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## >>> Video Thanks Ohio Behavioral Health and Frontline Workers for Pandemic Response

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) boards throughout Ohio, has released a new video thanking community behavioral health care providers and other professionals on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the crisis, Ohio's prevention, treatment and recovery supports system has remained largely "open for business" due to their commitment and flexibility in meeting the needs of Ohioans. Click [HERE](#) to watch the video.



## >>> SNAP Online Food Purchasing Now Available in Ohio

Ohioans who are eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can now use their Ohio Direction cards to purchase food online through Walmart and Amazon, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) [announced](#) this week. Previously, Ohio SNAP recipients could order groceries online at Giant Eagle, Walmart and some Kroger stores, but they had to pay inside the stores or at curbside. After receiving federal approval, ODJFS successfully tested online purchasing with Walmart and Amazon. While Ohio SNAP recipients can order food online from a variety of retailers, only Walmart and Amazon allow online purchasing with EBT cards. Individuals may choose to have groceries delivered, but federal rules still prohibit using SNAP benefits to pay for any delivery charges. Individuals may qualify for SNAP if their household's gross monthly income is at or under 130% of the federal poverty guidelines. Ohioans can apply at [benefits.ohio.gov](https://benefits.ohio.gov).

## >>> Ohio Providers Secure Nearly \$7 Million in Federal Grants

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has received notification from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) that three Ohio providers have been awarded nearly \$7 million in federal grants. Family Resource Center of Northwest Ohio, Inc., of Findlay, and **Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services** received \$2 million and \$4 million, respectively, through SAMHSA's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic Expansion Grants [program](#). Meanwhile, **Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons, Inc.**, in Cleveland, will receive \$961,676 as part of SAMHSA's Suicide Prevention Lifeline Crisis Center Follow-Up Expansion [program](#).

## >>> SAMHSA Recovery LIVE! Supporting the Resilience of Black Men Webinar – June 25

SAMHSA's Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) will host a *Recovery LIVE! Supporting the Resilience of Black Men: Culturally Affirming and Responsive Approaches to Engagement, Treatment and Recovery* webinar on June 25 from 2-3 p.m. This free, interactive virtual event moderated by [Devin Reaves](#), executive director of the Pennsylvania Harm Reduction Coalition, will highlight research, current best practices, and promising strategies for supporting mental health and addiction recovery among black men. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## >>> NIMHD Announces Upcoming Health Disparities Funding Opportunity

The National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities announced it is partnering with other Institutes and Centers at the National Institute of Health to support an upcoming funding opportunity announcement: [Community](#)

[Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations](#). The funding opportunity seeks to solicit research to evaluate community interventions testing:

1. The impacts of mitigation strategies to prevent COVID-19 transmission in NIH-designated health disparity populations and other vulnerable groups.
2. Already implemented, new, or adapted interventions to address the adverse psychosocial, sociocultural, behavioral and socioeconomic consequences of COVID-19 on the health of these groups.

Researchers are encouraged to partner with community organizations, health service providers, public health agencies, policymakers, and other stakeholders to prepare and submit applications. The official funding announcement is anticipated to be June 22 with a July 22 deadline for applications. For more information, contact Dr. Jennifer Alvidrez, at [jennifer.alvidrez@nih.gov](mailto:jennifer.alvidrez@nih.gov).

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.

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