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>>> National Older Americans Mental Health Awareness Day Webcast – May 20

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Administration for Community Living and the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging are hosting the second annual [Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day](#) webinar on May 20 from 1-3 p.m. This event is designed to raise public awareness around the mental health of older Americans and spur actions to address their needs by promoting evidence-based approaches to mental health and substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery supports for older adults and collaboration between the mental health and aging networks. It will also highlight where people can seek treatment and services when needed. Click [HERE](#) for live stream information. Visit the online [SAMHSA Store](#) to download the following resources for older adults: *Promoting Mental Health and Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for Senior Living Communities* and *Promoting Emotional Health and Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for Senior Centers*. Throughout the month of May, the Ohio Department of Aging is highlighting messages, events and resources as part of Older Americans Month. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

>>> DEA National Take-Back Day Nets More Than 50,000 Pounds of Unused Medications in Ohio

The results are in for the Drug Enforcement Administration's 17th National Take Back Day held April 27. Nationally, 4,969 law enforcement partners participated at 6,258 collection sites. Their efforts netted 937,443 pounds of unused, unwanted or expired prescription medications. More than 11.8 million pounds of unused prescription medications have been collected since the first Take Back Day was held. In Ohio, 232 law enforcement partners participated in the latest effort at 298 collection sites. Their efforts yielded 50,822 pounds of medications. More than 503,000 pounds of medications have been collected in the state since the inaugural Take Back Day was held. Click [HERE](#) for the full report.

>>> OhioMHAS Staffer Named to Ohio Commission on Fatherhood Executive Committee

Joseph Hill, bureau chief of Special Populations and Emergency Services at OhioMHAS, was recently named Secretary of the [Ohio Commission on Fatherhood](#) Executive Committee. Other new members of the Executive Committee include Scott Neely (Chair) and Rep. Thomas West (Vice Chair). The Commission, which is housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, seeks to enhance the well-being of Ohio's children by providing opportunities for fathers to become better parents, partners and providers.



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5.16.19 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Complex of 40 subsidized apartments on Southwest Side opens for homeless](#)

5.16.19 | *Geauga Maple Leaf* [Workers' Mental Illness Costs Billions in U.S.; Local Agencies Address Issues in the Workplace](#)

5.16.18 | *WJW-TV* [Specialists warn vaping is creating new generation of addicted youth](#)

5.16.18 | *WKRC-TV* ["There's always Hope:" One man's triumph over addiction, mission to help others](#)

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5.15.19 | *Harvard Medical School* [Targeting the Opioid Crisis: HMS education initiative in Northwest Ohio geared to prevention, treatment](#)

5.15.19 | *WBNS-TV* [Dangerous drug comeback: Meth 'epidemic' exceeds heroin in some communities](#)

5.15.19 | *WCMH-TV* [Need for foster parents growing in Franklin County due to addiction](#)

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