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>>> Ohio Receives \$96M in State Opioid Response Grants to Fight Addiction

Ohio's efforts to battle opioid addiction got a major boost today with word that the Buckeye State has been tapped to receive an additional \$96 million in federal State Opioid Response (SOR) grants. The announcement comes as communities across the globe hold awareness events recognizing August 31 as International Overdose Awareness Day. All told, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced \$1.5 billion in grants as part of the 21st Century CURES Act initiative to help states combat the ongoing opioid addiction crisis – a task made even more complicated by the global coronavirus pandemic. This latest round of funding is intended to expand access to treatment and prevention services, promote harm reduction programs, and support capacity with addiction treatment providers. Click [HERE](#) to read the full media release.



>>> SPRC Announces Suicide Prevention Month Planning Resource

September is Suicide Prevention Month. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) encourages you to take action to help prevent suicide in your community by learning about effective suicide prevention, sharing stories of hope, and empowering everyone to be there for those in distress. To help communities observe the month, the [Suicide Prevention Resource Center](#) has published a two-page [Ideas for Action resource](#) that offers information to help anyone, anywhere get involved. Click [HERE](#) to read more about Ohio's suicide prevention efforts.

>>> SAMHSA Announces 2020 National Recovery Month Webinar Series



[National Recovery Month](#) is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with mental and substance use disorders to live healthy and rewarding lives. Now in its 31st year, Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those living in recovery. This year's theme is

Join the Voices for Recovery: Celebrating Connections. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration today announced a [series of webinars](#) throughout the month to highlight individuals in recovery and the dedicated professionals who provide care. Planned webinars include:

Sept. 3 – 1:30 p.m. | [Integration of Medication-Assisted Treatment in Treatment and Recovery Support](#)

Sept. 10 – 1:30 p.m. | [SAMHSA Transforming Lives Through Supported Employment](#)

Sept. 17 – 1:30 p.m. | [Communities Supporting Recovery](#)

Sept. 24 – 1:30 p.m. | [The Importance of Integrating Recovery Support Services: The Certified Community BH Clinic Model](#)

>>> HPIO Releases “Adverse Childhood Experiences: Health Impact of ACEs In Ohio” Policy Brief

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) has released its latest policy brief, [Adverse Childhood Experiences: Health Impact of ACEs in Ohio](#). The brief summarizes current research on how ACEs impact health and wellbeing, and provides new data and analysis on the prevalence of ACEs in Ohio. Among key findings contained in the brief, authors noted: exposure to ACEs is a pervasive problem; preventing ACEs can improve health; and focusing action on specific ACEs may yield more significant health impacts. Click [HERE](#) to access the full briefing.

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. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites.

In the News

- 8.31.20 | *Dayton Daily News* [Moment of silence today for those who died by overdose](#)
- 8.31.20 | *Xenia Gazette* [International Overdose Awareness Day is Monday](#)
- 8.31.20 | *STAT* [Nearly a year since opening its doors, here's how Verily's addiction medicine campus is taking shape](#)
- 8.31.20 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Working through recovery](#)
- 8.30.20 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Residents respond to mental health boards new warmline to support](#)
- 8.30.20 | *WKEF-TV* [FOA Rally 4 Recovery goes digital](#)
- 8.30.20 | *The Associated Press* [Fad or future? Telehealth expansion eyed beyond pandemic](#)
- 8.29.20 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Norwalk schools psychologist commits to building relationships with students](#)
- 8.28.20 | *WKEF-TV* [ADAMHS and 1800 Candle Company partner up to support Oregon District](#)



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