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>>> SOR Funding for Naloxone

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has funding available from the State Opioid Response (SOR) grant for purchase of naloxone for all treatment providers, whether non-profit or for-profit. Behavioral health providers must have a terminal distributor license from the State Board of Pharmacy and a physician protocol for dispensing naloxone. If a patient does have insurance, then treatment providers are requested to utilize naloxone through that funding source, rather than this funding source unless the patient is unable to pay any associated co-pays. In cases where patients are at risk for not returning with naloxone in a timely fashion, treatment providers should personally furnish naloxone from the inventory funded by SOR dollars. To request naloxone for your patients, please contact Mindy Vance at Mindy.Vance@mha.ohio.gov. Naloxone supplies will be direct shipped to your organization. If patients are interested in obtaining naloxone on their own, outside of the clinic, then please direct them to <http://odh.ohio.gov/projectdawn> to identify a source of naloxone within the county or to <https://www.naloxoneforall.org/hro> to order naloxone online.

>>> Vendor Sought to Perform Cultural, Linguistic Evaluation of OhioMHAS Creative Services

OhioMHAS is seeking a contractor to perform a cultural and linguistic evaluation of existing OhioMHAS creative and promotional materials related to substance and opiate use disorder. The contractor will review and test materials and provide suggestions for improvements that can be made to successfully reach specific minority populations. The opportunity is currently available to MBE contractors and **proposals are due on July 7**. View the RFP (MHA17346) at <https://procure.ohio.gov/proc/viewProcOpps.asp?opplD=21758>.

>>> Top Tips to Decrease Coronavirus Anxiety & Improve Emotional Well Being – June 30

Mental Health America, in partnership with the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, will host a *Top Tips to Decrease Coronavirus Anxiety & Improve Emotional Well Being* webinar on June 30 at 2 p.m. In this webinar, Dr. Debra Kissen, CEO of Light on Anxiety CBT Treatment Centers, will provide participants with empirically supported tips and tools, based on principles of Mindfulness Enhanced CBT, to live more fully in the moment. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> The Role of Preventionists in Accelerating Health Equity and Communities of Well Being – July 1

Registration is open for the July 1 virtual Ohio Prevention Conference session from 9:30-11 a.m. This session will introduce the Adverse Community Experiences and Resilience framework as a lens to understand community-level trauma, focusing on its application in preventing and addressing substance misuse and mental health crisis. The session will outline skills needed for a prevention workforce prepared to accelerate equity, justice and community-trauma informed approaches within communities that are most impacted. Participants can earn up to 1.25 of Continuing Education for social work, counseling, prevention, and chemical dependency counseling. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Rural Community Toolbox: Funding and Tools to Build Healthy, Drug-Free Rural Communities

The Office of National Drug Control Policy, in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other federal agencies, has released the *Rural Community Toolbox: Funding and Tools to Build Healthy, Drug-Free Rural Communities*. The toolbox includes resources and information to help rural communities address substance use disorder. This

resources includes information on federal programs, county-level data to help understand the impact, and more. Visit <https://www.ruralcommunitytoolbox.org/> for more information.

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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