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>>> **Telecom Resources**

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is committed to supporting a full continuum of mental health and addiction treatment services for all Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to maintain critical access to prevention, treatment and recovery services, OhioMHAS has expanded telehealth rules to reduce barriers experienced due to recommended social distancing. However, not all Ohioans have equal access to phone, Internet, or cell service. OhioMHAS has compiled a reference sheet to assist the behavioral health community in removing barriers to individuals accessing telehealth services. This reference sheet includes information on accessing free wi-fi hotspot locations and temporary policies adopted by telecommunications companies and the Lifeline program to provide additional phone, Internet, or cell services during the COVID-19 pandemic at no extra cost. Click [HERE](#) to view these resources.



>>> **Medication-Assisted Treatment Trainings for Recovery Housing Professionals – NOW VIRTUAL**

As part of Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) project, OhioMHAS will host a series of free, online trainings during the month of May for recovery housing operators on Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). Click [HERE](#) for an overview of the training and to register online.

>>> **Seventh Annual Virtual TIC Summit – REGISTRATION FULL**

Please be advised that registration for the Seventh Annual Trauma-Informed Care (Virtual) Summit has reached max capacity. All spots for the Summit are now filled. **While you may not be able to view this summit live, OhioMHAS will be recording sessions, and they will be made available after the event.** Details on how to access the recordings will follow after the Summit.

>>> **Updated COVID-19 Training and Technical Assistance from SAMHSA**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) is continually updating COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources for mental health and addiction providers. Click [HERE](#) to view the latest updates.

>>> **Upcoming OCAM Webinars for Prevention Professionals**

Ohio's Coaching and Mentoring (CAM) Network, with support from PreventionFIRST! and OhioMHAS, is hosting a series of upcoming training webinars to help prevention practitioners build their skillsets. Topics include: prevention ethics, coalition building, refining presentation skills, Prevention 101, introduction to SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention strategies, and the Strategic Prevention Framework. Click [HERE](#) for a schedule of upcoming webinars. CEUs will be provided. Questions? Please email cvalentini-lackner@prevention-first.org.

>>> **BeST Center Offering Virtual Clozapine REMS Training – April 23**

Through its Clozapine Assistance Service, the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) Best Practices in Schizophrenia Treatment (BeST) Center is hosting a Clozapine REMS Training webinar from 6-8 p.m. on April 23. This training will help clinicians better understand why, when, and how to use clozapine, a uniquely effective medicine that restores lives for people with schizophrenia. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> COVID-19 Behavioral Health Resources for First Responders

Ohio's first responders stand ready to protect, defend and provide life-saving services to our citizens, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. However, the often dangerous nature of their work places them in constant risk, physically, mentally and emotionally. OhioMHAS' [first responder liaison](#) serves as a resource to first responders, their agencies, Ohio's vast network of behavioral healthcare providers and the community at large and is available for trainings and information. Below are some select resources for first responders amid the COVID-19 pandemic:

- [Emergency Response Workers: Traumatic Incident Stress Information](#)
- [Fire Service Behavioral Health Management Guide](#)
- [SAMHSA: The Effects of Trauma on First Responders](#)

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.

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