



News Now

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>>> December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

December has been designated as National Impaired Driving Prevention Month every year since 1981. Unfortunately, the holiday season between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day is one of the deadliest times to be on roads because more drivers are impaired by alcohol or drug use. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2016, [10,497 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes, more than a quarter of all traffic-related deaths in the U.S.](#) Drugs other than alcohol are involved in about 16 percent of motor vehicle crashes. Help raise awareness among your community, advocate for consistent and strong enforcement of impaired driving laws, and empower parents and teens to make healthy and smart choices around driving this holiday season. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has [helpful resources](#) on its website. The CDC also maintains a [list of strategies](#) proven to prevent drunk and drugged driving.

>>> OSPF Announces Midwest Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health Summit, CAMS Trainings

Save the date! The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) will partner with the National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio Chapter to host a Midwest Suicide Prevention and Behavioral Health Summit May 14-15, 2020, in Columbus. More details will be available soon. OSPF also announced the first of seven Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) trainings for 2020. Upcoming dates/locations include: [Athens](#) -- Feb. 26; [Norwalk](#) -- March 13; [Zanesville](#) -- April 15; and [Youngstown](#) -- May 1.

>>> Save the Date: 2020 Ohio Teen Institute – June 7-11

Ohio Teen Institute, Ohio's oldest youth-led prevention conference, will hold its summer conference June 7-11, 2020, at Heidelberg University in Tiffin. For more information, visit www.ohioti.com.

In the News

- 12.4.19 | *USA Today* [It's not a hotline, it's a 'warmline': it gives mental health help before a crisis heats up](#)
- 12.4.19 | *WFMJ-TV* [Top priority for Akron Children's is mental health, addressing childhood trauma](#)
- 12.3.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [Cuyahoga County, ADAMHS Board to fund Fentanyl Test Strip distribution program into 2020](#)
- 12.3.19 | *Youngstown Business Journal* [Mercy Health Foundation recognized for crisis intervention efforts](#)
- 12.3.19 | *Zanesville Times-Recorder* [Young man's death leads woman to be a warrior against suicide](#)
- 12.2.19 | *Loveland Magazine* [LEAAD Youth Ambassadors from Loveland Middle School meet with DeWine, Portman, and Thomas](#)
- 12.2.19 | *The New York Times* [The Crisis in Youth Suicide](#)
- 12.2.19 | *Xenia Gazette* [Clinic to help businesses retain drug-free workforce](#)
- 12.2.19 | *Lisbon Morning Journal* [Residential facility opens to provide long-term care for most-in-need children](#)
- 12.2.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Grandma Joy's Road Trip helps Ohio State veterinary grad get through mental health struggles](#)
- 12.1.19 | *Dayton Daily News* [Teens and antidepressants: What parents need to know about suicide warnings](#)
- 12.1.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [The end of an era: pill mills are gone at Ohio's opioid epicenter, but crisis continues](#)
- 11.30.19 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Springfield man looks to expand business that helps OVI offenders](#)

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