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Mike DeWine, *Governor*
Lori Criss, *Director*

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>>> May is Mental Health Month

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is proud to partner with Mental Health America, the National Alliance on Mental Illness and others in observing **May as Mental Health Month**. Since 1949, Mental Health America and its affiliates across the country have led the observance of May is Mental Health Month by reaching millions of people through the media, local events and screenings. MHA welcomes other organizations to join in spreading the word that mental health is something everyone should care about by using the May is Mental Health Month [toolkit materials](#) and conducting awareness activities. Click [HERE](#) to access NAMI's WhyCare? Campaign resources. Lastly, don't forget to join OhioMHAS on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) where we will be sharing ways that people around the state find hope and cope with life's challenges. Look for photos tagged **#MayHopeCope** all month long, and share your own inspirations using the same hashtag.



>>> Reminder: National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day Webcast



The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day 2019: "Suicide Prevention: Strategies That Work" webcast takes place **today at 3 p.m. EDT**. Click [HERE](#) to watch live. This event will serve as a launch for activities being held across the country on National Children's Mental

Health Awareness Day, which will be observed nationwide on Thursday, May 9. During the event in Washington, DC, SAMHSA will showcase evidence-based strategies to connect those in need to information, services, and supports that can save lives. SAMHSA's event will include suicide prevention experts and leaders of national mental health organizations, along with families and youth who will share stories about how evidence-based practices saved children's lives and put them on a path to recovery. **Don't forget to make plans to attend the 14th Annual Ohio Resiliency Ring this Thursday at the Ohio Statehouse West Lawn. Registration and music begins at 10:30 a.m. For more information, please contact sasha@ohioyouthmove.org or call 614.556.0354.**

>>> Videos from Governor DeWine, Director Criss Cap Off First Responder Appreciation Week

Communities throughout Ohio have taken time this week to recognize and thank first responders on the frontlines of the state's opioid epidemic as part of First Responders Appreciation Week. Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Lori Criss helped to cap off the week with video greetings, thanking first responders for their hard work and dedication to saving lives. "You're making your community – one person, one family at a time – better, which means you're making Ohio stronger," said Governor DeWine. Click [HERE](#) to view the Governor's video and [HERE](#) to view Dir. Criss' message. Learn more about the "Bringing Help. Bringing Hope. Thank You!" week of appreciation on the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) [website](#).

>>> MHTTC Training: Suicide Prevention

The Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) regional training on suicide prevention is now [LIVE](#). OACBHA is partnering with Randi Tolliver, Ph.D., CADC, and Ann Schissel, Ph.D., L.P., of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation for a training to organizational and clinical leadership on developing suicide prevention strategies through a culturally competent lens.

Learning objectives include:

- Learn how to promote and implement effective clinical and professional practices for assessing and treating those identified as being at risk for suicidal behaviors.
 - Develop strategies to fully integrate knowledge about suicide into multiple layers of the systems
 - Identify gaps in care that suicidal individuals fall through and identify clinical evidence to close these gaps
- Understand how to create an inclusive and safe community environment that:
 - Respects and responds to diverse cultural needs and preferences when dealing with suicide
 - Recognizes signs and symptoms of suicide in all individuals involved in the organization and systems
 - Cultivates open dialogue about cultural considerations in relation to suicide
 - Promotes awareness of clinician burnout and offers support to those working with suicidal clients

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. Questions? Please contact Dontavius Jarrells at 614.224.1111 or djarrells@oacbha.org

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