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>>> Medical Director Issues New Memo on Suicide Prevention
Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Medical Director Justin Trevino, M.D., recently penned a [new memo](#) on the importance of learning to recognize the warning signs of suicide and actions to take to help save lives. Please feel free to share this memo widely and connect the young people you serve to Ohio's youth-focused [Be Present](#) suicide prevention campaign. "By taking the time to review this important information, you can help save a young life by reversing the troubling trend we are seeing with youth suicide in Ohio," said Dr. Trevino. "Awareness is key." OhioMHAS, in partnership with agencies and organizations throughout the state, has developed a [comprehensive plan](#) to prevent suicide in Ohio.

>>> Ohio Awards Latest Prizes in Opioid Technology Challenge
Ohio continues to make significant progress in finding new solutions to combat drug abuse and addiction. The second phase of the [Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge](#) invited the worldwide business and innovation communities to advance technical solutions in the following areas: diagnose, prevent, connect and protect. More than 50 proposals were submitted from across the world, and today 12 prizes ($200K each) were awarded for the most promising technology-based advancements. Ohio winners include: Dublin-based **Apportis LLC**, which has created an integrated platform that allows patients to connect electronically to licensed healthcare professionals and opioid addiction resources as a compliment to medication-assisted therapies; Aurora-based **relink.org**, which developed a website to enable people struggling with addiction to find recovery services, ranging from detox to housing to employment; **The University of Akron**, which developed a color-changing glove that allows first responders to quickly detect the presence of opioids on a person or surface; and **University Hospitals** in Cleveland, which is developing a computer-aided dispatch technology for real-time opioid surveillance and tracking. See the full list of winners [HERE](#). More information about the Ohio Opioid Technology Challenge is available at http://www.OpioidTechChallenge.com.

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