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John R. Kasich, Governor
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>>> EDIP Fiscal Year Closure

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (“OhioMHAS”) has allocated \$195,679 for SFY 2018 Driver Intervention Program (DIP) reimbursement. As of March 20, 2018, the funding has a remaining balance of **\$50,823.88** available for further distribution. OhioMHAS is forced to terminate the reimbursement process due to exhaustion of funds. **No further reimbursement requests will be accepted after April 23, 2018.**

The DIP reimbursement program will continue in SFY 19 for programs that occur after July 1, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Lapczynski at 614.728.5599 or at james.lapczynski@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Survey for Providers Serving Children, Youth and Families

OhioMHAS is conducting a [short survey](#) for all behavioral health providers that serve children, youth and families. We would like to hear from you on the service training and technical assistance needs for your organization. The survey takes less than 10 minutes and will be used for planning the types of training and learning communities to offer next fiscal year. In addition, this survey is being used as proxy for identifying service providers/agencies that would be able to partner with us to provide services and supports to youth and young adults in transition (ages 16 to 25). We will use this information for current and future state and federal funding opportunities. **Note: The deadline to take the survey is April 6.**

>>> 811 Referral Agent Training Webinar – April 9

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA), in partnership with OhioMHAS, will host an 811 Referral Agent training webinar for ADAMH board staff on April 9 from 1-2:30 p.m. The 811 Program, a rental subsidy program administered by OHFA, provides affordable community housing options to individuals with disabilities. Upon completion of this training, approved ADAMH board contacts, as well as others, can refer eligible, extremely low-income, non-elderly individuals with disabilities. Those who are eligible for 1915(i) services, received a PASSR time-limited approval or denial, or are returning to the community from a state psychiatric hospital may be eligible for this housing option. For more information on the 811 Program, contact Maura Klein at Maura.Klein@mha.ohio.gov. Click [HERE](#) to register for the April 9 training.

>>> OhioMHAS Study on Employment Services and Substance Abuse Treatment Published in National Journal

OhioMHAS researchers **R. Thomas Sherba**, PhD, MPH, LPCC, CPM, **Kathryn Coxe**, MSW, LSW, **Beth Gersper**, MPA and **Jessica Linley**, PhD, MSW, LSW, teamed up to author a new study that appears in the April 2018 edition of the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*. Their article, [Employment services and substance abuse treatment](#), focuses on the employment experiences of consumers of substance abuse treatment programs to provide a better understanding of what employment services are offered and

what needs treatment agencies have in the area of employment services. The study also examines barriers and facilitators from both the consumer and provider perspectives. Data generated through this study may inform policy to invest resources in employment services within substance abuse treatment settings.

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