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**>>> Reminder: 14<sup>th</sup> Annual All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry – March 15-16**

There's still time to register to attend the [14<sup>th</sup> All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry](#) March 15-16 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North – Worthington. The Institute is sponsored by University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center and Northeast Ohio Medical University, in partnership with OhioMHAS and Peg's Foundation. Click the link for conference details and registration information.

**>>> Introduction to Meth and the Matrix Model Training – March 26**

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities will host an introductory training of the Matrix Model<sup>®</sup>, specifically as it relates to methamphetamine treatment, on March 26 at the Xenos Christian Fellowship, 1390 Community Park Dr., Columbus. The Matrix Model<sup>®</sup> is a comprehensive evidence-based treatment practice that has been used to treat individuals with substance use disorders for more than 30 years. This training overview will explain the model and discuss its demonstrated success with individuals in treatment for methamphetamine use. Cost is \$30, which includes lunch and beverages for the day. The training is limited to 100 participants. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

**>>> Registration Open: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual “We Are the Majority” Youth Rally – April 30**

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> annual “We Are the Majority” youth rally and march on April 30 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Genoa Park, 303 W. Broad St., Columbus. This year's rally will feature musical performances from the [Paragon Project](#) and [Pray for Sleep](#). Youth will march to the Statehouse around noon to counter the false perception that most young people use alcohol and other drugs. Travel stipends and T-shirts are available. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to register.



**>>> New Chief to Oversee Ohio Pharmacy Services**



The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today named Brandon M. Haas, Pharm.D., J.D., Chief of [Ohio Pharmacy Services \(OPS\)](#). In his new role, Dr. Haas will manage pharmacy operations for Central Pharmacy Inpatient, Central Pharmacy Outpatient and the Ohio Pharmacy Service Center. OPS serves state behavioral health hospitals, state correctional facilities, county health departments, community mental health and addiction agencies, free clinics, county jails, and non-profits throughout Ohio by providing centralized procurement and distribution services for pharmaceuticals, over-the-counter medications, medical and laboratory supplies and personal care products. OPS also provides expertise in formulary management and clinical pharmacy services. The office operates its own fleet of vehicles to provide delivery and pick-up services and transport laboratory specimens, commissary goods and mail to state agencies and institutions. Dr. Haas

attended Ohio Northern University where he earned his Doctor of Pharmacy from the Raabe College of Pharmacy in 2011 and his Juris Doctor from the Pettit College of Law in 2012.

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2.18.19 | *WKRC-TV* [Support systems can help teens struggling with mental health issues, suicidal thoughts](#)

2.18.19 | *Clermont Sun* [NAMI: What are the warning signs of mental illness, Part 1](#)

2.18.19 | *NPR* [As opioid crisis affects a new generation, experts study long-term effects of prenatal exposure](#)

2.18.19 | *CNN* [Can you eat your way to better mental health? Study says yes](#)

2.17.19 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Center aims to end addiction](#)

2.17.19 | *Dayton Daily News* [Foster care system struggles to keep pace with opioid epidemic](#)

2.17.19 | *Canton Repository (Opinion)* [Stark County judge: Progress, but more to do, in addressing opioid epidemic](#)

2.17.19 | *USA Today* [Depression in pregnant women and new moms is preventable, experts say. Here's how](#)

2.16.19 | *Canton Repository* [Faith-based recovery program will offer free treatment](#)

2.16.19 | *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* [The Recovery Center prevention team fights drug, alcohol and tobacco use in Fairfield County schools](#)

2.15.19 | *WSYX-TV* [Thousands awarded to Licking and Knox counties to fight addiction](#)

2.14.19 | *Canton Repository* [State funds to help with purchases at Heartland Behavioral](#)

2.14.19 | *WLWT-TV* [Changing drug trends? Police say meth on the rise again in Ohio](#)

2.14.19 | *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* [Can the successes of Pearl House be duplicated in other parts of Ohio?](#)

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