



News Now

Mike DeWine, Governor
Lori Criss, Director



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>>> Governor DeWine Announces Major Investment in Battle Against Opioids

Governor Mike DeWine joined with Sen. Rob Portman, Recovery Ohio Director Alisha Nelson, and Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Lori Criss today to announce grants totaling \$76,534,000 for new strategic efforts combatting Ohio's drug crisis in local communities. The grants, which represent a portion of Ohio's overall share of \$96 million in federal State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.0 funding, come at a time when many communities are seeing a spike in demand for behavioral health services amid the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. [OhioMHAS will grant \\$58,884,000 directly to local county alcohol, drug addiction and mental health services boards and their community partners.](#) Additional funding for innovations in approaches to connecting people to care will be made available by OhioMHAS as part the SOR 2.0 investments. Click [HERE](#) to view a summary of Ohio's SOR 2.0 project and [HERE](#) for more information on Ohio's State Opioid Response efforts to date.



>>> Ohio Awards More than \$400,000 in Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Funding

The Ohio Department of Public Safety's (ODPS) Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) has announced more than \$400,000 in federal grant funding to assist state and local governments in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in correctional and detention facilities and to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for persons who are justice-involved. The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program, administered by OCJS, allows local and state governments to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepares individuals for reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists individuals and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

Grants were awarded to:

- Montgomery County MonDay's RSAT Program (\$179,157)
- The Alvis RSAT Program (\$137,986)
- The Shelby County Sheriff's Treatment and Recovery (S.T.A.R.) House (\$110,000)

>>> PEER Online Symposium: Self Care and Compassion Fatigue

The PEER Center, with support from OhioMHAS, has announced a series of online "Compassion Fatigue and Self-Care: For Peer Recovery Supporters, Families, and Allies" symposiums for 2021. The goal of the symposium is provide understanding, tools, and resources needed to engage in culturally responsive, trauma-informed peer support relationships with anyone, especially those with lived experiences with trauma. Sessions will take place from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. All trainings on the topic will be the same, so there is no need to schedule for multiple dates. The symposium will be offered on: Jan. 13, Feb. 17, March 17, April 14, May 12, and June 16. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to select a date. Questions? Please email jdoodley@thepeercenter.org.



>>> 2021 PreventionFIRST! Coalition Capacity Building Webinar Schedule Announced



PreventionFIRST! has released the schedule for its 2021 *Coalition Capacity Building* webinars. The webinars are provided at no cost. Prevention CEUs and CHES have been applied for. Click the links for more information and to register. Questions? Please email aconnstarner@prevention-first.org.

Jan. 22 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [Managing Anxiety in Youth and Adults Caring for Kids](#)

March 26 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [Screen Time & Health Outcomes](#)

May 21 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [Responsible Messaging with ATOD and Suicide Prevention](#)

July 23 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [Trauma-Informed Care with Youth](#)

Sept. 24 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [Cultural Competency](#)

Nov. 19 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | [National Guard: A Coalition Resource](#)

Pop-Up Testing Sites

WANT TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

ANYONE CAN GET A NO-COST TEST AT THESE LOCATIONS WEEKS OF DEC. 21-DEC. 30

DEC. 21 Grove City Church of the Nazarene 4770 Hoover Rd. Grove City, Ohio 43123 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	DEC. 22 Grove City Church of the Nazarene 4770 Hoover Rd. Grove City, Ohio 43123 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	DEC. 23 Grove City Grove City Recreation Center 4665 Hoover Rd. Grove City, Ohio 43123 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	DEC. 30 Bowling Green Wood County Fairgrounds 900 W. Poe Rd. Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Painesville Maple Elementary School 560 W. Jackson St. Painesville, Ohio 44077 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	DEC. 23 Cincinnati* Eden Garage (University of Cincinnati - entrance in the back) 3183 Eden Ave. #3173 Cincinnati, Ohio 45219 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	DEC. 29 Marysville** Union County Health Department 940 London Ave. Marysville, Ohio 45417 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Paulding Paulding County Fairgrounds - OSU Extension Building 503 Fairgrounds Drive Paulding, Ohio 45879 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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* CINCINNATI SITE DEC. 23
Pre-registration encouraged at <https://rs.gd/TESTandPROTECT>

** MARYSVILLE SITE
Appointments strongly encouraged
<https://unioncountyohio.gov/testing/>
Only a limited number of drive ups can be accepted.

coronavirus.ohio.gov

For 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 and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHSA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

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- 12.17.20 | *Cleveland.com* [Coping with COVID: Introducing a series about mental health challenges of the pandemic](#)
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- 12.17.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio on pace to set record for drug deaths in 2020](#)
- 12.17.20 | *Spectrum News 1* [How COVID-19 is fueling the opioid crisis in Ohio](#)
- 12.16.20 | *WCMH-TV* [Warning for parents as loot boxes become popular in video games](#)

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12.16.20 | *WTOL-TV* [Sticker campaign aims to raise awareness of youth suicide](#)
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