.9853 or Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov.



>>> 2018 Heat-Related Illness and Psychotropic Medication Brochure

Now that summer is officially here, the OhioMHAS Office of the Medical Director has released the [2018 Heat-related illness in individuals using psychiatric medication](#) brochure. Some medicines and medical conditions can make the body overheat, especially during hot and humid weather. When the body

overheats, heat-related illness can cause death if not treated. Almost all psychotropic medications except benzodiazepines (e.g. anti-anxiety drugs, sedatives) are among medications that decrease the body's response to heat. Alcohol, narcotics and street drugs can also affect heat tolerance. Read this brochure and check with your doctor or pharmacist about your medications to stay safe during hot weather. [Read accompanying memorandum from OhioMHAS Medical Director Mark Hurst, M.D.](#)

>>> 2018 National Health Service Corps (NHSC) New Site Application Cycle Open

The 2018 [National Health Service Corps \(NHSC\) New Site Application](#) is now open and will close Aug. 14, 2018. Eligible sites include health care facilities that generally provide outpatient, ambulatory and primary health care services (medical, dental and behavioral) to populations residing in high-need urban and rural areas. New types of facilities eligible to apply for site approval include Opioid Treatment Programs, Office-based Opioid Treatment Facilities and Non-Opioid Substance Use Disorder Treatment Facilities. Sites may be located in Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSA) that have been designated for primary care or mental health. Sites may check their HPSA status [HERE](#). Sites may also contact the Ohio Department of Health Primary Care Office staff for assistance. The program will also allow Master's level substance use disorder counselors to apply for loan repayment. Questions about the NHSC may be directed to HEND Mostafa at hend.mostafa@odh.ohio.gov or 614.466.1629. Questions about HPSAs may be directed to Ryan Kline at ryan.kline@odh.ohio.gov or 614.752.4787.

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6.19.18 | *WKSU 89.7* [How low-income Ohioans can overcome financial barriers to mental health treatment](#)

6.19.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [New ads warn, 'Don't live in Denial, Ohio, talk to your kids about opioids'](#)

6.19.18 | *WFMJ-TV* [New guide for drug prevention in schools says no scare tactics, mock crashes](#)

6.18.18 | *ThisWeek News* [Stigma of mental illness waning, SUN boss says](#)

6.18.18 | *WHIZ-TV* [19th Annual Quinn Family Bash Brought Awareness to Mental Illness and Addiction](#)

6.18.18 | *Y-City News* [Suicide rate rises in Muskingum County](#)

6.18.18 | *WOSU 89.7* [Ohio providers, health insurers prepare for Medicaid changes](#)

6.18.18 | *Dayton Daily News* [Medical marijuana: If Ohio won't let you burn it, how do you use it?](#)

6.17.18 | *WKBN-TV* [Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board Turns 50](#)

6.17.18 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Becoming a good neighbor, changing a life](#)

6.17.18 | *Mens Journal* [Most Men Don't Realize They're Depressed. Here's How to Recognize the Signs and Seek Help.](#)

6.15.18 | *WBNS-TV* [Specialized detox center opening in Chillicothe](#)

6.15.18 | *WLIO-TV* [Getting trusted help with addiction](#)

6.15.18 | *Cleveland Plain Dealer* [Ohioans lose 519,471 years of life from opioid overdose deaths in 7 years](#)

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