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>>> RFP: FY 20-21 Faith-Based Outreach and Education on Opioid Use Disorder

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in collaboration with the Governor's Office on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives seeks to award funding 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. All questions must be submitted to SORTREATMENT@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 22. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities webpage](#). Applications must be submitted to SORTREATMENT@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 29.

[View RFP MHA-20-21-Faith-Based Education and Outreach-23 SFY 20 Grants Budget Form](#)

>>> FY20 SOR Project Ohio Opioid Response Continuum Grant for Non-Behavioral Health Organizations

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce an umbrella State Opioid Response Carry Over grant opportunity for Federal Fiscal Year 2020 - SOR Project Ohio Opiate Response Continuum Grant for Non-Behavioral Health Organizations. MHA-FY20-SOR-Non-Behavioral-23 has made up to \$2,890,000 available through Sept. 28, 2020, to: (1) implement peer supporters in non-traditional settings; and (2) to coordinate a large-scale behavioral health training initiative. Non-behavioral health organizations may apply for either one or both funding opportunities. All questions must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 22. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities webpage](#). Applications must be submitted to SORTreatment@mha.ohio.gov by 5:30 p.m. on May 29.

[View RFP MHA-FY20-SOR-Non-Behavioral-23 2019 OhioMHAS Assurances](#)

>>> Ohio Department of Insurance Offers Support During Mental Health Month

The Ohio Department of Insurance has resources that can help people understand their mental health and substance use insurance benefits. They have a toolkit that explains behavioral health coverage in an understandable way. The department can also aid consumers who have issues or questions about coverage. Read their [monthly newsletter](#), which addresses mental health and COVID-19.



>>> IAFF Guidance on Behavioral Health During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) has developed behavioral health resources for fire fighters and other first responders specific to COVID-19. The resources focus on a variety of issues, including: managing anxiety; maintaining sobriety; accessing peer support; telehealth; and helping family members cope, among other topics. Click [HERE](#) to access the IAFF behavioral health resources. Please share with first responders in your community.

>>> PTTC Releases Prevention Tools For Latino Families During COVID-19

The National Hispanic and Latino Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) has released new fact sheets on [Prevention Tools for Latino Families During COVID-19](#) to download and distribute. The fact sheet has been translated from English to both Spanish and Portuguese.

>>> Double Jeopardy: COVID-19 and Behavioral Health Disparities for Black and Latino Communities in the U.S.

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has revealed deep-seated inequities in health care for communities of color, and amplifies social and economic factors that contribute to poor health outcomes. Recent news reports indicate that the pandemic disproportionately impacts communities of color, compounding longstanding racial disparities. Learn more about the impact of COVID-19 on Black and Latino communities in the U.S. from SAMHSA's Office of Behavioral Health Equity [new resource document](#).

>>> HHS Webinar Series to Help Communities Cope With Mental Health Needs

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) [Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives](#) is hosting a 4-part series designed to equip individuals, communities, faith leaders, and nonprofits in supporting mental health needs during these unprecedented times. Click [HERE](#) to watch Part 1: "Preparing Leaders to Address the Challenges." Part 2: "When Trauma, Fear, and Anxiety Become Overwhelming" [aired today](#) and will be available on YouTube. Part 3: "Task-shifting to Address Increasing Challenges," will take place on May 26 at noon. Click [HERE](#) to register. Part 4: "Connecting Spirituality to Mental Health Services in the Midst of the Crisis," is slated for June 9 at noon. Registration will be available soon.

>>> 2020 NADD State of Ohio MI/ID Conference Goes Virtual – Call For Proposals

After much deliberation the planning committee for the 2020 NADD Ohio Conference has decided to move the conference to a virtual platform. The 18th Annual NADD State of Ohio MI/ID Conference will be held Sept. 14-15, and the planning committee is actively seeking presentation proposals for a 60-minute virtual session that will take place live. For more information, please visit the [Presentation Proposal webpage](#). The deadline to submit proposals is June 5.



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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