



# News Now

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## >>> First Responder Appreciation Week – April 29-May 5

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) has kicked off its 2019 “Bringing Help, Bringing Hope. Thank You!” Week of Appreciation for first responders. The Week of Appreciation is an opportunity to show support and appreciation to the frontline personnel who work directly with Ohioans struggling to overcome substance use disorders. This includes police officers, firefighters, EMTs, children’s services workers, emergency department staff, and anyone else who may experience burnout or secondary trauma as a result of their work with individuals with addiction. Local ADAMH Boards will work with their county hubs to plan and host events and activities to thank local frontline workers. Thanks to the tireless efforts of frontline workers, Ohio has seen a decrease in deaths involving heroin. However, Ohio is still facing an addiction and overdose epidemic like never before and the state’s frontline workers need our continued support. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Week of Appreciation.



## >>> Join OhioMHAS on Social Media for Mental Health Month

OhioMHAS will be observing May as Mental Health Month by sharing ways that people around the state find hope and cope with life's challenges. Look for photos tagged [#MayHopeCope](#) on Facebook and Twitter all month long, and share your own inspirations using the same hashtag. [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#)

## >>> Ohio Tourism Day - May 8 on Statehouse Lawn

You are invited to attend [Ohio Tourism Day on Wednesday, May 8, on the Statehouse lawn](#). This FREE event celebrates Ohio’s \$44 billion tourism industry and provides the opportunity for consumers to plan their Ohio vacations while visiting with more than 100 tourism destinations and attractions from throughout Ohio. The day will include entertainment, demonstrations, interactive experiences, food trucks and more.

## >>> Ohio Recovery Housing “NIMBY Toolkit” Webinar – May 15

Ohio Recovery Housing will debut its [new toolkit](#) on how to address NIMBY (Not in my backyard) issues during a 10 a.m. webinar on May 15. Click [HERE](#) to register. For more information, please call Danielle Gray at 614.228.0747 or email [info@ohiorecoveryhousing.org](mailto:info@ohiorecoveryhousing.org).

## In the News

- 4.29.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Central Ohio students step up to help peers, schools with suicide prevention efforts](#)
- 4.29.19 | *The Washington Post* [A play that hopes to smash the stigma surrounding mental illness](#)
- 4.29.19 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Study: Suicide rates spike nationally after “13 Reasons Why” release](#)
- 4.29.19 | *Wilmington News-Journal* [MHRS celebrates First Responder Appreciation Week](#)
- 4.28.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Advocates walk in Akron to illuminate suicide prevention](#)
- 4.28.19 | *WTFRF-TV* [3<sup>rd</sup> annual Jerry’s Walk raises money for suicide awareness](#)
- 4.28.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal (Editorial)* [Spare those with severe mental illness from execution](#)
- 4.27.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal (Editorial)* [Mental health deserves a continuum](#)
- 4.27.19 | *U.S. News & World Report* [For kids, obesity and mental health woes often go hand-in-hand](#)
- 4.26.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio State’s Harding Hospital adds 18 psychiatric beds](#)

- 4.26.19 | *WLIO-TV* [Dangerous new trends are popping up in fentanyl use](#)
- 4.26.19 | *Lorain Morning-Journal* [Lorain County's Restored Citizens Summit provides resources for former inmates, recovering addicts](#)
- 4.26.19 | *Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum* [Prosecutor blames meth for rising number of felony indictments](#)
- 4.25.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Report shows Stark youth suicide rate took tragic turn in 2018](#)
- 4.25.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Overdose deaths from cocaine and meth climbed last year, even as heroin kept its grip on Franklin County](#)
- 4.25.19 | *WEWS-TV* [Akron's 'Recovery Court' – longest running drug court in the state – sees success for recovering addicts](#)
- 4.25.19 | *Youngstown Business Journal* [\\$12M Community Workforce Center to Open in January](#)
- 4.24.19 | *Ashland Source* [A look inside Mohican Young Star Academy](#)
- 4.24.19 | *The AthensNEWS* [Opioid crisis reaps collateral damage](#)
- 4.24.19 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Life after a life of addiction](#)

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