



# News Now

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## >>> New OhioMHAS Bureau to Streamline Grants Processes

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is pleased to announce the creation of the Bureau of Grants Management within the Office of Community Planning and Collaboration. The bureau will oversee federal grants and coordinate state-funded grants administered by the department, and develop processes and procedures consistent with best practices. Jeff Spears will serve as grants administrator. Spears comes to OhioMHAS from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. He has more than 30 years in public service, including more than 20 years of proposal development, grants management and administering community-based programs targeting behavioral health and criminogenic needs of multisystem youth, diversion of youthful offenders from the justice system, and positive youth development. He has extensive experience with cross-systems collaboration and most recently participated in multiagency funding and policy initiatives to better serve Ohio's families and youth.



## >>> Community Funding Carryover Requests

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Community Funding is now accepting applications for any carryover funds from FY20. For more information regarding the process, eligibility, and instructions on applying, please reference this memo: [Updated Carryover Request Process Instructions](#). The Carryover Fund Request application form can be downloaded here: [Carryover Request Form](#) The deadline to submit applications is Saturday, Aug. 25.

## >>> FASD Webinars

Ohio's Statewide Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) Steering Committee is sponsoring two free webinars focused on interventions to assist clinicians, individuals, and families. To register for one of the trainings below, send an email to [MH-SOT-FASD@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:MH-SOT-FASD@mha.ohio.gov). For more information, email [Karen.Kimbrough@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Karen.Kimbrough@mha.ohio.gov) or Char. [Morrison@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Morrison@mha.ohio.gov).

**June 11** | 10- 11:30 a.m. | Presenter: Dr. Gokce Ergun, Wright State University

**June 12** | 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Presenter: Kathy Bevaque (Triumph Trainer) and Angelique Yost (Parent)

## >>> New PSA Offers Encouragement, Support for Ohioans in Recovery

"You got this!" That's the message imparted by a panel of Ohioans in long-term recovery in a [new public service announcement](#) produced by Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery. The "Three Hardest Things to Say" message offers encouragement and support to Ohioans amid the coronavirus pandemic, and includes resources on where to get help.



## >>> OSPF Releases 2020 LGBTQ+ Pride Toolkit

June is Pride month and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF) is showing its support for the LGBTQ+ community by releasing a [2020 Pride Social Media Toolkit](#). Due to stigma and discrimination, LGBTQ youth are more likely to struggle with their mental illness. According to the [Trevor Project National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health](#), 71 percent of LGBTQ youth reported discrimination due to their sexual orientation and/or gender identity. The survey also found that 39 percent of LGBTQ youth seriously considered suicide in the past year



(more than half of transgender and non-binary youth seriously considered suicide). OSPF hopes this toolkit will help your organization show your pride and support for Ohio's LGBTQ community members as well as raise awareness of this high-risk population.

### >>> New Resources from CDC on COVID-19 Target Individuals with Disabilities

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has released a variety of new resources for individuals with disabilities:

- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers](#)
- [Guidance for Group Homes for Individuals with Disabilities](#)
- [Guidance for Direct Service Providers, Caregivers, Parents, and People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)
- [People with Developmental and Behavioral Disorders](#)

### >>> World No Tobacco Day – May 31

Sunday, May 31, is World No Tobacco Day. This year's focus is on protecting young people from the marketing of the tobacco industry and helping them avoid using tobacco and nicotine. According to the World Health Organization, tobacco use kills more than 8 million people around the world each year, while the CDC says tobacco use kills more than 480,000 people in the U.S. per year. Join the CDC for a World No Tobacco Day webinar on June 2 at 8 a.m. EDT. Click [HERE](#) to register. Follow the discussion on social media using the hashtag #WorldNoTobaccoDay.



#### More resources:

[CDC Featured Article](#)

[WHO Resources](#)

[American Cancer Society Resources](#)

[World No Tobacco Day 2020 Video](#)

[Infographic](#)

[Ohio Department of Health Tobacco Use and Prevention Resources](#)

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.

#### In the News

5.29.20 | *Findlay Courier* [Local officers honored](#)

5.28.20 | *Akron Beacon Journal* [Stressed out? Experts offer tips to maintain good mental health during pandemic](#)

5.28.20 | *Hillsboro Times-Gazette* ['Meeting people where they are is so important'](#)

5.28.20 | *Dayton Daily News* [Mental health affects all of us and its OK to ask for help](#)

5.28.20 | *Kaiser Health News* [New moms seeing increase in anxieties, postpartum depressions](#)

5.28.20 | *CNN* [The full toll of COVID-19 on children's mental health won't be known for years](#)

5.28.20 | *The Associated Press* [Prince William urges men to open up on mental health issues](#)

5.27.20 | *WBLL 1390 TCN Behavioral Health* [distributes Mental Health Care Kits](#)

5.27.20 | *Sandusky Register* [State bans deadly drug](#)

5.26.20 | *The Washington Post* [Surge in anxiety and depression show coronavirus toll on mental health](#)