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>>> Law Enforcement Prescription Drug Drop Box Program

As part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy are teaming up to provide up to 50 drug disposal boxes, at no cost, to Ohio law enforcement agencies. These secure, mailbox-style disposal units will be permanently located inside law enforcement agencies where individuals can walk in and deposit their unwanted, expired medicines during normal business hours. Agencies that are provided with boxes are expected to comply with rule [4729-8-03 of the Ohio Administrative Code](#). To be considered for a drug drop box, please complete an [online application](#) by April 2. For questions about the program, please contact Ali Simon at ali.simon@pharmacy.ohio.gov.

>>> 2018 Regional Peer Recovery Supporter Symposia

The P.E.E.R. Center, with support from OhioMHAS, is hosting a series of free regional self-care and wellness symposia for peer supporters. These symposia will discuss ways that peer supporters can respond to self-care challenges, maintain wellness, handle especially draining clients and maintain boundaries. Upcoming trainings include: Lorain County – March 21, Clark County – March 28, Hancock County – April 18, Athens County - May 2 and Stark County – May 16. Click [HERE](#) to register.

>>> Mental Health First Aid Training – April 9-13



The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), with support from OhioMHAS, will host a week-long Mental Health First Aid Instructor training April 9-13. Instructor certification training introduces the Mental Health First Aid course, overviews adult learning styles and teaching strategies and provides in-depth instruction on implementing and managing the program in diverse communities. Each certified instructor is required to provide the Mental Health First Aid Training three times per year for the next two years to remain certified. Cost is \$150. Click [HERE](#) to register for the training.

>>> Medical Marijuana Policy Symposium – April 25

OACBHA will host a Medical Marijuana Policy Symposium “Medical Marijuana and the Workplace” on April 25 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Xenos Christian Fellowship in Columbus. The training will take a deep look into the policies that employers should understand to protect their business and employees when medical marijuana becomes legal on Sept. 8. Cost is \$100 and includes lunch. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

In the News

3.9.18 | *WHIZ-TV (Special Event)* [Filling the Void](#) (Featuring Muskingum Behavioral Health)

3.8.18 | *Lima News* [Putnam to focus on mental health](#)

3.8.18 | *The Washington Post* [Researchers unclear why suicide is increasing among black children](#)

3.7.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Governor wants to help students impacted by drug crisis](#)

3.7.18 | *WSYX-TV* [New clinic aims to help drug-addicted mothers and their babies](#)

3.7.18 | *Cleveland Jewish News* [Treating childhood mental illness should start early](#)

3.7.18 | *The Plain Dealer* [Kevin Love 'brave' voice for those living with mental illness, panic disorders](#)

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