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>>> OhioMHAS Seeking Public Comment on Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (FFY21) Annual Synar Report (ASR)

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is seeking public comment on the State of Ohio's Federal Fiscal Year 2021 (FFY21) Annual Synar Report (ASR). The Synar Report details trends in sales of tobacco to minors and the success of state compliance with the Synar Amendment. Information about the Synar Amendment and the State of Ohio's ASR can be found [HERE](#). Comments on the ASR may be emailed to Stacey Frohnapfel-Hasson at stacey.frohnapfel@mha.ohio.gov and must be received by the close of business on **Nov. 30**.

>>> Ohio Mental Health First Aid Collaborative Offering Free Trainings

The Ohio Mental Health First Aid Collaborative, with funding support from OhioMHAS, is offering free, virtual Mental Health First Aid trainings for individuals who work with adolescents and transition-age youth, older adults, minority populations and faith and spiritual communities. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to schedule a class. The Collaborative, which includes Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio; Miami University's Center for School-Based Mental Health Programs and Discovery Center for Evaluation, Research, and Professional Learning; Mental Health America of Ohio; The Ohio Mental Health Network for School Success; as well as support from regional and national MHFA experts, also released an [informational video](#). Hosted by OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss, the video provides information on eligible participants and an overview of the class.



Be Present Ohio Contest

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, in partnership with WNCI 97.9, is sponsoring a [video contest](#) to promote the [Be Present Ohio initiative](#). Ohio teens and young adults are encouraged to participate by sending a video explaining why mental health is important to them, and describing a time they were present for a friend for a chance to be part of a virtual performance by *Why Don't We* on Nov. 19. The deadline to enter is midnight on Nov. 15. For more information, please email Keiko.talley@ohiospf.org.



>>> County ADAMH Board Levy Results

Voters overwhelmingly approved all seven Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services levies on the Nov. 3 ballot, including: Ashland, Butler, Clermont, [Columbiana](#), Crawford-Marion, [Franklin](#) and Tuscarawas-Carroll counties.

>>> Firearms, Means Safety, and Suicide Prevention: A Clinical Workshop – Nov. 19

The American Association of Suicidology will host a Firearms, Means Safety, and Suicide Prevention workshop on Nov. 19 from 1-4:30 p.m. The training will be led by Ted C. Bonar, PsyD, of The Clinical Readiness Project. Cost is \$60. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register online.

>>> CDC Smoking Cessation Resources

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Office on Smoking and Health](#) has released new smoking cessation resources, including a [video](#) on the benefits of quitting. Click [HERE](#) to see a new infographic and [HERE](#) to view a new "Learn About Quit Smoking Medications" web page.

>>> FEMA Releases Spanish Version of “Planning Considerations: Disaster Housing”

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has released [Consideraciones para la Planificación: Vivienda por Desastre](#), the Spanish version of “Planning Consideration: Disaster Housing” released last May. The document provides guidance on national housing priorities, types of housing, key considerations and housing-specific planning recommendations that jurisdictions can apply when developing or improving housing plans.

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

In the News

- 11.3.20 | *WEWS-TV* [Barberton City School District dedicates school day to mental health education for students, staff](#)
- 11.3.20 | *The New York Times* [It's not just adults who are stressed. Kids are, too.](#)
- 11.2.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Experts worry that winter months will be tough for people with mental health issues](#)
- 11.2.20 | *Toledo Blade* [Lucas County crisis aid plans makeover for mental health services](#)
- 11.2.20 | *WLIO-TV* [Mental health and substance abuse assistance offered at food distribution](#)
- 11.1.20 | *Spectrum News* [“Life is Better With You Here” campaign kicks off in Columbus](#)
- 10.31.20 | *Toledo Blade* [Area firms, experts seek to end workplace mental health stigma](#)
- 10.31.20 | *Sandusky Register* [Health department will add new mental health building](#)
- 10.30.20 | *Spectrum News* [Recover for Life campaign aims to break stigma of addiction](#)
- 10.30.20 | *WTOV-TV* [Petrilla honored for nearly a quarter-century helping Jefferson County residents](#)

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