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>>> Ohio Awarded $55.8 Million State Opioid Response Grant
The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) received confirmation today from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration that its application for nearly $55.8 million in State Opioid Response (SOR) grant dollars has been approved. The Ohio SOR Project will: 1) expand prevention efforts related to naloxone distribution, provide training across systems for professionals to improve system responses to the opioid epidemic, and deploy targeted awareness messaging for communities; 2) expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) and a clinical workforce with the expertise to provide MAT and psychosocial treatment to individuals with an opioid use disorder, and 3) expand the use of certified peer supporters and access to recovery housing, in particular recovery housing for families; and development of employment opportunities for persons in recovery from opioid addiction. The Department will be eligible to apply for an additional $55.8M in year two. Click HERE for a summary of the Ohio SOR Project.

>>> Reminder: Ohio Rally for Recovery – Sept. 29
There's still time to register to attend the 17th annual Ohio Rally for Recovery hosted by Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery, in partnership with OhioMHAS on Sept. 29. This year's rally will be bigger and better than ever. Organizers are expecting around 3,000 Ohioans to gather at Huntington Park (home of the Cleveland Indians' AAA baseball affiliate) in downtown Columbus. Gates open at 11 a.m. and official activities will get underway at noon. The Rally will feature live entertainment from Matt Butler, Missiles from MAARS and On the One, speakers (including nationally-acclaimed comedian Mark Lundholm and Brandon Novak from MTV's *Jackass*) and more than 40 vendors. There's no cost, but attendees must register for a ticket. The first 1,500 people through the gates will get a SWAG bag.

In the News
9.18.18 | *The Plain Dealer* Kevin Love Find Launches, as Cavaliers All-Star continues initiative focusing on mental health wellness

9.18.18 | *Logan Daily News* Youth suicide prevention in Appalachian areas

9.18.18 | *WHIZ-TV* Dr. Brad Lander on addiction: squirrel logic

9.17.18 | *The Plain Dealer* U.S. Senate passes legislation to fight opioid addiction

9.17.18 | *Sandusky Register* Sandusky Artisans Recovery Center hosts fifth Annual Recovery Walk

9.17.18 | *Chillicothe Gazette* Recovery not a 'one size fits all,' Chillicothe judge says

9.17.18 | *Bryan Times* Giesige selected as the next Four County ADAMHS Board CEO

9.17.18 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Schools enlist students as leaders in battle against opioids](#)

9.16.18 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [700 steps against stigma in mental illness in Youngstown](#)

9.15.18 | *WLIO-TV* [Suicide Awareness Walk](#)

9.14.18 | *The Wall Street Journal* [First-Aid Training for Mental Health](#)

9.14.18 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Summa Health 1 of 3 sites in nationwide mental health study](#)

9.14.18 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [New Akron Children's facility in Massillon to include mental health services](#)

9.14.18 | *Ashtabula Star Beacon* [Suicide prevention always needed](#)

9.14.18 | *Cincinnati Enquirer (Opinion)* [Changing the dialogue around suicide](#)

9.13.18 | *WJW-TV* [Why suicide prevention month is so important](#)

9.13.18 | *Columbus Dispatch (Column)* [Theodore Decker: Often a bystander can prevent a suicide](#)

9.13.18 | *Troy Daily News* [One Wellness Place close to $10M goal](#)

9.12.18 | *The Lantern* [Let's talk about it: Documentary brings dialogue on suicide prevention](#)

9.12.18 | *WLIO-TV* [Ohio study finds an association between mental health and opioid addiction in juveniles](#)

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