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## >>> 2020 Virtual Suicide Prevention Conference – Sept. 29

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health will host the *2020 Suicide Prevention Conference: Innovations, Interventions, and Specialized Populations* on Sept. 29 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. A panel of expert presenters will examine health care utilization before suicide; share research and knowledge about implementation strategies, measures and outcomes to the Zero Suicide Model; identify key assumptions of emergence and pathways to suicidal behavior; and discuss tools, resources and strategies needed for suicide prevention. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



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## >>> Training Seats Available: September Bias and Opioid Use Disorder Trainings

Additional seating capacity has been added to upcoming virtual training dates on *Bias and Opioid Use Disorder* sponsored by OhioMHAS. This free training helps physical and behavioral health professionals understand ways to address bias, especially bias toward people with Opioid Use Disorder. The training is delivered online, live with interactive components and small group discussions. The training is facilitated in two variations: (1) for all physical and behavioral health professionals and; (2) a version of the same content that prioritizes the discussion among health professionals who have lived experience with Opioid Use Disorder. You may choose one of the variations in which to participate. Continuing education units (CEU) have been approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing; the Ohio Counselor, Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapist Board; the Ohio Psychologist Association; and the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board.

Upcoming dates include:

*Addressing Bias and Opioid Use Disorder* | **Sept. 21** or **Sept. 29** – 1-3:45 p.m. | [Register](#)

*Addressing Bias with Lived Experience of Opioid Use Disorder* | **Sept. 9** – 1-3:45 p.m. | [Register](#)

For questions, please contact Scale Strategic Solutions, the training provider, Calista H. Smith at [chs@scalestrategicsolutions.com](mailto:chs@scalestrategicsolutions.com) or call 513.252.8129, or email OhioMHAS liaison Mindy Vance at [mindy.vance@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:mindy.vance@mha.ohio.gov).

## >>> Get Ready for Red Ribbon Week 2020 – Oct. 23-31



Each year, from Oct. 23-31, individuals, schools, and communities across the nation show their commitment to a healthy, drug-free lifestyle by wearing or displaying a red ribbon. This annual event offers a great opportunity to raise awareness of the problem of drug misuse. Red Ribbon Week started more than three decades ago, following the death of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a special agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) who was killed by drug traffickers. The DEA and the U.S. Department of Education encourage schools and communities to participate in this year's Red Ribbon Week. To virtually promote and support this year's event, the agencies developed an [online toolkit](#) which includes a variety of helpful resources, including: downloadable graphics, a fact card, student and parent pledges, and ways to promote Red Ribbon Week.

## >>> NIDA for Teens Resources

Get the latest, science-based resources on how drugs affect the brain and body with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) [NIDA for Teens](#) program resources including videos, games, blog posts targeting teens, parents and educators.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://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](mailto:covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov). For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email [OTP\\_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov), for Housing questions, email [COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov) and for Telehealth questions, email [COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov). COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites.

#### In the News

- 8.28.20 | *WOIO-TV* [Ohio teachers get free virtual suicide prevention training for distance learning](#)
- 8.28.20 | *WSYX-TV* [Franklin County Coroner hosting addiction resource event for Overdose Awareness Day](#)
- 8.28.20 | *The New York Times* [The psychiatrist will see you online now](#)
- 8.27.20 | *WHO* [World Mental Health Day: an opportunity to kick-start a massive scale up in investment in mental health](#)
- 8.27.20 | *Marion Star* [New opioid addiction recovery center opens in Marion](#)
- 8.27.20 | *WNWO-TV* [K-12 behavioral health center to open in Toledo, can help with pandemic lifestyle changes](#)
- 8.27.20 | *Spectrum News* [Southern Ohio counties receive grants to fight opioid crisis](#)
- 8.27.20 | *Galion Inquirer* [Avita, ADAMH join forces to fight drug abuse](#)
- 8.26.20 | *Clermont Sun* [Candlelight vigil to remember lives lost to suicide](#)



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