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## >>> OBHIS Implementation Update

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has developed a new data collection system to comply with the requirements of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) and Mental Health Block Grants. The Ohio Behavioral Health Information System (OBHIS) platform will launch on Oct. 1, 2020. The current OHBH system will remain operational until that date to capture the required data. To prepare providers, boards, and stakeholders for the launch of OBHIS, a series of trainings have been scheduled. There are three presentations that have already been recorded and placed onto the OBHIS webpage:

- [Introduction to OBHIS](#)
- [Introduction to OBHIS Batch Upload with User Interface](#)
- [Introduction to OBHIS Manual Data Entry with User Interface](#)

A calendar of additional trainings can be found [HERE](#). The trainings will be recorded and made available on the [OBHIS web page](#) for those who cannot attend. Additionally, the OhioMHAS Office of Quality, Planning and Research will be providing ongoing training and technical assistance to ensure a smooth transition from OHBH to the new OBHIS platform. If you have any questions, please contact the OBHIS Administration team at [OBHISAdmin@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OBHISAdmin@mha.ohio.gov).

## >>> HHS Extends Application Deadline for Provider Relief Funds to Aug. 28

As part of its ongoing efforts to provide financial relief to health care providers impacted by the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is announcing an application deadline extension for the Phase 2 general distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and dental providers. HHS also plans to allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. Both groups will have until **Aug. 28, 2020** to apply. Click [HERE](#) to read the full HHS media release.

## >>> August ASAM Criteria Trainings

As part of the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant, OhioMHAS is sponsoring two day, ASAM Criteria Implementation Trainings as well as three day, ASAM Criteria Leadership Implementation trainings in August. Click [HERE](#) to view a list of upcoming training dates/times, and to register online.

## >>> Frontline Responders Network Webinar – Aug. 6

The [Frontline Responders Network](#) is hosting a “Working Lunch with Chiefs” webinar on Aug. 6 from 1-2 p.m. The webinar is A conversation with two active and two retired chiefs of police, discussing the current state of the opioid and polysubstance use crisis, the impact COVID-19 has had on police chiefs and departments and our nation in unrest. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## >>> Action Alliance 2020 Suicide Prevention Month Series -- #BeThere Resources and AI/AN Hope for Life Day



As we look to Suicide Prevention Month (September) and Suicide Prevention Week (Sept. 6-12), the National Alliance for Suicide Prevention ([Action Alliance](#)) – the nation’s public-private partnership with more than 250 organizations – wants to remind you about the important role we all play in suicide prevention. Click to learn about the Action Alliance’s [#BeThere](#) activities, as well as a [National AI/AN Hope for Life Day](#) and updated [Hope for Life Day toolkit](#).

### >>> ONDCP Rural Community Toolbox

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) recently launched a new resource to support rural communities impacted by drug addiction. The [Rural Community Toolbox](#) is an on-line, interactive clearinghouse that helps rural leaders connect to funding, technical assistance, and information resources for addiction from 16 federal departments and agencies all in one place. Also housed on the site, and released at the same time, is an updated Community Assessment Tool, new data points include: Persistent Poverty, Broadband access, Economic Development Districts, SAMHSA approved Substance Use and Mental Health Facilities and a Prosperity Index. Click [HERE](#) to view a fact sheet and [HERE](#) for the ONDCP media release.

### >>> DEA Announces “Go Red for Red Ribbon Week” – Oct. 23-31

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s Red Ribbon Week, observed annually from October 23-31, highlights the importance of preventing drug misuse in our nation’s schools and communities and committing to living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. One of the ways in which you can help commemorate Red Ribbon Week this year is to [Go Red for Red Ribbon](#), which brings awareness to living a drug-free life by lighting up buildings, landmarks, businesses, and bridges in red. Post a photo on your social media platforms, and tag #DEARedRibbon and #GoRed4RedRibbon. (Pictured: Houston City Hall, Houston, TX.) Click [HERE](#) for other DEA Red Ribbon Week resources.



### >>> ODE Trauma Informed Schools Conference: Call for Presenters

The Ohio Department of Education Office of Integrated Student Supports is currently accepting [submissions for presentations](#) for the 2020 Ohio Trauma-Informed Schools Conference, which will take place virtually on Nov. 7. Conference sessions will provide information and tools that help school personnel and community partners better understand the impact of trauma and how to apply trauma-informed practices at the district, building and classroom levels to best support the whole child. Proposals may be submitted by educators, school personnel, mental health providers, community partners, medical professionals and others with competence and experience to train trauma-informed practices in schools. Applications are due Aug. 28.

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.

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- 8.5.20 | *Cleveland.com* [Northeast Ohio charity gets federal grant to house human trafficking victims](#)
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- 8.3.20 | *WFMJ-TV* [Just an ‘off day’ or depression? Mercy Health expert weighs in](#)
- 8.3.20 | *Medscape* [Depression, anxiety in COVID-19 indicators of CNS attack?](#)
- 8.2.20 | *WFMJ-TV* [Mental health experts say reach out for help, stay connected during pandemic](#)
- 8.2.20 | *Madison County Spotlight* [MHRB provides grief and trauma support as community remembers Oregon District tragedy](#)
- 8.1.20 | *Canton Repository (Opinion)* [Behavioral health, counseling key public health priorities](#)
- 8.1.20 | *WSYX-TV* [Back to school is not back to normal and COVID-19 can take mental health toll on kids](#)
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