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>>> Measuring Access Points: Capacity Measurements

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has long been able to describe the number and characteristics of clients and how they are served in Ohio's publicly funded behavioral health system. The problem with knowing only how many publicly funded clients are served is that it does not allow for a picture of the full system's capacity. To gain a better picture of the system's full capacity, OhioMHAS has developed a tool, called [Measuring Access Points \(MAP\)](#), to measure the treatment capacity of Ohio community behavioral health treatment providers as the sum of used and unused slots.

Benefits of this analysis include:

- Planning on the state and local level
- Analyze information for what communities have service gaps and provide technical assistance to close those gaps
- Answer inquiries from legislature and media on the capacity of the field

It is vitally important that as many provider agencies as possible participate in this project. OhioMHAS is planning on deploying the tool in mid-November 2020. In the early part of the November, there will be a webinar to go through the data collection tool and respond to questions. The tool will be active for roughly two weeks. Questions can be emailed to laura.potts@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Ohio Medicaid Opens Bid for Specialized, Kids-focused Managed Care Plan

The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) released its [request for applications \(RFA\)](#) inviting bidders to submit proposals for OhioRISE (Ohio Resilience through Integrated Systems and Excellence), a specialized managed care program serving Ohio's kids with the most complex behavioral health and multisystem needs. OhioRISE will introduce a child- and family-centric plan covering targeted behavioral health services. The model will consist of a network of behavior health providers and care management entities that work together to deliver intensive, coordinated services and reach more children and families statewide. OhioRISE will fill a void that leaves many children and families without access to the care they need.

>>> Reminder: Federal Provider Relief Funding Application Deadline Nov. 6

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has [announced \\$20 billion](#) in new Phase 3 Provider Relief funding. Funding for this Phase 3 General Distribution was made possible through the bipartisan CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which allocated \$175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other health care providers. Providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use issues exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments. **The deadline to apply is Friday, Nov. 6.** For updates and to learn more about the Provider Relief Program, visit: hhs.gov/providerrelief.



>>> Radio Station Hosts Be Present Video Contest

A Columbus-area radio station is encouraging listeners to join the Be Present movement by [sending a video to WNCI](#) explaining why mental health is important to you and a time that you were present for a friend. The entry deadline is November 15, 2020.

Pop-Up Testing Sites

WANT TO GET TESTED FOR COVID-19?

ANYONE CAN GET A NO-COST TEST AT THESE LOCATIONS WEEK OF NOV. 2–NOV. 8

NOV. 3. Springfield The Dome 700 S. Limestone St. Springfield, Ohio 45505 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	NOV. 5 Columbus PrimaryOne Health 2300 W. Broad St. Columbus, Ohio 43204 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. South Point Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce 216 Collins Ave. South Point, Ohio 45680 12:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Youngstown Christ Centered Church 3300 Hudson Avenue Youngstown, Ohio 44511 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	NOV. 6 London Molly Caren Agricultural Center 135 OH-38 London, Ohio 43140 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. NOV. 7 Ironton Pick'n Save Foods 1113 Ironton Hills Drive Ironton, Ohio 45638 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Reynoldsburg Huber Park 1640 Davidson Dr. Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	NOV. 8 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.

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