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## >>> Thousands of Students Promote Drug-Free Lifestyle During 2019 “We are the Majority” Rally

Thousands of high school and middle school students from throughout Ohio rallied at the Ohio Statehouse today to take a stand against drugs. The students came together to celebrate healthy lifestyles and show their pride in being part of the drug-free majority. In addition to live entertainment and messages from peers, the students also heard from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss. Watch OhioMHAS eNews for more photos and coverage from the eighth annual “We are the Majority” rally sponsored by Prevention Action Alliance.

## >>> Regional Maternal Opiate Medical Supports Plus (MOMS+) Meetings

The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC) is working on a quality improvement project – Maternal Opiate Medical Supports Plus (MOMS+) – with 28 obstetrical sites across the state regarding care of pregnant women with opioid use disorder. As a result OPQC will host six regional, half-day sessions in May and June. Medication-Assisted Treatment providers are encouraged to attend. Learn more and register by clicking the links below. Please contact OPQC Project Specialist Cole Jackson at [cole.jackson@cchmc.org](mailto:cole.jackson@cchmc.org) with questions.



- May 14** | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | [Southeast](#) (Athens)
- May 22** | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | [West Central](#) (Dayton)
- May 23** | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | [Northwest](#) (Sylvania)
- May 30** | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | [Southwest](#) (Cincinnati)
- June 3** | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | [Northeast](#) (Cleveland)
- June 4** | 12:30-4:30 p.m. | [Central](#) (Columbus)

## >>> Vendor Sought: Recovery Housing MAT Best Practices Training

OhioMHAS seeks applications from one entity to provide five (5) trainings in five (5) regions across Ohio on stigma reduction and medication assisted treatment (MAT). Training attendees will be recovery housing operators and peer supporters. Awardee will be responsible for curriculum, registration, certificate of attendance, handouts, securing

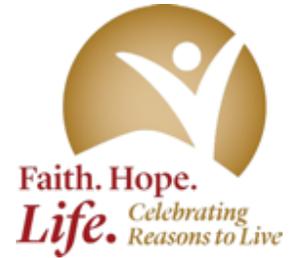
locations, arranging food and designing a flier that OhioMHAS can distribute. Also, the awardee will develop a survey to be administered at the end of the training day. The awardee will need to track completion rates for all surveys. Awardee will also collect data required by OhioMHAS including attendee demographics. Bids will be opened May 9. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### >>> **Nationwide Essay Contest Challenges High Schoolers to Be Frank About Mental Health**

The National Institutes of Health is inviting students ages 16 to 18 years old to participate in the “[Speaking Up About Mental Health!](#)” essay contest. Essays should explore ways to address the stigma and social barriers that adolescents from racial and ethnic minority populations may face when seeking mental health treatment. The deadline for entries is May 31. Learn [more](#).

### >>> **Suicide Prevention Resources for Faith Leaders**

To better equip leaders of all faiths with life-saving skills to prevent suicide, the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention ([Action Alliance](#)) and its [Faith Communities Task Force](#), recently released [Suicide Prevention Competencies for Faith Leaders: Supporting Life Before, During, and After a Suicidal Crisis](#). This new resource aims to provide faith leaders with feasible, practical, research-based actions they can adopt immediately to help save lives and restore hope in faith communities nationwide. The competencies, informed by leaders from diverse faith communities and experts in the suicide prevention field, help to integrate and coordinate suicide prevention across sectors and settings, like faith-based organizations and places of worship, a goal of the Action Alliance’s [National Strategy for Suicide Prevention](#).



### **In the News**

4.30.19 | *WSYX-TV* [Thousands of students promote a drug-free lifestyle during “We are the Majority” rally](#)

4.30.19 | *Toledo Blade* [Students take anti-drug message to Columbus](#)

4.30.19 | *Piqua Daily Call* [‘Front line’ workers of opioid crisis recognized](#)

4.30.19 | *WBNS-TV* [Columbus schools offer counselors to get students help with mental health](#)

4.30.19 | *Bellefontaine Examiner* [Logan County CORE, community stakeholders participate in training](#)

4.29.19 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Ohio’s babies born exposed to opioids doing better thanks to new medical efforts](#)

4.29.19 | *WBNS-TV* [Week of free walk-in clinics in Columbus connecting addicts to lifesaving help](#)

4.29.19 | *Norwalk Reflector* [Health officials addressing local drug problem](#)

4.29.19 | *Findlay Courier* [Treatment can expose ‘come-back-ability’ inside](#)

4.29.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Study: Youth suicides increased after release of ‘13 Reasons Why’ on Netflix](#)

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