



News Now

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

April 10, 2020

>>> URGENT RESPONSE NEEDED - Behavioral Health Provider Survey

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in conjunction with the Ohio Department of Medicaid, request that you respond to the [behavioral health provider survey](#). The information that provided through this survey will be aggregated to inform on-going planning efforts for mental health and addiction services in Ohio. We are asking that prevention, treatment, and recovery support providers (including peer organizations, employment services, housing, and the like) complete this survey so that we can have a look at the entire continuum of care. The information collected will help us continue to work with local communities to consider the best ways to ensure access and capacity for current and emerging needs in the prevention, treatment, and recovery from mental illness and substance use disorders among children, youth, adults, and older adults in Ohio.



Please provide a response by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 13. We recognize that this is an extremely short timeframe for you to respond, particularly as you are continuing to serve those with behavioral health needs during an incredibly challenging time. To support your ability to complete the survey, the survey can be found in pdf format [HERE](#). This is to help you collect the information, but **please complete the survey [HERE](#).**

We want to make sure that we are reaching as many providers as possible and that all providers have an opportunity to provide their information. Therefore, we are sending the survey through multiple pathways and you may receive the survey multiple times. We only need one response per agency if responding at the Tax Identification Number. There is also an option to respond at the NPI level as well for those organizations billing Medicaid. We have noted specific instructions in the survey if agencies are choosing to complete the survey at the NPI level. We appreciate the efforts that you make to provide this essential information. Thank you for all you are doing to keep those with mental illness and addiction safe and engaged in services.

>>> Handle With Care Virtual Summit – April 30

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Hopewell Health Centers are collaborating to expand the Handle With Care program throughout Ohio. In response to the recent stay at home order issued by the Governor due to COVID-19, we invite you to join us for a virtual statewide summit on **April 30 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, with a follow-up Q&A session available from 11:30 a.m.-noon. This virtual summit, which replaces the in-person summit scheduled for March, will provide an overview of the Handle With Care program and discuss the regional training and implementation opportunities that will be coming soon. Representatives from cross sector agencies, including first responders (law enforcement, fire, EMA, etc.), education leaders and Educational Service Center staff, Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Boards (ADAMH Boards), Family and Child First Council members, and other community leaders are encouraged to attend. Anyone interested in the program may join the virtual session to learn more about the various ways to become involved. The session will be hosted via Zoom. Click [HERE](#) to register. For a PDF version, please email robyn.venoy@hopewellhealth.org.

>>> Trauma-Informed Family Engagement Webinars

Hopewell Health Centers, Inc., in partnership with OhioMHAS, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs, will present a series of free [Trauma-Informed Family Engagement webinars](#). The webinars will identify the six guiding principles to trauma-informed care, the importance of

family engagement as well as strategies for the implementation of trauma-informed family engagement practices. Participants will also identify the positive impact trauma-informed family engagement has on families, children, and communities. The training is open to anyone working with families, including but not limited to faith based, child welfare, juvenile justice, first responders, law enforcement, family childcare, education, and treatment providers. Participants only need to attend one day. Upcoming training dates include: April 23, April 29, May 8, May 14, May 19, June 5, June 10, June 17, June 23, and June 25. Each Go-To-Webinar session, which lasts 9 a.m.-5 p.m., can hold a maximum of 50 participants. Join us for Community of Practice sessions after attending a training to discuss materials, talk with others and share ideas: May 8 (11 a.m.-1 p.m.), June 3 (noon-2 p.m.), June 11 (2-4 p.m.), June 18 (5-7 p.m.), and June 29 (6-8 p.m.). To register, please email carmen.wigal@hopewellhealth.org.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). For behavioral health-specific information, visit: <https://mha.ohio.gov/coronavirus>. For behavioral health-related questions, email covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov. For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov, for Housing questions, email COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov.

In the News

4.10.20 | *WKEF-TV* [Recovery center adds 24/7 crisis hotline for remote treatment](#)

4.10.20 | *CNN* [A crisis mental health hotline has seen an 891% spike in calls](#)

4.9.20 | *The New York Times (opinion)* [When the pandemic leaves us alone, anxious, and depressed](#)

4.9.20 | *The Jambar* [Counseling referrals at Youngstown State University](#)

4.8.20 | *Fremont News-Messenger* [NAMI offers assistance to help residents get stimulus checks](#)

Please share widely and encourage your colleagues to subscribe to *OhioMHAS eNews* on our [website](#). Also, be sure to join us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#), [Flickr](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!