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>>> New LACTS System is Live

Starting today, users will need to submit applications and renewals for licensure and certification online in the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) new Licensure and Certification Tracking System, known as LACTS. Once the application or renewal is received in the new online system, users will get an email confirmation and up-to-date status reports about their licensure or certification.

In the upgraded LACTS tool, users will be able to:

- Submit an initial application or renew a license or certification,
- Get up-to-date information on their application status,
- Apply to open or close a satellite location,
- Manage access and contact information, and
- Communicate quickly with an OhioMHAS surveyor or Licensure and Certification staff member.

If you have questions about the technical system, email MHAHelpdesk@mha.ohio.gov or call 614.466.1483. You can also visit mha.ohio.gov/LACTS for information.

>>> New Treatment Finder Resource Coming

Beginning on Feb. 1, 2020, OhioMHAS will refer people seeking mental health or substance use disorder treatment to a new treatment finder tool, FindTreatment.gov. FindTreatment.gov is an online treatment finder database created by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which collected information on thousands of state-licensed providers who specialize in treating substance use disorders, addiction, and mental illness. SAMHSA has also created a national 24/7 helpline to assist with treatment referrals and information. Call 1.800.662.HELP (4357) to speak to someone. Visitors to the website can learn about what to expect when they call a treatment provider and read an explanation of treatment options. The database includes Medication-Assisted Treatment options and some housing providers. The information included in the database is collected and maintained by SAMHSA. To learn more about how the data is collected, or to request an update click [HERE](#). FindTreatment.gov will replace our current links to the Emerald Jenny Foundation's online treatment finder for SUD providers, and Find Mental Health Providers tool on the mha.ohio.gov webpage for mental health providers. If you have questions about this change, please contact the OhioMHAS Creative Services team at creativeservicesteam@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> RFP: Motivational Interviewing and TA for Child Welfare

As part of Ohio's State Opioid Response (SOR) activities, OhioMHAS is [seeking a vendor](#) to provide ongoing training and technical assistance to agencies serving families (including children) affected by a primary or secondary diagnosis of opioid use disorder or those with a documented history of opiate related overdose by providing on-going training and technical assistance including SBIRT, motivational interviewing, stigma reduction, person centered care and language, trauma, opioid use disorder, addiction and the brain, and best practices for child protective services professionals for working with individuals with a primary or secondary diagnosis of opioid use disorder or those with a documented history of opiate related overdose. Additionally, on-going training and technical assistance will be provided on the continuum of care, multiple pathways to and of recovery, relapse prevention, supportive recovery resources, and building natural supports. Proposals will be accepted through 8 a.m. on Jan. 16, 2020.

>>> Ohio Wins Three New Drug-Free Communities Federal Grants

Three Ohio communities have recently been awarded new \$125,000 Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The community organizations funded were: Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County in Marysville, Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren Clinton counties in Lebanon, and Wood County Board of Education in Bowling Green. These awards will support community-based coalitions and activities to prevent youth substance use and related issues of need in their locales.

>>> Register Now for 17th Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference – Feb. 20-21

OhioMHAS, in partnership with the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio and Ohio for Responsible Gambling, will host the 17th Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference on Feb. 20-21 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Lewis Center. This year's conference will bring together national experts, state leaders, and local innovators in problem gambling prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, research, administration and responsible gambling. Those interested in prevention and treatment of gambling disorder should attend, as well as behavioral health professionals who want to learn more about the high incidence of co-occurring health disorders across the lifespan and implications for risky behaviors in youth. In addition, gambling industry professionals interested in promoting responsible gambling and working with service providers in their communities should participate. The featured speaker on day one is [Dr. Timothy Fong](#), clinical professor of Psychiatry at the Jane and Terry Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA and internationally known gambling disorder clinician. [Christopher Hansford](#), political director for Consumers for Digital Fairness, will present on day two on the revolution in gambling and gaming. NCPG hours, RCH's, and CE's for Counselors, Social Workers and Psychologists are being sought via OhioMHAS. Click [HERE](#) to register or visit PGNOhio.org/Conference.

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1.2.20 | *Youngstown Business-Journal* [Suicide Hotlines, Counselors Save Lives](#)

1.2.20 | *Current* [Ohio radio station provides 'oasis' for listeners recovering from addiction](#)

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