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>>> Coping with COVID During and After: Health Impacts to Children and Families Webinar – June 10

Northeast Ohio Medical University and Akron Children's Hospital are partnering to present "Coping with COVID During and After: Health Impacts to Children and Families" webinar on June 10 from noon-1:30 p.m. This Project ECHO session will address the mental health impact of the pandemic on children and families, both now during the stay-at-home quarantine phase and later as people start to emerge, with a focus on "the next pandemic" of mental illness that will follow the COVID-19 pandemic. The session will be led by Steven Jewell, M.D., director of Pediatric Psychiatry and Psychology at Akron Children's. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



>>> Substance Use Disorder Loan Repayment Program Deadline Approaching (June 15)

The deadline to apply for the [Ohio Substance Use Disorder Professional Loan Repayment Program](#) (Ohio SUD LRP) administered by the Ohio Department of Health's Primary Care Office is **June 15**. The Ohio SUDLRP seeks treatment providers to provide culturally competent, interdisciplinary substance use disorder treatment services to underserved populations located in selected Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs), as well as in other high-burdened areas of the state. In return, the Ohio SUDLRP assists clinicians in their repayment of outstanding qualifying educational loans. The Ohio SUDLRP seeks clinicians who demonstrate the characteristics for, and an interest in, treating the state's underserved populations and remaining in HPSAs or other areas of need beyond their service commitment. It is important to remember that treatment to underserved populations and vulnerable populations, not the repayment of educational loans, is the primary purpose of the Ohio SUDLRP. The following disciplines are eligible to apply: Licensed Independent Chemical Dependency Counselor (LICDC), Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW), Licensed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist (LIMFT), Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC), Clinical or Counseling Psychologist (PsyD/PhD), Physician (DO/MD), Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS), Certified Nurse Midwife (CNM), Pharmacist (RPh) and Registered Nurse (RN). Click [HERE](#) to view the application and guidance information. For questions regarding the application, requirements or process, please email PCRH@odh.ohio.gov or call 614.466.7475.

>>> ORH to Host Best Practices for LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Recovery Housing Webinar – June 17

Ohio Recovery Housing (ORH) is recognizing June as *Pride Month* with the release of a new best practice guidance: [Best Practices for LGBTQ+ Inclusion in Recovery Housing](#). The guide serves to provide housing operators with helpful information and resources for providing safe, sober environments and recovery supports for people in the LGBTQ+ community. **ORH is hosting a webinar on June 17 from 1-2 p.m.** to review the document and answer questions. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Multipart Webinar Series: Providing Culturally-Relevant Crisis Services During COVID-19

The multi-part webinar series [Providing Culturally Relevant Crisis Services During COVID-19](#) is now available for viewing on the [Great Lakes Current YouTube channel](#) and on the [Great Lakes ATTC](#), [MHTTC](#), and [PTTC](#) websites. A list of the available recordings in this series and details about each presentation are provided below.

AVAILABLE RECORDINGS:

[\(Part 1\): The Morbidity of National Trust and Mental Health Disparities - Past, Present, & Future](#) | Presented By: Albert Thompson

[\(Part 2\): Culturally Responsive Factors To Consider During Crisis](#) | Presented By: Dr. Michelle Evans, DSW, LCSW, CADC

[\(Part 3\): Culturally Responsive Factors for Hmong Communities](#) | Presented By: Dr. Pang Foua Yang Rhodes, PhD, LMFT

>>> Prevention Action Alliance Executive Director Marcie Seidel Announces Retirement

Prevention Action Alliance announced today that Executive Director Marcie Seidel is planning to retire after a successful career as a prevention champion. Seidel, who also served as Chief of Staff under former Ohio First Lady Hope Taft, noted in the announcement that her retirement will be effective June 30. Assistant Executive Director Fran Gerbig will assume leadership responsibilities on July 1. "The joy of working with so many dedicated and talented individuals has helped me to learn, grow, and build a passion for lifelong wellness in all communities," Seidel said. "It has helped define profound purpose for my life." Despite her retirement, Seidel said she plans to stay involved with Ohio's prevention community. "Prevention is a way of living and I intend to stay connected, continue to learn and see colleagues often." The State of Ohio and OhioMHAS thanks Marcie for her years of dedicated service to Ohioans, her passionate advocacy and tireless commitment to advancing prevention science. in wishing her well in all future endeavors.



>>> Peer Trainings: Insurance for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Insurance, is hosting a series of regional virtual trainings to help peer supporters learn more about insurance benefits for mental health and addiction. All trainings will take place from noon-3 p.m. Upcoming trainings include: Northwest (June 9), Northeast (June 16), Southwest (June 23), Southeast (June 30) and Central (July 7). Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

For more 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 and for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov. COVID Careline 1-800-720-9616.

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6.1.20 | *Government Technology* [Ohio hospitals use telehealth to fight opioids during crisis](#)

6.1.20 | *Medical News Today* [How to spot signs of distress in a remote work context](#)

5.31.20 | *Toledo Blade* [Comfort for the comforters: Pandemic brings attention to mental health of faith community leaders](#)

5.30.20 | *Marion Star (Column)* [DeCamp: May is Mental Health Month](#)

5.30.20 | *Marietta Times* [Innovative Recovery-to-Work Learning Academy begins in the MOV](#)

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