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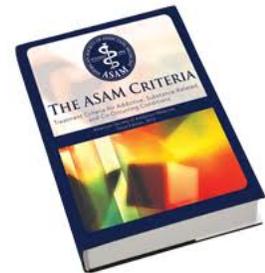**>>> AG DeWine to Host "Ideas for Our Future" Conference on Childhood Trauma – March 27**

Attorney General of Ohio Mike DeWine will host the "Ideas for Our Future: Addressing Childhood Trauma to Create Positive Outcomes" Conference on March 27 at Christ's Church, 5165 Western Row Road in Mason. The fifth installment of the "Ideas" conference series focusing on the impacts of the opioid epidemic in Ohio. The training will address the need to create trauma-informed communities for children impacted by the opioid epidemic. Attendees will hear from experts in the medical field on the effects that early childhood trauma, or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), can have on long-term health and life outcomes. Attendees will also hear from professionals in a variety of settings who are working to reduce and reverse the effects of ACEs. Individuals who work with children are highly encouraged to attend, including educators, medical professionals, law enforcement, children services workers, attorneys, parents and caregivers. Click HERE to register.

>>> Free Online ASAM Criteria Training Now Available

As part of Ohio's 21st Century CURES Act initiative, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is offering two free online ASAM Criteria training modules: ASAM Multidimensional Assessment and ASAM from Assessment to Service Planning. Complete two modules for 5.0 CME/CEU credits per module. Please contact Julie.spohn@mha.ohio.gov to receive the unique code to access the training opportunity. Ten two-day, application-focused, live training opportunities are also available throughout Ohio. This free opportunity offers 13 CME/CEU credits and a free copy of the newest edition of the ASAM Criteria. Please click HERE to view the training schedule and additional information.

>>> SAMHSA Webinars on *Benefits of Family Peer Support* **and** *Suicide Prevention in Later Life*

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will host "The Benefits of Family Peer Support: Let's Examine the Evidence" webinar on March 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. This free training will discuss the importance of family peer support, including insights on how this practice has emerged over the years from a grassroots volunteer service to an effective and valuable service for parents within any child-serving system. The presenters will define family peer support, provide evidence of the benefit of these services, and demonstrate a variety of roles that family peers play in their roles with family and in the community. SAMHSA is also sponsoring a "Suicide Prevention in Later Life" webinar on March 26 from 2-3:30 p.m. This free training will review the importance of suicide prevention in later life, with an emphasis on increasing social connectedness as a means for prevention. The presenter will examine basic epidemiology of late-life suicide and discuss how the interpersonal theory of suicide together with a multifaceted intervention model can inform prevention efforts and reduce suicide risk later in life.

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