



# News Now

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## >>> May is Older Americans Month

Older Americans Month is observed in the month of May. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, leads the National effort. This year's theme is **Connect, Create & Contribute**. The theme encourages older adults and their communities to:

- Connect with friends, family, and services that support participation.
- Create by engaging in activities that promote learning, health, and personal enrichment.
- Contribute time, talent, and life experience to benefit others.

In addition, it's a time to celebrate the many ways older adults have made contributions as well as make a difference in our communities. Please feel free to promote Older Americans Month in May in your local communities. The [Older Americans Month website](#) provides you with multiple resources to support your efforts. Visit the [Ohio Department of Aging website](#) for Ohio-specific messaging and resources.



## >>> 2019 Peer Recovery Supporter Symposiums – Space Available!

A limited number of spaces are still available for individuals interested in attending Peer Recovery Supporter Symposiums in Allen County (April 17), Scioto County (May 22). Registration for a Lorain County Symposium (June 12) will be coming soon. These regional symposiums bring together peer recovery supporters to help each other and share ideas on how to be more effective when advocating for individuals and working to reduce stigma. Click [HERE](#) to register. For more information, please email Lisa Kiner at [lkiner@thepeercenter.org](mailto:lkiner@thepeercenter.org).

## >>> Ohio Behavioral Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Learning Collaborative (Corrected Contact)

OhioMHAS, in collaboration with the Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) & Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, are pleased to announce the **Ohio Behavioral Health Workforce Recruitment and Retention Learning Collaborative**. This effort will assist behavioral health organizations in addressing their recruitment and retention challenges. The Great Lakes ATTC and MHTTC are offering technical assistance through a three-month Learning Collaborative. Space is available for 10 organizations to participate. Organizations that apply and are selected to participate will each create a small Change Management Team for this initiative. All teams will participate in a one-day meeting of the Learning Collaborative and receive:

- (1) information on best practices in recruitment and retention,
- (2) technical assistance on developing a recruitment and retention plan for their organizations, and
- (3) guidance on managing the change process in their organizations.

After the meeting, teams will return to their organizations to develop their recruitment and retention plans, and then implement their plans with ongoing technical assistance from the Learning Collaborative leader, delivered through a series of three 90-minute teleconference calls. View a recorded informational webinar [HERE](#). The deadline to [apply](#) to be part of the Learning Collaborative is **April 19**. There will be a one-day face-to-face meeting for accepted organizations on May 16. There is no fee for organizations to participate in the Learning

Collaborative. Organizations are responsible for covering the cost of travel for their teams to attend a one-day meeting. For more information, contact Alfredo Cerrato at [alfredo.cerrato@wisc.edu](mailto:alfredo.cerrato@wisc.edu).

### >>> **Prevention Resource Guide for Educators**

The Office of National Drug Control Policy recently released the [Substance Use Prevention: A Resource Guide for School Staff](#) which provides an overview of federal resources that educators can use to identify and address substance use disorders in students.

### >>> **Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day Webcast – May 6**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will observe National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day (Awareness Day) on May 6. Awareness Day shines a national spotlight on the importance of caring for every child’s mental health and reinforces that positive mental health is essential to a child’s healthy development. More than 1,100 communities and nearly 170 national collaborating organizations and federal programs observe Awareness Day through an array of activities. SAMHSA will present “Suicide Prevention: Strategies that Work” a webinar focused on evidence-based strategies and resources for preventing suicide among children, youth and young adults at 3 p.m. on May 6. Click [HERE](#) to view the live webcast. Click [HERE](#) for media outreach tools.



### **In the News**

- 4.11.19 | *Athens Messenger* [Hepatitis C cases on the rise throughout Ohio](#)
- 4.11.19 | *The Daily Jeffersonian* [Guernsey County Board 'lighting up the county' with safety grant](#)
- 4.11.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [Ohio medical marijuana regulators reject THC nasal spray petition](#)
- 4.11.19 | *Marion Star* [Marion City Schools working with Ohio State’s Clarett to help student mental health](#)
- 4.11.19 | *Huntington Herald-Dispatch* [County finding success with treatment in lieu of jail](#)
- 4.11.19 | *USA Today* [Herbal drug kratom linked to almost 100 overdose deaths, CDC says](#)

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