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## >>> 2019 Forensic Conference Registration, Howard H. Sokolov Forensic Leadership Award Nominations

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will host the [2019 Forensic Conference](#), “Balancing Risk and Recovery: Helping People Maintain Hope within the Forensic System” on Nov. 7 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus-Dublin. This year’s conference will feature keynote presentations from **Debra Pinals, M.D.**, “Recovery and Person-Centered Approaches for People with Intellectual Disabilities and Mental Illness: The Forensic Path Forward,” and **Susan Hatters Friedman, M.D. DFAPA**, “Recovery in Forensic Mental Health.” Cost is \$155, which includes breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. The deadline to [register](#) is Oct. 31.

The conference planning committee is currently [accepting nominations](#) for the **2019 Howard H. Sokolov Forensic Leadership Award**. The award, which was established in 2015 to honor the memory of Howard Sokolov, M.D., recognizes excellence in the Ohio forensic mental health system by honoring an individual or a program involved in a direct practice, program, policy-making and/or planning role who influences forensic mental health services by consistently reflecting a commitment to excellence, recognition of dignity and worth of the consumer, the security and safety of the community, and dedication to providing quality forensic mental health services.

## >>> Ohio Children’s Alliance 2019 Fall Conference – Oct. 7-8

The Ohio Children’s Alliance will host its 2019 Fall Conference, “Educate to Inspire,” on Oct. 7-8 at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville-Polaris. Renowned national speaker [David Swann](#), senior integrated healthcare consultant with MTM Services and senior consultant with the National Council for Behavioral Health, will present three leadership sessions on best practices, new demands in the behavioral health care industry and current/future challenges. Other conference topics include: Family First Prevention Services Act; advocacy and public policy; best practices and innovative approaches; trauma-informed care; management and leadership; clinical interventions and behavior management strategies; and counselor/social worker supervision. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## >>> First Responder Mental Health & Wellness Conference – Nov. 7

The [Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition](#) is partnering with 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Conferences to host a Mental Health and Wellness Conference for first responders, active military, veterans, and their spouses on Nov. 7-8 in Dublin. National and local speakers will present on a variety of topics including post traumatic growth, suicide prevention, and yoga for first responders. Certificates for law enforcement and fire will be available and Nationwide Children’s Hospital will provide EMS CE’s. Register [HERE](#). 1<sup>st</sup> Responder Conferences can be [contacted directly](#) regarding scholarships if financial assistance is needed to cover registration.

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