



News Now

John R. Kasich, Governor
Tracy Plouck, Director

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>>> Governor Kasich Delivers Final State of the State Address
“Ohio is back and Ohio is strong again.” Those were the uplifting words Gov. John R. Kasich used to describe Ohio in his eighth and final *State of the State* address delivered Tuesday evening at Otterbein University. In his speech, the Governor announced plans to build a new, \$112 mental health hospital to replace the aging Twin Valley Behavioral healthcare facility in Columbus and the creation of the Jesse Owens State Park and Wildlife Area in eastern Ohio. He also praised a decrease in opioid prescriptions and criminal justice reform that's led to the lowest entry into state prisons in 27 years. The Governor also said he was proud of a decrease in the uninsured rate and hailed the efforts to combat human trafficking. [View](#) the address in its entirety on the Ohio Channel website. [Read](#) the full transcript. Leading up to the Governor’s speech, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Tracy Plouck visited several programs in Union, Delaware, Franklin and Licking counties. Watch for photos in the March issue of OhioMHAS *e-Update* newsletter.

>>> Opioid Prescribing in Ohio Down Nearly 30 Percent in 2017
Opioids prescribed to Ohio patients declined for the fifth consecutive year in 2017, according to a [newly released report](#) from the State Board of Pharmacy’s Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS). Between 2012 and 2017, the total number of opioids dispensed to Ohio patients decreased by 225 million doses or 28.4 percent. The report finds an 88 percent decrease in the amount of people engaged in the practice of doctor shopping since 2012. Additionally, the use of OARRS continues to break records, with more than 88 million patient reports requested last year; or an increase of 4,900 percent since 2011.

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[2017 county-level data](#)

>>> Dayton Maternal Depression Training – April 11

OhioMHAS will host a free “Addressing Maternal Health: Best Practices in Screening, Identification and Referral” training at the Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board, 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton, on April 11 from 9 a.m.-1:15 p.m. The training will be led by Avril Albaugh, MSSA, project director, Cleveland Regional Perinatal Network; adjunct assistant professor of psychiatry at Case Western Reserve University. To register, please email MH-MDTraining@mha.ohio.gov. Questions? Please contact Karen Kimbrough at Karen.kimbrough@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> NAMI Ohio 2018 Statewide Conference – May 4-5

Registration is now open for the 2018 NAMI Ohio Statewide Conference, “Fulfilling the Promise” slated for May 4-5 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. This year’s conference will feature actor, author and producer [Wil Wheaton](#), who lives with anxiety and depression, and is an outspoken advocate for mental health care. The conference will also focus various topics that impact individuals living with mental illness, their families and caregivers, and those working in the mental health system. See the attached documents for more information. Register online [HERE](#). (Note: You will need to first sign up as a new user on the Caboodle site to view the conference information.) For information about CE’s, contact Karen Lindberg at karen@namiohio.org or call 1.800.686.2646.

>>> Save the Date! 2018 Safe and Healthy Schools Conference – June 4-5

OhioMHAS, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Education and PreventionFIRST!, will host the 2018 Safe and Healthy Schools Conference “Leveraging State and Local Resources for School Improvement, Student Safety and Effective Behavioral Health Services” June 4-5 at the Doubletree Hotel Columbus—Worthington. The conference will highlight state and local partnerships and practices that demonstrate a cross-systems approach and comprehensive strategies for school safety and to prevent and address behavioral health needs in Ohio schools. The conference will also inform and engage school and community stakeholders in building their local capacity to create safe and supportive environments for students in preschool through grade 12. For more information, contact Eleanor Garrison at 614.273.1400 or eg@garrisonevents.com.

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