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>>> Reminder: Measuring Access Points (MAP) Capacity Measurements Survey Deadline – Jan. 8

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has long been able to describe the number and characteristics of clients and how they are served in Ohio's publicly funded behavioral health system. To gain a better picture of the system's full capacity, OhioMHAS has developed a tool, called [Measuring Access Points \(MAP\)](#), to measure the treatment capacity of Ohio community behavioral health treatment providers as the sum of used and unused slots.

Benefits of this analysis include:

- Planning on the state and local level
- Analyze information for what communities have service gaps and provide technical assistance to close those gaps
- Answer inquiries from legislature and media on the capacity of the field

It is vitally important that as many provider agencies as possible participate in this project. [Detailed instructions and examples](#) of the survey can be found on the OhioMHAS website. **The deadline to participate is Jan. 8.** Questions can be emailed to laura.potts@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> NIH RFI: [Guidance on Current Research on the Prevention of Black Youth Suicide](#)



National Institutes of Health
Office of Extramural Research

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Extramural Research has issued a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from a variety of stakeholders including researchers, healthcare providers, community leaders, and individuals from other relevant organizations (e.g., schools, social welfare, justice, faith communities) around the risks for and prevention of death by suicide and suicidal ideation and behaviors of Black children and adolescents. Specifically, the RFI seeks information on topics of epidemiology, etiology, trajectories, preventive interventions, treatment interventions, and services interventions. For consideration, comments must be submitted electronically via the NIH [RFI website](#). Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on **Jan. 15**.

>>> Ohio Virtual Crisis Academy – Feb. 24

Save the date! The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in partnership with Recovery Ohio, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities and the Great Lakes Mental Health Technology Transfer Center, will host the virtual Ohio Crisis Academy, "Rural Solutions to Crisis Continuum Services" on Feb. 24 at 9 a.m. Registration materials will be available soon.

>>> 8th Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit – May 18-19

Mark your calendar! The Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health and Addiction Services will host the 8th Annual Trauma-Informed Care (Virtual) Summit, "Creating Environments of Resiliency and Hope: Trauma-Informed Care Inside a Pandemic" on May 18-19. More information, including registration materials, is forthcoming.

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, for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov, and for Vaccine questions email BHCOVID19vaccine@mha.ohio.gov. Ohio 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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