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>>> Kick-off Awareness Month with the 16th Annual Problem Gambling Conference

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to invite you to the [16th Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference 2019: Mitigating Harm, Maximizing Effectiveness](#) Feb. 28-March 1 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center. Learn what's new as Ohio blazes trails in problem gambling prevention, treatment and recovery services. Speakers this year will feature national and state experts in problem gambling, gambling disorder, prevention and recovery, and will highlight how gaming is entering the gambling arena and capturing the youngest of audiences. This topic ties closely to the newest Ohio Gambling Survey data that shows young adults are at highest risk for gambling disorder. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn new information about behavioral health, earn CEUs and network with behavioral health and gambling industry professionals. On Friday from 12:45-4 pm three additional options are offered: Prevention Ethics, Treatment Ethics, and Question, Persuade, & Refer and Suicidality training – separate registrations required.



>>> Grants Offered for Environmental Scans of Ohio's Gambling Landscape

OhioMHAS, in partnership with Ohio for Responsible Gambling, announces a grant opportunity for OhioMHAS-certified prevention agencies to perform environmental scans of gambling sites in their communities. The Request for Applications is being coordinated by Prevention Action Alliance. All grantees will be using a defined process to carry out the scans, gather data, analyze it and write a report. **Applications are due via Survey Monkey by March 6.** A mandatory face-to-face planning meeting for awardees will be held on March 28 in Columbus. To learn more click [HERE](#), and to apply go [HERE](#).

>>> Request for Proposals: SOR ASAM Criteria Trainer

As part of Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) project, OhioMHAS seeks to partner with one vendor to provide 13 live trainings that educate prescribers about the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria. The goal of the trainings is to help prescribers better understand ways to standardize how patients are placed in treatment, as well as how to provide continuing, integrated care and ongoing service planning. Trainings will target physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners but may be opened up to other disciplines as space allows, at OhioMHAS discretion. The successful vendor must secure the appropriate continuing education credits (e.g., CME/CEU) for attendees. Click [HERE](#) to view the bid opportunity. **Applications must be submitted to OhioMHASBidOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov by 2 p.m. on March 1.**

>>> Request for Proposals: SOR Criminal Justice MAT Symposia Trainer

As part of Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) project, OhioMHAS seeks to partner with one vendor to provide training events for staff within the criminal justice system (e.g., sheriff's office, parole officers, court staff, and prison administrators). The vendor will conduct at least ten education and training symposia on the nature, application, efficacy, and implementation of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT). Vendor is expected to market the events to the appropriate stakeholders, obtain training locations for the symposia, and conduct training sessions with didactic and breakout session components. After conducting each symposium, vendor will provide evaluation data to OhioMHAS that

will be used to refine future MAT symposia sessions. Click [HERE](#) to view the bid opportunity. **Applications must be submitted to OhioMHASBidOpportunity@mha.ohio.gov by 2 p.m. on March 1.**

>>> Ohio Recovery Housing Conference Agenda Available

The [full agenda](#) for the Ohio Recovery Housing Conference “Bringing Recovery Home” is now available. The conference will offer multiple tracks designed to provide relevant information for beginners, experts and community members seeking to support Ohioans in recovery. The conference will provide basic workshops that will help operators develop key strategies for operations of successful recovery homes including starting recovery housing from the grassroots, how to develop the social model of recovery in your home and working with local building and zoning code officials. The conference will also offer in-depth discussions of emerging issues in the field, including recovery housing in the era of medical cannabis, successes and challenges of MAT in recovery housing and working with the families of recovery housing residents. This year, the conference will also feature a panel of recent recovery housing residents who will share their experiences in recovery housing. Attendees may add a pre-conference workshop focused on best practices for legal compliance, on April 1 from 12:30 – 5:00 p.m. The full two-day conference starts April 2. To see the full agenda with additional sessions and register visit the [Ohio Recovery Housing Conference site](#). Early registration rates are available until **March 11**. Discounted hotel room rates are available until March 11 or until the hotel room block is sold out.

>>> Lunchtime LIVE Webinar: Protective Strategies for First Responders Exposed to Illicit Substances – March 22

Overdose deaths involving fentanyl and fentanyl analogues have raised concerns about the potential for exposure to illicit drugs among child welfare caseworkers and other first-responders (law enforcement officers, fire fighters and emergency medical services personnel). The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), has issued guidance for protecting first responders from fentanyl and its analogues. This [webinar](#) offers an opportunity to interact with national experts from NIOSH while learning about potential risks and protective safety strategies. Join Lunchtime LIVE from **noon-1 p.m. on March 22** to learn more about ***Protective Strategies for First Responders Exposed to Illicit Substances***. The webinar is open to Ohio child welfare, treatment, court and healthcare systems staff. Click [HERE](#) to register.

In the News

2.22.19 | *WKYC-TV* [Joey’s story: Local parents share story of losing son to fentanyl overdose and their mission to help save others](#)

2.21.19 | *The New York Times* [Colleges Expand Their Reach to Address Mental Health Issues](#)

2.21.19 | *WNWO-TV* [Wellness and Recovery center aims to address emotional distress before it becomes crisis](#)

2.20.19 | *Akron Beacon-Journal (Opinion)* [Evelyn Lundberg Stratton: Youth in adult prison, the ‘forgotten ones,’ except in Ohio](#)

2.20.19 | *CNN* [FDA may recommend overdose reversal drug alongside opioid prescriptions](#)

2.20.19 | *Psychology Today* [Campus Check-In: Mental Health Treatment Expands to Apps](#)

2.20.19 | *Kent-Ravenna Record-Courier* [Portage to fund more drug prevention programs](#)

2.19.19 | *Harvard Business Review* [5 Ways Bosses Can Reduce the Stigma of Mental Health at Work](#)

2.19.19 | *WHIO-TV* [Mental health and kids: How a hospital’s new initiative hopes to help children](#)

2.19.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [Ohio Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor calls for criminal justice reform measures](#)

2.13.19 | *The AthensNEWS* [New grants to aid substance-use prevention for Appalachian youth](#)

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