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>>> July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

July was designated as [Minority Mental Health Awareness Month](#) in 2008 to bring awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face in regard to mental illness in the U.S. While the term “minority” is traditionally associated with racial, ethnic, or cultural minorities within the U.S., the month has been expanded include individuals from a wide-range of marginalized and underserved communities, including those who may identify as part of the LGBTQ+ spectrum, refugee and immigrant groups, religious groups, and others who are often overlooked. Click [HERE](#) for free resources and a toolkit from Mental Health America.

Minority Mental Health Month



>>> Ohio Opioid Online Curricula Series is Now Live

As part of the State Targeted Response/CURES grant from SAMHSA, The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) sponsored the development of a 23-part online curricula. The curricula focuses on the nature of addiction and its impact, as well as treatment and best practices for treating opioid use disorder in a variety of settings. Courses highlight evidence-based practices for utilizing medication assisted treatment (MAT) and provide medical setting specific protocols. Each course is approximately one hour in length and serves as a standalone module that can be taken in conjunction with the full series. As a whole, the series is intended to provide general education about addiction, while also offering discipline specific information for a large variety of systems that encounter individuals with an opioid use disorder. Additional details, including the full course list can be found [HERE](#). The courses can be accessed on the [e-based academy](#).

In the News

7.3.19 | *Portsmouth Daily Times (Opinion)* [Fighting the resurgence of meth and cocaine](#)

7.2.19 | *WOIO-TV* [Meth cases soar in many Northeast Ohio counties, supplied by Mexican drug cartels](#)

7.2.19 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [New step to protect against ODs: Hamilton County offers fentanyl test strips](#)

7.1.19 | *Ohio's Country Journal* [OSU Extension has many resources for farms facing challenging times](#)

7.1.19 | *Dayton Daily News* [Kettering center grows in fight to combat infant drug exposure](#)

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