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>>> Treatment Finder Evaluation Survey
The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is seeking participation in a brief evaluation survey of the Emerald Jenny Foundation online treatment finder. The website https://www.emeraldjennyfoundation.org/ allows visitors to search for nearby addiction treatment providers and includes a variety of resources and news items. Please take a few moments to provide feedback on this tool **by June 21**.

>>> $11 Million Grant to Help Address Workforce Issues Related to the Opioid Epidemic
Ohio Governor Mike DeWine on Wednesday announced the state will invest $11 million over the next two years to help employers and unemployed workers across the state overcome issues related to the opioid epidemic. The resources provided by a National Health Emergency Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant from the U.S. Department of Labor will support employers who hire individuals in recovery and provide job training and other services to help unemployed workers recover from substance use disorder and find jobs. "This federal grant is an example of what RecoveryOhio is all about. We collaborate to address the unique needs of residents," said Governor DeWine. "Recovery involves not just treatment, but ongoing supports to help individuals lead healthy, productive lives." The grant will be distributed among Ohio's 20 local workforce development areas. Services will be tailored to local needs but may include any of the following:

- The testing of innovative approaches to combat addiction issues – for example, by supporting employers that develop second-chance policies and hire individuals in recovery.
- Job training, career services, and supportive services for unemployed workers who have been directly or indirectly affected by the opioid crisis.
- Temporary employment to alleviate workforce issues related to the opioid crisis – for example, to hire 911 operators, first responders, peer recovery supporters, or children services aides for up to 12 months or 2,040 hours.
- Building the addiction treatment, mental health, and pain management workforce.

RecoveryOhio has many partners in this effort, including OhioMeansJobs centers; Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards; two-year colleges; community action agencies; libraries; mental health treatment providers; the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation; the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, and the departments of Job and Family Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Higher Education, Medicaid, Public Safety and Health.

In the News
6.5.19 | *Youngstown Business Journal* Rise Recovery Opens Second Site in Warren

6.5.19 | *ScienceDaily* Economic downtowns may affect children's mental health

6.5.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* Ohio first responder s closer to new PTSD claims; business groups still opposed

6.5.19 | *EurekAlert!* Weak upper and lower body physical performance associated with depression and anxiety

6.5.19 | *The Plain Dealer* [Ohio House passes bill banning executions of people with serious mental illness](#)

6.4.19 | *Toledo Blade* [Interest high in healthcare professions](#)

6.4.19 | *WDTN-TV* [Ohio receives grant to help battle opioid crisis](#)

6.3.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Fighting for Alyssa group awards $71K to local groups fighting drug abuse](#)

6.3.19 | *Athens POST* [7 Ways to help end mental health stigma year-round](#)

6.1.19 | *The Associated Press* [Bet responsibly? A struggle for some as sportsbook ads widen](#)

5.31.19 | *WDTN-TV* [Mental health problems arise following tornado outbreak](#)

5.31.19 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [New Stark Parks Trail focuses on mental health](#)

5.30.19| *Pomeroy Daily Sentinel* [Local agencies host 'Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs'](#)

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