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## >>> Governor DeWine Unveils STRONG Ohio Bill

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today unveiled a series of legislative proposals to better protect Ohio citizens and law enforcement officers from those with a propensity toward violence and to provide help to individuals who are a danger to themselves or others. The STRONG Ohio bill, which is sponsored by Senator Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) and is part of Governor DeWine's broader STRONG Ohio violence prevention plan, will preserve constitutional rights, expand treatment options, and prevent violence through:



- Safety protection orders
- Thorough background checks
- Rigorous due process
- Ongoing help to those in crisis
- New state background checks
- Greater penalties for gun crimes

Among other key components, the bill will create a process in Ohio law, similar to the current probate court process that directs those suffering from severe mental health conditions into court-ordered treatment ("pink slipping", to give hospitals and courts a better ability to help those who are legally declared to be a danger to themselves or others due to drug dependency or chronic alcoholism. Click [HERE](#) for a detailed summary of the STRONG Ohio bill. The full text of the STRONG Ohio bill is available [HERE](#). Other important elements of Governor DeWine's overall STRONG Ohio plan are already underway, including the development of new technology to help ensure thorough, accurate background check reports; the creation of the Ohio School Safety Center; the expansion of Ohio's statewide school safety tip line; and work to provide wraparound services for schools and supports to parents to manage children's lifelong wellness. Read the [full media release](#).

## >>> Call for Proposals: 2020 Ohio Prevention Conference

OhioMHAS and the College of Social Work at The Ohio State University, will host the Ohio Prevention Conference (OPC) on June 29 – July 1, 2020, at the Ohio Union on Ohio State's main campus. It is the goal of the OPC to expand opportunities for prevention practitioners to receive knowledge on cutting edge prevention science, increase competency in the selection and implementation of evidence-based practices, and provide opportunities for sharing and networking of prevention efforts across the state founded in cultural competency and equity. The [call for proposals](#) is now open and will close on Nov. 22, 2019.

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