



News Now

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>>> \$3M in Grants to Strengthen Behavioral Healthcare Workforce

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is taking action to strengthen and enhance Ohio's behavioral healthcare workforce through \$3 million in grants to OhioMHAS-certified community behavioral health centers (CBHCs). The funds will support provider-led recruitment and retention efforts and incentivize existing professionals to attain a higher level of professional certification. Providers will be eligible to apply for a one-time funding maximum of \$100,000 for SFYs 2020/2021. The funds, which we set aside in the latest biennial budget will be awarded using a randomized process.



"In our RecoveryOhio Initial Report, there are several recommendations on how we, as a state, can address workforce shortages in critical areas like behavioral health care," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "Attracting and retaining well-qualified workers is essential to create and foster a system that truly meets the needs of its Ohioans. These grants will help community behavioral health centers maintain quality providers."

Click [HERE](#) to read the full media release.

>>> Register Today for 2020 National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week – March 30-April 5

OhioMHAS invites you to join other health education efforts around the country for **National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week (NDAFW)**! NDAFW is coordinated by the [National Institute on Drug Abuse \(NIDA\)](#) and the [National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism](#) and is a week-long health observance dedicated to



providing youth with the science-based facts about how drugs and alcohol affect the brain and body. Leverage your planned educational activities for youth in your community in recognition of NDAFW. It's easy to get involved. [Register](#) online to link up with activities and events happening across the country and around the world during the week of **March 30 to April 5, 2020**. Need help getting started? Here are [five steps to hosting an NDAFW event](#). NIDA staff are available to help you plan a successful event. If you have questions about NDAFW, please contact Brian Marquis at drugfacts@nida.nih.gov.

>>> Registration Open: 12th Annual Pat Risser RSVP Conference – March 31

The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County, in partnership with Disability Rights Ohio and Adult Advocacy Centers, will host the 12th Annual Pat Risser RSVP Conference, "Empowerment Through Advocacy," on March 31 at the John C. Myers Convocation Center on the campus of Ashland University. James B. Gottstein, Esq., president and CEO of the [Law Project for Psychiatric Rights](#) will provide keynote remarks. Gottstein is the author of [The Zyprexa Papers](#). Cost is \$45 (including up to 6 CEUs) or \$20 (no CEUs). Click [HERE](#) to register.

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- 2.18.20 | [Reuters Health Inactive teens may be more prone to depression](#)
- 2.18.20 | [Findlay Courier Findlay school staff learn Mental Health First Aid](#)
- 2.18.20 | [The Post Mental Health Awareness Wall works to end stigma through art](#)
- 2.18.20 | [WOSU 89.7 Only half of Ohio's rehab centers offer this proven opioid addiction treatment](#)

2.17.20 | *Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune* [If you feel SAD, you're not alone](#)
2.17.20 | *Canton Repository* [Winter puts older residents considering suicide at risk](#)
2.17.20 | *Dayton Daily News* [Centerville teen takes drug-free message nationwide](#)
2.16.20 | *Marion Star (column)* [DeCamp: What is an ADAMH Board?](#)
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2.14.20 | *WEWS-TV* [Portage County inmates find treatment to drug addictions in 'The Recovery Pod'](#)
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