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>>> MAT Symposia for Criminal Justice Professionals

As part of the [21st Century CURES Act](#), the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is sponsoring 10 Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Symposia for criminal justice professionals. The opportunities offer free training on the nature, application, efficacy and implementation of MAT. Trainings are hosted by Moore Counseling and Mediation Services, Inc. Workshops have been approved for (6) CLEs and CEUs. Click [HERE](#) for the full training schedule and [HERE](#) to register.

>>> RFA: FY2019 Distribution of Drug Destruction Bags (MHA-MEDDIR-SOR-DRUGBAGS-56)

As part of Ohio's [State Opioid Response \(SOR\) program](#), OhioMHAS seeks to award funding to one entity to purchase and distribute drug destruction bags to community networks such as senior centers, schools, police and fire departments and hospitals. This strategy is an environmental prevention program aimed at reducing access to unused and expired prescription drugs. Drug destruction bags are deactivation pouches that safely renders prescription drugs as unusable in an effort to reduce diversion of prescriptions by ensuring that they do not fall into the wrong hands within the community. The awardee will facilitate the distribution of drug destruction bags throughout the state of Ohio, engage in educational and awareness efforts, and collect and analyze surveys related to the use of the bags. Questions must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by **5:30 p.m. on Dec. 7**. Responses will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#). Applications must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by **COB on Dec. 14**.

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>>> DEA Announces Third Annual "Operation Prevention" Video Challenge

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the DEA Educational Foundation, and Discovery Education announce the launch of the third annual [Operation Prevention Video Challenge](#) –



a peer-to-peer platform for communicating messages about the dangers of opioid misuse. High school students, ages 13 and older, are invited to create a 30-60 second Public Service Announcement that sends a powerful message to peers about the dangers of prescription opioid misuses. The top three PSAs will win cash prizes. The deadline to enter is **March 6, 2019**. Click the link for contest rules and more information.

In the News

11.22.18 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Northeast Ohio medical professionals weigh in on how to deal with holiday family issues](#)

11.21.18 | *The Associated Press* [Retiring public safety director says crime down, state safer](#)

11.20.18 | *Port Clinton News-Herald* [Meth makes unwelcome entrance to Ottawa County](#)

11.20.18 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [What happened to needle exchanges? More than 360K syringes handed out in anti-opioid push](#)

11.20.18 | *Kenton Times* [Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation gets federal grant](#)

11.20.18 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Study: Cutting social media time can lessen depression and loneliness](#)

11.19.18 | *The New York Times* [When will we solve mental illness?](#)

11.19.18 | *The Business Journal* [Neil Kennedy opens detox clinic at St. E's Youngstown](#)

11.19.18 | *Canton Repository* [Stark County overdose deaths drop for second straight year](#)

11.18.18 | *WJW-TV* [Ohio making progress in battle against opioid epidemic](#)

11.18.18 | *WBNS-TV* [Apartment complex caters to those battling mental illness](#)

11.18.18 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Survivors gather in Warren to remember, honor loved ones lost to suicide](#)

11.17.18 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [\\$1.8M grant will address local workforce issues related to opioids](#)

11.16.18 | *USA Today* [Alcohol is killing more people, and younger. The biggest increases are among women.](#)

11.16.18 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [New Chillicothe drug treatment center to boost local options for help](#)

11.16.18 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Has the opioid drug crisis peaked? Overdose deaths drop in Stark, Summit counties](#)

11.16.18 | *Forbes* [New research shows just how bad social media is for mental health](#)

11.16.18 | *The New York Times* [Debunking stereotypes around veterans and PTSD](#)

11.13.18 | *Lake County News-Herald* [Quick Response Team marks one year of combating opioid epidemic](#)

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