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>>> Watch Live: Building Resiliency: A Pediatric Mental Health Summit

Tune in to the Ohio Channel tomorrow for live coverage of [Building Resiliency: A Pediatric Mental Health Summit](#) hosted by Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio Children's Hospital Association. Main sessions will be live-streamed at ohiochannel.org/live/governor-mike-dewine. Breakout sessions will be posted online within 24 hours. You can also follow the Summit on social media using the hashtag **#BuildingResiliency19**.

>>> CMS Approves Ohio's SUD Demonstration Waiver to Improve Patient Treatment Options

Governor Mike DeWine announced Tuesday that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Ohio's substance use disorder (SUD) demonstration waiver to improve patient care for Medicaid-enrolled individuals with an opioid use disorder (OUD) or other SUD. This demonstration allows Ohio to enhance residential treatment services as a crucial component in the continuum of substance use disorder benefits by permitting Ohio to receive federal funding for Medicaid services for individuals with an opioid and/or substance use disorder who temporarily live in inpatient or residential treatment facilities. The demonstration expands efforts to implement models of care focused on increasing support for individuals in the community and home — outside of institutions — and improve access to a continuum of high-quality, evidence-based SUD services. This continuum of care is based on the American Society of Addiction Medicine criteria that reflects nationally recognized clinical treatment guidelines. During the five-year demonstration period, Ohio seeks to increase adherence to and retention in treatment while at the same time reducing the use of emergency departments and inpatient hospital settings through improved access to other continuum of care services. Read the [Governor's media release](#).

>>> 2019 Ohio Cultural Competence Conference – Nov. 1

The Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence will host its [2019 Ohio Cultural Competence Conference](#) on Nov. 1 at the Ohio Union on the campus of The Ohio State University. Exonerated Five member Yusef Salaam will provide keynote remarks. Salaam was 15 years old when he and four other boys were tried and convicted of the brutal rape and assault of a young woman on April 19, 1989, in New York City's Central Park. The boys, dubbed the "Central Park Five" served prison sentences before their convictions were vacated following positive identification of DNA in the case. Since his release, Salaam has committed himself to advocating and educating people on the issues of false confessions, police brutality and misconduct, press ethics and bias, race and law, and the disparities in America's criminal justice system. He was appointed to the board of the Innocence Project in 2018. and has released a Netflix Feature limited series called "When They See Us." The conference plenary panel will spotlight the impact of the opioid epidemic on African-American and Latino-American communities.

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9.24.19 | *Youngstown Business Journal* [Asking for Help Isn't a Weakness](#)

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