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>>> State Opioid Response (1.0) No Cost Extension Memo and Upcoming SOR (2.0) RFPs

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) issued a [memo](#) today to all boards and providers that received State Opioid Response (1.0) grant funding. The first round of the SOR 1.0 grant period ends Sept. 29, 2020 (today). OhioMHAS applied for a No Cost Extension (NCE) and received the Notice of Award Sept. 21, 2020. The No Cost Extension budget period begins Sept. 30, 2020 and ends Sept. 29, 2021. An NCE of up to 12 months, with no additional federal funds, may be granted for a federally supported project based on one of the following situations: 1. To ensure completion of the originally approved project goals. 2. To permit an orderly phase-out of a project that will not receive continuation support (i.e. the project is in its last budget year and has not received a continuation award). The department is working to extend funding to SOR 1.0 grantees who meet the above referenced criteria by renewing the grants within Grants Funding Management System (GFMS). This process will take place during the week of Sept. 28, 2020 and we ask that you check your status in the GFMS system throughout the week. Click [HERE](#) to read the full SOR 1.0 No Cost Extension Memo. If you have any questions regarding SOR NCE, please email Ellen Augspurger Ellen.Augspurger@mha.ohio.gov.



Meanwhile, the State Opioid Response 2.0 Grant opportunity is a new and distinct grant opportunity that must be awarded based on a response to an RFP. There are two upcoming Requests for Proposals that will be issued within the next two weeks. The first will include a Request for Proposal to the ADAMHS Boards and the second will cover the Evaluation requirements of the Grant. A third Request for Proposal will be released for non-Board funded providers and projects in early November 2020. Please continue to visit the OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities page, <https://mha.ohio.gov/Schools-andCommunities/Funding-Opportunities> to remain aware of all funding opportunities the department offers. If you have any questions regarding the SOR 2.0, please email Christine Sielski at Christine.Sielski@mha.ohio.gov.

>>> Peer Recovery Supporter Employment Portal

In an effort to connect OhioMHAS-trained Peer Recovery Supporters with potential employers, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will be promoting the OhioPeers.org employment portal to all Peer Recovery Supporter Training participants. If you are interested in adding Peer Recovery Supporters to your organization, please consider posting open positions at this web address: <https://ohiopeers.org/jobs/>.

>>> Drinking More Lately? How Much is too Much?

Do you enjoy a drink now and then? Many adults do, often when socializing with friends and family. For anyone who drinks, the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) [Rethinking Drinking website](#) offers valuable, research-based information. The site challenges visitors to examine drinking habits and risks, and offers strategies and tools for reducing alcohol consumption and asking for help. It also defines what constitutes a “standard” drink. NIAAA also offers resources on the negative health effects for [underage drinkers](#).



>>> FDA Warns of “Benadryl Challenge” Among Teens on Social Media

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued a [warning](#) to health care professionals regarding a “Benadryl Challenge” that is currently popular among teens and young adults on social media. In an alert issued Sept. 24, the FDA



cautioned that taking higher than recommended doses of the common over-the-counter (OTC) allergy medicine Benadryl (diphenhydramine) can lead to serious heart problems, seizures, coma, or even death. The FDA cited news reports of teenagers ending up in emergency rooms or dying after participating in the “Benadryl Challenge” which has been encouraged in videos posted on the social media application TikTok. In response, the FDA recommends that consumers, parents, and caregivers should store diphenhydramine and all other OTC and prescription medicines [out of children’s reach](#)

and sight. The FDA also recommends that parents and other caregivers [lock up](#) medicines to prevent accidental poisonings by children and misuse by teens, especially when they are home more often due to the COVID-19 pandemic and may be more likely to experiment.

For more 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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