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>>> Key Leadership Positions Filled

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) filled two key leadership positions today, announcing the appointment of Lois Hochstetler as assistant director of Community Treatment Services and Alisia Clark as assistant director of Community Planning and Collaboration. They both started their new positions on March 25.



Hochstetler brings more than 20 years of behavioral health and correctional program experience to the department. In her role as assistant director at OhioMHAS, she will oversee mental health, addiction and criminal justice treatment programs and services, as well as children/youth mental health services. Most recently, Hochstetler served as the executive director of the Marion Area Counseling Center, a community behavioral healthcare center serving Marion and Crawford counties. Previously, she worked at Alvis, serving as a vice president and as a managing director, overseeing the agency's clinical services and reentry programs for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.

Hochstetler earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Goshen College and a master's degree in Social Work from The Ohio State University.

Clark, meanwhile, will be returning to OhioMHAS following a stint as executive director of the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, the government entity that certifies prevention and addiction professionals. In her role as assistant director, Alisia will oversee community planning and collaboration, grants management and recovery supports. She has an extensive work history in substance use and mental health disorders and previously served as housing policy and resource administrator at OhioMHAS, project director for the former Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, and field operations manager for the Ohio Secretary of State.



She holds a dual bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Organization Leadership from Franklin University in Columbus.

>>> Advanced Problem Gambling Training (Columbus) – April 4

OhioMHAS, in partnership with Recovery Resources, will host an Advanced Disordered Gambling Training from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on April 4 at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in Columbus. The training will be facilitated by Dan Trolaro, assistant executive director of the Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, who will present *Blurred Lines and the 'Dis'-Ease of Addiction: Identifying the Connection, Addressing the Issues and Establishing Meaningful Recovery Principles*. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Questions? Please contact Mike Buzzelli at 216.431.4131 ext. 2612 or email mbuzzelli@recres.org.

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