



News Now

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>>> Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations Form New Statewide Association

The Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations (OhioPRO) launched today a new statewide network for Ohio-based organizations and programs that provide peer recovery mental health and substance use services and supports. [OhioPRO](#) was announced during the fourth annual Recovery Conference held by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). OhioPRO membership will be open to peer-run services that are fully independent, separate and autonomous from other mental health or addiction treatment agencies. OhioPRO will be also open to non-peer organizations that operate peer-recovery programs, but such programs will not have voting rights.



For its members, OhioPRO will serve as a unifying force, to enable peer-recovery organizations and programs to have a consistent, unified approach to advocating for their services. Specifically, OhioPRO will:

- Educate state and local elected officials and community leaders to secure support and funding for peer-recovery organizations and programs.
- Promote anti-stigma education and peer-support.
- Provide best practices, technical assistance and training opportunities for members.
- Build relationships between peer-recovery organizations and other community partners.

>>> Upcoming Problem Gambling Trainings

Clergy/Lay Minister Training for Counseling Related to Problem Gambling -- Oct. 29-Nov. 1

Due to the success of last year's inaugural Clergy/Lay Minister training in Ohio, OhioMHAS has once again provided resources to the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio to offer this valuable training. The training will be Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, 2045 Morse Rd., Columbus, OH 43229. The cost is \$50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. Click [HERE](#) to register. For questions related to logistics, please contact DLongmeier@PGNOhio.org. Content-specific and certification questions can be directed to the Rev. Janet Jacobs at jjacobs@grmumc.org or 812.290.3022.

Advanced Disordered Gambling Trainings: Technology, Providers & Gambling Treatment: Innovation Works! -- Nov. 7 or 8

This workshop introduces you to many aspects of technology both for clients and clinicians. Do you know the difference between a digital native and digital immigrant? You will learn about teletherapy and why you should consider offering it as well as many other HIPAA compliant ways to integrate technology with your clients. Special emphasis on treating problem gambling but also an introduction to the next generation of clients seeking services. Lunch is included.

Nov. 7 | [Cleveland](#)

Nov. 8 | [Columbus](#)

Stage I: Foundations in Disordered Gambling (Chillicothe) – Dec. 5-6

This training will provide 12 hours of gambling-specific education and increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of the disease of gambling disorder and prepare the practicing clinician to work with problem and

disordered gamblers and their families. Other information discussed includes warning signs, at-risk populations, screening/assessment, prevention/outreach strategies, resources available, gambling expansion and how to partner with the gaming industry, Gambler's Anonymous and other organizations. Small group scenarios and videos will accompany the training. Participation is highly encouraged. Training will include continental breakfast and lunch both days. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler (Tiffin) – Jan. 9-10, 2020

Treating the Disordered Gambler is a two-day training that will provide clinicians with 12 hours of gambling-specific education. This phase of training is designed for the clinician preparing to treat disordered gamblers. During this training, clinicians will gain a better understanding of treating gambling addiction through Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Motivational Interviewing techniques. Participants will discuss case reviews, participate in role plays, and write treatment plans. Participants will also discuss disordered gambling as a co-occurring disorder. Training will include continental breakfast and lunch both days. Click [HERE](#) to register.

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10.15.19 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [As overdoses drop, Middletown turns to next challenge: stopping addiction](#)
10.14.19 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [County to begin peer support group](#)
10.14.19 | *WOSU 89.7* [Ohio's Behavioral Health Workers Optimistic About State of Recovery](#)
10.14.19 | *Warren Tribune-Chronicle* [Peer support shows promise in Trumbull County](#)
10.12.19 | *Gallipolis Daily Tribune* [October is Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Awareness Month](#)
10.11.19 | *Dayton Daily News* [Mental health initiative 'Awake Dayton' provides resources to those who need help](#)
10.11.19 | *Clermont Sun* [County: Recovery coaches are helping people overcome addiction, mental illness](#)
10.11.19 | *Xenia Gazette* [Stand up to suicide: 11-county effort trains 1,542 people in suicide prevention](#)
10.11.19 | *Sandusky Register* ['Be the one' to help someone](#)
10.10.19 | *WSYX-TV* [World Mental Health Day: remembering former Columbus State Hospital patients](#)
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10.10.19 | *WSYX-TV* [Central Ohio advocates pleased Sesame Street's addressing opioid issue](#)
10.10.19 | *The New York Times* [HBO to tackle mental illness stigma in new campaign](#)
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