



# News Now

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## >>> WATCH LIVE: Governor, Cabinet Leaders to Release Latest Drug Overdose Death Data

Gov. John R. Kasich and members of the Cabinet Opiate Team will release the latest drug overdose death data at a Statehouse press conference at **1:15 p.m. today**. Click [HERE](#) to watch the announcement live on *The Ohio Channel*. The report and related documents will be available on the Ohio Department of Health's Violence and Injury Prevention Program [website](#) following the announcement.



## >>> Peer Recovery Supporter Webinar – Oct. 15

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Bureau of Recovery Supports will share updates to the modernization of the peer recovery support services program during a webinar scheduled for 11 a.m. on Oct. 15. Staff will provide an update on progress made through the department's process improvement efforts, as well as information about expected changes and upcoming improvements. Click [HERE](#) to register.

## >>> Ohio Council 2018 Annual Conference & Exhibit Hall – Oct. 18-19

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers will hold its [2018 Annual Conference](#) on Oct. 18-19 at the Marriott Columbus University Area. Plenary sessions include: *We All Have a Story to Tell* – Linda Rosenberg, President/CEO, the National Council for Behavioral Health; *Mental Health Parity & Addiction Equity Act – Parity@10 Compliance Campaign* – Facilitator Linda Rosenberg, President/CEO, the National Council for Behavioral Health; Ellen Weber, VP for Health Initiatives, The Legal Action Center; Lori Criss, CEO, the Ohio Council; *How to Manage Managed Care* – Joe Parks, MD, Medical Director, the National Council for Behavioral Health; *Get Your Organization Moving to Value with the Distinctiveness Wheel* – Kristin M. Woodlock, CEO, Woodlock & Associates; *Community Behavioral Health Mergers* – David Guth, CEO, Centerstone; *Getting to Value in Integrated Managed Care: Behavioral Health's Value Proposition and Moving to Value Based Payment* – Rich VandenHeuvel, Principal, Health Management Associates; *Media Roundtable: Perceptions in Behavioral Health* – Laura Bischoff, Staff Writer, *Dayton Daily News*; Cathy Candisky, Public Affairs Reporter, *Columbus Dispatch*; Karen Kasler, Bureau Chief, *Statehouse News*. Breakout Sessions will cover: *Medical Marijuana and the Workplace: Drug Testing, Accommodations, and Other Legal Complications* – Jonathan J. Downes, Esp., Zashin & Rich Law Firm; *Managing Your Managed Care Contracts* – Suzanne J. Scrutton, Partner and Robin L. Canowitz, Senior Attorney, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP; and *Managed Care Organizations – A New Frontier of Billing: Tips for Documentation, Coding and Billing Under Managed Care* – Sonda Kunzi, President, Coding Advantage LLC.

**>>> Marijuana for Medical Purposes Symposium: Prevention and Clinical Implications – Nov. 9**

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) will host the [Marijuana for Medical Purposes Symposium: Prevention and Clinical Implications](#) on Nov. 9 at Xenos Christian Fellowship in Columbus. Featured speakers include: Dr. Aaron Weiner, director of Addiction Health, Linden Oaks Behavioral Health; Jessica Nickel, president and CEO, The Addiction Policy Forum; OhioMHAS Director Dr. Mark Hurst; Marcie Seidel, executive director, Prevention Action Alliance and Tony Coder, director of programs and services, OACBHA. Cost is \$125 and includes breakfast, lunch and beverages. Click [HERE](#) to register. Questions? Please contact [tcoder@oacbha.org](mailto:tcoder@oacbha.org).

**>>> Call for Abstracts: 14<sup>th</sup> All Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry**

The 14th All Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry, “Collaboration, Cooperation, Continuity: The Era of Medicaid Reform” has been scheduled for March 15-16, 2019, in Columbus. The planning committee is currently seeking abstracts from interested presenters. The committee is particularly interested in presentations on topics such as: addictions; children’s services; services to Older Adults; rural mental health; Intellectual and Developmental Disability (IDD); provider/physician burnout/wellness; use of tele-psychiatry; harm reduction and addiction; medication adherence; workforce development/recruitment issues; and services to LGBTQ clients, among others. **Abstracts must be submitted by Dec. 3.** Potential presenters need to return an electronic copy of the [abstract and disclosure forms](#) for all presenters to [allohio2019@uhhospitals.org](mailto:allohio2019@uhhospitals.org) by the deadline to be considered. The planning committee will review submissions in early January 2019.

**In the News**

9.26.18 | *USA Today* [Mom who lost two sons in one day to opioids: give kids a life-saving exit strategy](#)

9.26.18 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Children of the opioid epidemic face neglect, trauma](#)

9.25.18 | *Canton Repository* [Stigma event takes aim at mental health, addiction](#)

9.24.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio pilot program to enlist businesses in anti-addiction effort](#)

9.24.18 | *Crain’s Cleveland Business* [Hope United to create Ohio’s first relapse prevention wellness center](#)

9.24.18 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Kasich moves to close gaps in gun background checks](#)

9.23.18 | *Sandusky Register* [Tragedy and triumph: Woman’s journey through addiction](#)

9.23.18 | *Lake County News-Herald* [New women’s recovery home open in Mentor](#)

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