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## >>> RFP: Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

The State of Ohio is transforming its approach to children, youth, and families who require support from multiple state systems, to achieve a widespread and sustainable system of care across Ohio. The focus of this effort is expanding the continuum of care and building service capacity to serve Ohio's highest need children and youth; modernizing the way care is delivered for these children and youth, prioritizing young people in the custody of children's services; and preventing custody relinquishment. System transformation focuses on preventing unnecessary out-of-home placements and early intervention, including for the early childhood population, through cross-system partnerships that expand access to home visiting programs and other in-home services and supports.



The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), in conjunction with the Departments of: Job and Family Services, Medicaid, Youth Services, Developmental Disabilities, and Health and the Ohio Family and Children First, is seeking a vendor to develop and implement a Center of Excellence (COE) approach for building and sustaining a standardized assessment process, evaluating the effectiveness of services, and expanding service and care coordination capacity for children with complex behavioral health needs and their families. The role of the COE will be to assist the State in system transformation efforts by providing the orientation, training, coaching, mentoring, and other functions/supports needed by the provider network in order to build and sustain capacity in delivering evidence-based practices to fidelity within a system of care framework.

Click [HERE](#) to view the RFP. **The deadline for submitting proposals is Jan. 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m.**

## >>> CARES Act Continuum Of Care Relief Funding Application Open



Prevention, Peer Support, Adult Care Facility, and Recovery Housing operators are now able to request funds for COVID -19 eligible expenses and economic relief. Interested providers should go to <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx#funding-opportunities> and select the funding opportunity "CARES Act – Coronavirus Relief Fund – MHAS Continuum of Care Relief Funds" to see the funding guidance document detailing eligible costs and lost revenue that may be reimbursed. OhioMHAS is

partnering with Ohio Recovery Housing, NAMI, Ohio Citizen Advocates, and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities to help ensure that every eligible entity has an opportunity to apply for these funds. Questions may be sent to [COVID19BH@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19BH@mha.ohio.gov). A [summary document](#) of CARES Funding can be found on the OhioMHAS website.

## >>> RFP: 2021 Virtual TIC Summit Event Planning and Management

OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities are seeking a vendor to provide event planning and management services for the Eight Annual Ohio Trauma-Informed Care (Virtual) Summit to be held May 18-19, 2021. Click [HERE](#) to view the RFP. Proposals must be submitted to [TRAUMA-SUMMITRFP@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:TRAUMA-SUMMITRFP@mha.ohio.gov) by 5 p.m. on

**Dec. 18.** All questions must be submitted to [TRAUMA-SUMMITRFP@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:TRAUMA-SUMMITRFP@mha.ohio.gov) by 5 p.m. on Dec. 11. Answers to frequently asked questions will be posted on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#).

**>>> Latest OSAM Network Drug Trend Report Available**

The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network has released its latest report: *Surveillance of Drug Abuse Trends in the State of Ohio – June 2019-January 2020*. Click [HERE](#) to view/download/print the report. Learn more about the OSAM Network and access previous trend reports, targeted response initiatives and OSAM-O-GRAMS [HERE](#).

**>>> PreventionFIRST! Virtual Youth Summit 2020 – Dec. 4-5**

PreventionFIRST! will host its 2020 Youth Summit on Dec. 4-5. The Summit is open to students in grades 9-12. Youth will only register for one day and choose the day that works best for them. The presentation will be the same on both days. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

**>>> Cuyahoga ADAMHS Board Releases Coping with the Holidays and a Pandemic Booklet**

The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board of Cuyahoga County is offering tips on reducing extra stresses in its [Coping with the Holidays and a Pandemic](#) booklet. The publication offers suggestions on things like how to reduce stress, deal with loss or change and enjoy the holidays safely and on a budget. In addition, resource numbers are listed for those who find the stress of this holiday season and/or the pandemic, too much to handle. The booklet is available on the ADAMHS Board website at [www.adamhscc.org](http://www.adamhscc.org)

**>>> New PSA Highlights Ohio's Resiliency, Grit Through the Ages**

The Ohio Department of Health has unveiled a [new PSA](#) to highlight Ohio's resiliency and grit. The clip features former NBA and Ohio State basketball great Clark Kellogg and memorable moments in Ohio's history while posing the question, "How do we recover from a global pandemic unlike anything we've ever seen before?" Kellogg's confident and hope-filled response is, "Ask Ohio. We'll show you." Please share this message with friends and colleagues, and on your social media channels.

For information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://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.

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11.18.20 | *WKYC-TV* [The Head, The Heart and the holidays: Tackling seasonal affective disorder during a pandemic](#)  
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