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## >>> FY21 Allocation and GIFA Available

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to release the [State Fiscal Year 2021 Allocation Guidelines](#). These Guidelines serve as the Department's guidance for the disbursement of certain allocations to local ADAMH boards and the accompanying programmatic and reporting requirements associated with these funds. In addition, the [Grant Information for Applicants \(GIFA\) document for State Fiscal Year 2021](#) is now available. This document provides a list of certain grants and funding opportunities listed by Board area. Other funding opportunities, disbursements and budget updates will be announced throughout the year as they become available.

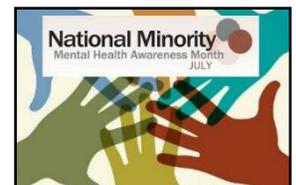


## >>> Faith-Based Community Conversations on Opiate Use Disorder Bidder's Conference – July 10

Ohio's State Opioid Response Grant team is hosting a bidders conference on **July 10 at 1 p.m.** for the [Faith-Based Education and Outreach on Opiate Use Disorder funding opportunity](#). OhioMHAS in collaboration with the Governor's Office on Faith and Community Initiatives seeks to award funding to up to 50 faith-based organizations to implement opiate use disorder (OUD) prevention strategies including, but not limited to: hosting online conversations on opioid awareness and online workshops to understand the signs and symptoms of OUD; discussing treatment options; promoting local recovery resources; and training community members on naloxone. Grant awards will not exceed \$25,000 per awardee and all funds must be expended by Sept. 28, 2020. Click [HERE](#) to register for the bidder's conference webinar. Please send questions to [sortreatment@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:sortreatment@mha.ohio.gov) and reference the Faith-Based Community Conversations on Opiate Use Disorder opportunity in the subject line.

## >>> July is Minority Mental Health Awareness Month

Anyone can experience mental health challenges regardless of their background. However, a person's racial, ethnic, or cultural identity can shape and exacerbate these challenges in varying ways and make accessing mental health treatment much more difficult. July was designated as [Minority Mental Health Awareness Month](#) in 2008 to bring awareness to the unique struggles that underrepresented groups face in regard to mental illness in the U.S. Click [HERE](#) for more information and resources, and [HERE](#) to download a toolkit from Mental Health America.



## >>> Weekly CARE Space Chats to Examine Current Events Through a Racial and Trauma Responsive Lens

The Columbus CARE Coalition is partnering with Columbus Public Health to host a series of weekly, online CARE Space chats, beginning July 6 at 1 p.m. The WebEx meeting will feature a segment called *Let's Talk About It* where participants will discuss recent events from a racial and trauma responsive lens. Future sessions will occur each Monday at 1 p.m. Click [HERE](#) to register.

## >>> FOA Virtual 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Rally4Recovery – Aug. 30

Save the date: Families of Addicts (FOA) will kickoff September as Recovery Month with a virtual Rally4Recovery on **Aug. 30 from 3-5 p.m.** The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Rally4Recovery is planned by parents and is for anyone touched by addiction. The event will feature a discussion on treatment options, recovery supports, and hope-filled stories. The rally will be streamed live on FOA's [Facebook](#) page, [YouTube](#) channel and at <http://www.foafamilies.org/>.

### >>> OACBHA, County ADAMHS Boards Distribute Donated Masks to Communities

To help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, OhioMHAS recently procured a large quantity of reusable, cloth face masks through a donation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for the Ohio behavioral health care community. The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) assisted with the distribution of reusable masks to county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards throughout Ohio for distribution to adult care facilities, supportive housing, residential treatment, peer centers and other congregate living settings. All told, more than 101,000 masks were distributed. At right, the ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County distributes a portion of its 12,500 mask allocation to community partners.



### >>> OCPC Development Fellowship Applications Available July 13

Ohio Certified Prevention Specialists working to earn their Ohio Certified Prevention Consultant credential can apply to participate in the OCPC Development Fellowship, a professional development opportunity taking place September 2020 through June 2021. Applications for the Fellowship, which will provide training, study group, and facilitated mentoring opportunities for Ohio prevention professionals currently holding the OCPS credential, will be available July 13. Application submission deadline is Aug. 3, 2020. Those interested in applying for the Fellowship are invited to participate in an applicant webinar that outlines the Fellowship components on July 14 from 1-2 p.m. The webinar will be recorded and made available for those who cannot attend the live presentation. Webinar registration information will be available by July 10. To be eligible, applicants must: be a current member of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO), currently hold the OCPS credential and have employer support. ADAPAO, PreventionFIRST!, the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, and the Prevention Committee of the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board are collaborating on this OCPC Development Fellowship. The project is funded by OhioMHAS. Any questions about the OCPC Fellowship should be e-mailed to [mail@adapao.org](mailto:mail@adapao.org).

### >>> Starting Recovery Housing: What You Need to Consider Webinar – July 16

OhioMHAS is pleased to partner with Ohio Recovery Housing and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Montgomery County to host a Starting Recovery Housing: What You Need to Consider webinar on July 16 at 2 p.m. During this free webinar, presenters will describe what recovery housing is, factors that must be considered prior to making a decision to open a recovery home, and provide information on what resources and technical assistance are available to potential operators. Participants will also learn about laws that apply to recovery housing and hear from a Dayton-area housing provider. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://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](mailto:covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov). For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email [OTP\\_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov), for Housing questions, email [COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov) and for Telehealth questions, email [COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov). COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites.

### In the News

7.1.20 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Kentucky's Casey's Law, involuntary treatment for the addicted, is challenged as unconstitutional](#)

7.1.20 | *The Washington Post* ['Cries for help': Drug overdoses are soaring during the coronavirus pandemic](#)

6.30.20 | *Healthline* [How barbers are stepping up for black men and mental health](#)

6.30.20 | *WTOV-TV* [Local students excel in AG's Kick Opioids initiative](#)

6.30.20 | *People* [We need to talk about black youth suicide right now, says Dr. Michael Lindsey](#)

6.29.20 | *Canton Repository* [Mental health important during pandemic](#)

6.29.20 | *WKBN-TV* [DEA warns of meth pills resembling candy being distributed on northeast Ohio streets](#)

6.29.20 | *PRNewswire* ['Smile Project' rallies support for older adults](#)

6.29.20 | *Chicago Tribune* [Many find it difficult to cope with mental health struggles amid COVID-19 pandemic](#)

6.27.20 | *The People's Defender (Column)* [Drawing is helping me to heal](#)

6.27.20 | *Lisbon Morning Journal* (Column) [Pregnancy, pot do not mix](#)  
6.27.20 | *Steubenville Herald-Star* (Editorial) [Mental health court important](#)  
6.26.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Nonprofit pledges to tackle racial injustice in Central Ohio housing](#)  
6.26.20 | *WKYC-TV* [Heal yourself first: Local fire chief sounds the alarm on mental health](#)  
6.26.20 | *WOIO-TV* [Opioid epidemic continues in the midst of pandemic, fentanyl overdoses climb in Ohio](#)  
6.26.20 | *Richland Source* [New substance abuse prevention coalition will focus on Mansfield teens](#)  
6.26.20 | *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram* [MHARS Board declares racism a public health crisis, dedicates fund toward it](#)  
6.26.20 | *MahoningMatters* [State receives \\$3.6M to combat illegal manufacture and distribution of opioids](#)  
6.26.20 | *Zanesville Times-Recorder* [Pearl House inching closer to reality as bids will be taken for initial work](#)  
6.26.20 | *WKBN-TV* [Recovery outreach offers overdose prevention kits at drive-thru event](#)  
6.25.20 | *NPR* [‘Bear our Pain’ the plea for more black mental health workers](#)

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