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## >>> CARES Act Funding Summary Document Available on OhioMHAS Website

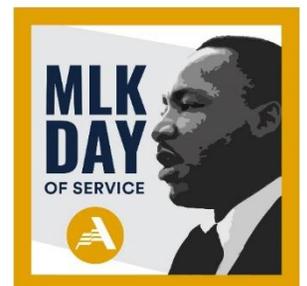
The Controlling Board recently approved a request to redirect \$15.2M of CARES Act provider relief fund money originally allocated for behavioral health providers. These funds will be distributed to behavioral health providers who deliver a continuum of care from prevention to recovery support to promote the mental health and wellness of youth, adults, and families. A [summary document](#) of CARES Funding can be found on the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) website.

## >>> Communities of Support Grant

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is offering a [Communities of Support grant opportunity](#) in coordination with OhioMHAS and the Ohio Family and Children First Council (OFCF) to continue supporting existing and new local community planning and coordinated service delivery efforts. The following priorities are critical to ensure the necessary collaborative cross-system work can best meet the needs of children and families: (1) Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) plans of safe care; (2) Qualified Residential Treatment Program (QRTP) level of care assessments; and (3) Community-based aftercare planning for children discharged from residential treatment settings. The grants will allow communities to assess the local needs for these priorities, establish best practices, and prepare for any necessary budget considerations for implementation and/or sustainability. This critical work at a community level will also inform planning and next steps for state policy and practice. Communities of support are essential to strengthen the lives of children and families, in partnership with their existing networks and in consideration of their diverse racial, cultural, and economic identities. Click [HERE](#) to view the full announcement.

## >>> 2021 MLK Day of Service Project Grants Available

ServeOhio has [announced the availability of grants](#) to support community service projects organized for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021. Grant awards will range between \$500 to \$2,000. Grants may be used to support a variety of projects that create or improve community assets or infrastructure such as parks, schools, senior centers, community gardens or low-income homes through community volunteer engagement. Due to unique circumstances regarding the pandemic, online projects and events will also be considered for funding. Funds may be used for supplies, materials, and volunteer support. Non-profit and public organizations in Ohio including, but not limited to, volunteer centers, school districts, community colleges, universities, and local governments are eligible to apply. **The application deadline is Dec. 1.**



## >>> Ohio Problem Gambling Conference Presenters Sought

The 18th Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference is now [seeking presentation proposals](#). The conference will be held virtually via Zoom on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout March 2021. The intended audience for the conference includes prevention, treatment, recovery, gambling industry operators and regulators. **Applications are due Dec. 4.** Applicants will be notified by Jan. 4, 2021. For questions, please contact Cory Brown at [CBrown@PGNOhio.org](mailto:CBrown@PGNOhio.org) or call 614.750.9899 ext. 104.

## >>> Take Back Day Nets Nearly 60,000 Pounds of Unused, Expired Prescription Medications in Ohio

The latest National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day (Oct. 24) yielded nearly 60,000 pounds on unused, expire prescription medications. According to the [U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration](#), Ohio ranked second in the nation for the number of collection sites (266), second for law enforcement partners (233) and third in the nation for the total weight collected (59,455 pounds). Nationwide, more than 985,000 pounds of medications were collected, setting a new record.

## >>> Adult Advocacy Centers “Wish List Project” to Once Again Benefit Patients in Psychiatric Hospitals



Adult Advocacy Centers

Adult Advocacy Centers is coordinating an Amazon Wish List project to benefit patients at three OhioMHAS regional psychiatric hospitals. Through the end of November, interested parties can select items Amazon and have them shipped directly to the hospital's Volunteer Coordinators for distribution to patients. The lists include things like: coloring supplies, journals, crafts, games and other forms of entertainment that can help pass the time and provide needed encouragement. Links to each participating hospital's wish list can be found below. You must have an Amazon account to participate. In addition to the wish list project, Adult Advocacy Centers is partnering with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County and Catholic Charities Ashland County, to send hand-written notes to patients in all six regional psychiatric hospitals.

[Northwest Psychiatric Hospital](#)

[Summit Behavioral Healthcare](#)

[Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare](#)

# Pop-Up Testing Sites

## WANT TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

ANYONE CAN GET A NO-COST TEST AT THESE LOCATIONS WEEK OF NOV. 16 – NOV. 22

<b>NOV. 17</b> <b>Maumee</b> Lucas County Fairgrounds 1406 Key St. Maumee, Ohio 43537 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>NOV. 18</b> <b>Maumee</b> Lucas County Fairgrounds 1406 Key St. Maumee, Ohio 43537 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>NOV. 19</b> <b>Columbus</b> PrimaryOne Health 2300 W. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43204 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>NOV. 20</b> <b>London*</b> Molly Caren Agricultural Center 135 OH-38 (Enter from US 40) London, Ohio 43140 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>NOV. 22</b> <b>Cincinnati</b> Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Parking Lot (Maslow's Army) 1000 Sycamore St. Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
<b>South Point</b> Grandview Inn 154 County Road 450 South Point, Ohio 45680 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Saint Clairsville</b> Ohio University Eastern Campus Parking Lot 45425 National Rd. W. Saint Clairsville, Ohio 43950 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	<b>Toledo</b> The University of Toledo (Lot 25, corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road) 1625 W Rocket Dr. Toledo, Ohio 43606 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Toledo</b> The University of Toledo (Lot 25, corner of Dorr Street and Secor Road) 1625 W Rocket Dr. Toledo, Ohio 43606 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Cincinnati</b> Winton Terrace Apartment Homes 4848 Winneste Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<b>NOV. 18</b> <b>Hamilton</b> Fort Hamilton Hospital 630 Eaton Ave. Hamilton, Ohio 45013 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Sidney</b> Shelby County Fairgrounds 655 S Highland Ave. Sidney, Ohio 45365 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>NOV. 20</b> <b>Defiance</b> George M Smart Athletic Center 1000 Webster St. Defiance, Ohio 43512 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>NOV. 21</b> <b>Hilliard</b> Roger A. Reynolds Municipal Park 3800 Veterans Memorial Dr. Hilliard, Ohio 43026 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Cincinnati</b> Findlater Apartment Homes 595 Strand Ln. Cincinnati, Ohio 45232 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
			<b>Proctorville</b> Lawrence County Fairgrounds 7755 County Road 107 Proctorville, Ohio 45668 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	

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**\* LONDON SITE**  
Pre-registration is encouraged and can be done by phone at 740-845-1756 and select option 5. On-site registration will be available on the day of the event.

**coronavirus.ohio.gov**

For 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](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. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHSA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

## In the News

- 11.16.20 | *The New York Times* [Lesson of the Day: ‘Teens in COVID isolation: “I felt like I was suffocating”’](#)
- 11.16.20 | *Bucyrus Telegraph-Forum* [CARES Award winner: Koepke recalls beginning of opioid epidemic](#)
- 11.15.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Living alone adds to social isolation during COVID-19, potentially increasing health risks](#)
- 11.15.20 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Women’s residential addiction treatment center moves to new home in Dover](#)
- 11.15.20 | *Scientific American* [Virtual reality and the COVID mental health crisis](#)
- 11.13.20 | *WOSU 89.7* [Ohio’s teens are struggling with depression during the pandemic](#)
- 11.13.20 | *WTOL-TV* [Addiction still a concern amid ongoing pandemic; treatment professionals work to adapt](#)
- 11.12.20 | *The News-Herald* [Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers receives grant for new men’s residential treatment facility](#)
- 11.12.20 | *WSYX-TV* [Opioid overdose rates increasing among Latino community](#)
- 11.12.20 | *WCPN 90.3* [When 911 is the only option for a mental health care crisis](#)
- 11.12.20 | *NBC News* [COVID stress taking a toll on children’s mental health, CDC finds](#)
- 11.11.20 | *WCPN 90.3* [Young LGBTQ+ people face unique mental health risks as pandemic rages on](#)
- 11.11.20 | *WBNS-TV* [Gambling addiction affects tens of thousands of Ohio veterans](#)
- 11.11.20 | *MobiHealthNews* [Ohio rolls out service to match patients with beds in psychiatric facilities](#)
- 11.11.20 | *NPR* [After COVID diagnosis, nearly 1 in 5 are diagnosed with mental health disorder](#)
- 11.11.20 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [A legacy of distrust: The racial disparities that mean many can be reluctant to seek help](#)
- 11.10.20 | *WCMH-TV* [Daytime Columbus: Veterans and Gambling, knowing the signs and getting help](#)
- 11.10.20 | *WRGT-TV* [Veterans twice as likely to have gambling problem, but help is available](#)

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