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>>> Crisis Academy: Integrating Peers in the Crisis Continuum – Feb. 27

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will host its second Crisis Academy: Integrating Peers in the Crisis Continuum on Feb. 27, at the Xenos Christian Fellowship Main Campus in Columbus. [Registration](#) will be available starting Feb. 7. The goal of the Academy is to develop a supported, quality crisis response system to act as an appropriate alternative to arrest or emergency room visits and to meet the needs of individuals and families to prevent or stabilize a substance use or mental health related crisis. Dr. Charles Browning from RI International will discuss the Fusion Model. Participants will also hear from a local Board panel that will discuss their experience with peers and peer support in the crisis continuum. The Academy will also feature a panel of peers and peer supporters. Click the registration link for more information.

>>> Recovery Requires a Community Program

The Recovery Requires a Community program has funds available to help individuals who have transitioned to the community from a nursing home and are at immediate risk of readmission. Applications may be accepted from individuals who have transitioned from a nursing facility within the past 90 days, or from those who are planning to transition and need assistance to live in the community. Click [HERE](#) for more information about the Recovery Requires a Community program. If you have questions or need technical assistance, please contact OhioMHAS via email at Recovery@mha.ohio.gov or call 614.644.0617.



>>> Deaf Services Center Awarded \$120,000 Training Grant

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce that the Deaf Services Center (DSC) has been awarded a \$120,000 training grant to provide [Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community](#). DSC and the Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center's Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, with support and collaboration from the Community Centers for the Deaf throughout the state are creating a unique, innovative and fundamental training for mental health agencies that will allow frontline employees as well as clinical staff to more effectively interact and serve clients who are deaf or hard of hearing. The training will provide information to ensure that clinicians are culturally competent to serve those with diverse communication needs, particularly those whose preferred mode of communication is American Sign Language (ASL). In addition to increasing awareness of the unique needs of this population, the goal of the project is to ensure that deaf individuals have equal access to mental health services and treatment programs by ensuring that service providers have the necessary information to deliver effective and proficient care. Project goals include basic ASL instruction to as well as live and video trainings. For more information, visit www.dsc.org.



>>> Trauma-Informed Peer Support Symposiums

The P.E.E.R. Center and OhioMHAS will host a series of Trauma-Informed Peer Support symposiums this spring. The goal of the symposiums will be to provide Ohio Peer Recovery Supporters with the understanding, tools, and resources needed to engage in culturally responsive, trauma-informed peer support relationships. Upcoming trainings include: [March 11](#) (New Lexington); [April 15](#) (Akron); and May 13 (Montgomery County -- Location TBD).

>>> 2020 School SUCCESS Conference – June 25-26

Miami University's Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs will host its [2020 School SUCCESS Conference](#) June 25-26, in Oxford. The SUCCESS (Schools Understanding Critical Components Empowering Student Success) Conference is for all individuals interested in the mental wellness of students in grades K-12. Click [HERE](#) for registration information (Code: SUCCESS20) and [HERE](#) for the Call for Facilitators.



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