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>>> Latino Mental Health Webinar Series

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission is partnering with the National Hispanic and Latino Mental Health Technology Transfer Center Network (MHTTC) and Universidad Central del Caribe to host a series of webinars focused on the impact of trauma on the Latino community. All webinars will be hosted from 1-2:30 p.m. ET. Click the links below for more information and to register:

April 29 | [Stress and trauma reactivation experienced by Latino families, children, and youth as a result of natural disasters](#)

May 8 | [Mental health providers and vicarious trauma during national emergencies](#)

May 26 | [Coping with stress during the pandemic](#)

June 3 | [Considering culture in the diagnosis of mental health disorders among Guatemalan children, youths, and families](#)



>>> Ohio Prevention Conference Cancelled Amid COVID-19 Pandemic

In light of the rapidly evolving situation in response to COVID-19, the 2020 Ohio Prevention Conference Planning Committee has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Ohio Prevention Conference. Those already registered should have received an email with refund information. In lieu of the conference, alternative virtual continuing education opportunities will be announced in the coming weeks. Please [join the mailing list](#) to receive information about the trainings as it is announced. Please reach out to ohiopc@osu.edu with any questions.

>>> DEA Releases 2020 Drugs of Abuse Guide, Launches "Secure Your Meds Campaign"

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration has released the [2020 edition of Drugs of Abuse, A DEA Resource Guide](#), which is designed to be a reliable resource on the most commonly abused and misused drugs in the United States. Released on a periodic basis, *Drugs of Abuse* provides important science-based information about the harms and consequences of drug use, describing a drug's effects on the body and mind, overdose potential, origin, legal status and other key factors. In addition, the guide outlines U.S. drug regulation, including drug scheduling and chemical controls. The 2020 digital edition updates the 2017 *Drugs of Abuse* publication with the most current information on new and emerging trends in drug misuse and abuse, including fentanyl, marijuana and marijuana concentrates, vaping, and stimulant drugs.



Also, in lieu of April's usual Drug Take Back Day (which has been postponed due to COVID-19), the DEA has [launched](#) the "Secure Your Meds" campaign to encourage Americans to keep their medications out of the wrong hands. [Secure Your Meds](#) addresses a vital public safety and health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. This also prompts families to discuss the issue of controlled prescription drug abuse. The DEA will reschedule the Spring Take Back once national stay at home guidelines have been lifted. If you need to dispose of medications now, please use the [year-round collection site locator](#).

>>> NIAAA Twitter Chats: Alcohol Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery During COVID-19

In recognition of April as Alcohol Awareness Month, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (@NIAAAnews) is co-hosting two upcoming Twitter Chat events. Each chat will focus on COVID-19 and its effects on people with alcohol problems, including impact on treatment and recovery as well as the effects of stress on mental and physical health. Aaron White, Ph.D., Senior Scientific Advisor to the NIAAA Director, will serve as the topic expert from NIAAA on both chats.

April 29 – 2-3 pm ET | NIAAA will join with the American Psychiatric Association.” Use the hashtag #AlcoholAwarenessChat.

April 30 – Noon-1 p.m. ET | NIAAA will join with the American Society of Addiction Medicine. Use the hashtag #AlcoholChat.

>>> Save the Date: 2020 Pediatric Mental Health Symposium – Sept. 21

Cincinnati Children’s Hospital will host its 2020 Pediatric Mental Health Symposium on Sept. 21 at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason. Click [HERE](#) to watch for updates.

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

4.23.20 | *Ashland Times-Gazette* [Local writers sending cards to every patient in state psychiatric hospitals](#)

4.23.20 | *WCPO-TV* [Advocates say number of unsheltered homeless is growing as economic shockwaves of COVID-19 continue](#)

4.22.20 | *WJW-TV* [Ohio launches COVID Careline’ to help with mental health during pandemic](#)

4.22.20 | *Sidney Daily News* [‘Strive for 5’ challenge helps people connect](#)

4.21.20 | *WDTN-TV* [Montgomery County ADAMHS working to make more resources available to parents, students during pandemic](#)

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