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## >>> Chief Legal Counsel Named

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today named Lisa Iannotta as Chief Legal Counsel and Deputy Director overseeing the Office of Legal Services and the department's bureaus of Licensure and Certification and Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review. Iannotta brings more than 30 years' experience in legal affairs to the department. She began her career in state government with the Auditor of State's Office, serving as Assistant Legal Counsel and Deputy Chief Legal Counsel for more than 15 years. She then worked for the Attorney General's Office as both Chief of the Public Protection Division and as Chief Counsel before serving as Director of Administrative Services for Delaware County. Iannotta then returned to state government serving as Chief Legal Counsel for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Most recently, she served as Section Chief for Collections Enforcement with the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Iannotta earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and her Juris Doctorate from Capital University Law School.



## >>> 2019 NAMI Ohio Legislative Advocacy Day – May 15

NAMI Ohio has announced it will host its 2019 Legislative Advocacy Day on May 15 from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Ohio Statehouse. Following a luncheon, featuring several speakers, participants will have an opportunity to meet with state legislators to advocate for mental health services. Click [HERE](#) for more information. For questions, please email Dustin McKee at [dustin@namiohio.org](mailto:dustin@namiohio.org).

## >>> Register for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Opiate and Other Drug Conference – June 10-11

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Rehabilitation and Correction, will host Ohio's 2019 Opiate and Other Drug Conference: Promoting Solutions for Addiction Throughout Ohio June 10-11 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## In the News

- 3.31.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [After suicide attempt at Ohio State, young woman finds new reasons to live](#)
- 3.29.19 | *WCPO-TV* ['We've done a better job of keeping more people alive and getting more people into treatment'](#)
- 3.29.19 | *Portsmouth Daily Times* [Local drug use by youth falling, but here are ways to talk with your kids](#)
- 3.29.19 | *WLIO-TV* [Suicide one of the leading causes of death for high school and college-aged people](#)
- 3.28.19 | *Ohio's Country Journal* [Breaking the stigma of mental health in farming](#)
- 3.28.19 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Niles court creates addiction recovery program](#)
- 3.28.19 | *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* [Recovery center ready for clients](#)
- 3.27.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [Why cocaine is setting off alarm bells for federal and state drug enforcers in Northeast Ohio](#)
- 3.27.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Initiatives aim to curb increase in problem gambling in Ohio](#)
- 3.27.19 | *Canton Repository* [Stark overdoses drop for second year in 2018](#)
- 3.27.19 | *The New York Times* [Air pollution tied to mental health issues in teenagers](#)
- Ohio Medicine* (pp.22-23) [Symptoms or Root Cause? How Problem Gambling Affects Health](#)

*Wilmington News Journal* (special section) [Halting the Opioid Crisis](#)

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