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>>> Public Awareness Campaign Inventory

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Office of Public Affairs has compiled a [list of campaigns](#) aimed at raising awareness among the general public on a variety of behavioral health issues and to help individuals support their own mental wellness and mental wellness of loved ones. This list includes campaigns that have been sponsored by OhioMHAS as well as campaigns developed and sponsored by third parties and non-government entities. Campaigns not sponsored by the department have undergone review for quality and clinical efficacy by OhioMHAS program and clinical staff. Many of these listings offer creative assets in a variety of formats, including digital, video and printable resources – to help you promote messaging in the way that works best for you.



>>> Applicants Sought: Treating the First Responder Training Series

First responders stand ready to serve and protect their communities and citizens, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They often sacrifice time with their families, their physical health and well-being, and all too often, their mental health. The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in additional stressors for first responders. The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce a [series of free Treating the First Responder trainings](#) for community-based licensed clinicians to prepare them to provide services to first responders (law enforcement, fire, EMS, dispatch/communications and local corrections) and their families. The trainings, which are supported by CARES funding, are planned for **Nov. 5**, **Nov. 17** and **Nov. 19**. Upon completion of the Treating the First Responder training, appropriately licensed clinicians can then choose either Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) or Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR), which will be offered in December. Trainings are limited to 30 participants each. Click [HERE](#) to complete the training application. **Completed applications must be emailed to Vicki.Montesano@mha.ohio.gov by Oct. 29.** Applicants will be notified via email regarding acceptance into the training.

>>> New Law Creates 988 Hotline for Mental Health Emergencies

President Trump has signed into law a bipartisan bill to create a three-digit number for mental health emergencies. The [Federal Communications Commission](#) had already picked **988** as the number for this hotline and aims to have it up and running **by July 2022**. The existing [National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](#) is a 10-digit number — 1-800-273-TALK — and it has seen a rise in call volume in recent years. Still, the number isn't easy to remember or dial in times of crisis, [according to advocates](#), who say the three-digit number will be widely accepted and used.

988
SUICIDE HOTLINE

>>> OhioMHAS Annual Forensic Conference

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the [2020 Forensic Conference](#) will consist of four, two-hour workshops presented live, online on Nov. 3, Nov. 12, Nov. 17, and Nov. 19. Sessions are \$35 individually, or \$105 for all four. CEs will be offered. Registration will be open until Nov. 1. For questions about the conference programs, contact Robert Baker, Ph.D., at Robert.Baker@mha.ohio.gov. For questions about the registration process, contact Erin Harper at eharper@forpsycheval.org.

Workshops include:

Nov. 3 | 9-11 a.m. | [Assessment of Malingering in Vulnerable Populations](#)

Nov. 12 | 1-3 p.m. | [Forensic Evaluations: Lessons learned for Access and Quality](#)

Nov. 17 | 9-11 a.m. | [Assessment of Feigning and Minimization Using Videoconference and Online Methods](#)

Nov. 19 | 1-3 p.m. | [Self-care and Resilience](#)

Pop-Up Testing Sites

WANT TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

ANYONE CAN GET A NO-COST TEST AT THESE LOCATIONS WEEK OF OCT. 26- NOV. 1

OCT. 26 Washington Court House Fayette County Fairgrounds 213 Fairview Ave. Washington Court House, Ohio 43160 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OCT. 28 Bowling Green Carter Park 401 Campbell Hill Road Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Marietta Marietta College PA Parking Lot 208 Third St. Marietta, Ohio 45750 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OCT. 29 Columbus PrimaryOne Health 2300 W Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43204 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Portsmouth Kendall Heights Apartment Complex (Parking Lot) 1701 Kendall Ave. Portsmouth, Ohio 45662 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Youngstown St. John's Episcopal Church 323 Wick Avenue Youngstown, Ohio 44503 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	OCT. 30 Hillsboro Highland County Fairgrounds 604 John St. Hillsboro, Ohio 45133 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
OCT. 27 Springfield Rocking Horse Community Health Center 651 S. Limestone St. Springfield, Ohio 45505 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Sylvania Sylvania Tam-O-Shanter 7060 W. Sylvania Ave. Sylvania, Ohio 43560 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	NOV. 1 Cincinnati Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Parking Lot (Maslow's Army) 1000 Sycamore St. Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.		

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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

10.22.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Ohio State pharmacy student who lost brother to overdose raps about opioid epidemic](#)

10.21.20 | *Fremont News-Messenger* [Pandemic has heightened local addiction struggles](#)

10.21.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Franklin County Public Health launches campaign to fight the stigma of addiction](#)

10.21.20 | *The New York Times* [Purdue Pharma plea offers little solace to survivors of opioid crisis](#)

10.21.20 | *Forbes* [How remote working affects your mental health](#)

10.21.20 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Nord Center and The LCADA Way announce joint crisis service expansion](#)

10.20.20 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Troubling trend: Ohioans appear to be smoking more amid pandemic stress](#)

10.20.20 | *WSAZ-TV* [Portsmouth business 'lifting' the burden of opioid epidemic](#)

10.20.20 | *OSU Lantern* [Ohio State alum advocates for addiction recovery communities](#)

10.20.20 | *WTVG-TV* [Toledo orgs receive \\$800K to combat COVID suicide crisis](#)



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