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>>> OhioMHAS Hospital Services White Paper

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is pleased to announce the release of a new policy paper, *Key Issues: Overview of the State Psychiatric System and Services*. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the OhioMHAS' hospitals, who they serve, the challenges facing the system today, and some considerations for system improvement.

>>> New Virtual Series: Opioid Use Disorder and Impact on the Hispanic/Latino Community



As part of Ohio's State Opioid Response grant initiative, [Lisette Quinones Ministries, Inc.](#), will present a series of virtual trainings on opioid use disorder and its impact on the Hispanic/Latino community. Lisette Quinones, founder and executive director will be joined by faith-based leaders and subject matter experts to increase awareness about the Opioid Crisis, prevention, treatment, recovery, and disparities felt in the Hispanic/Latino community; and a special session on COVID-19: Potential Implications for Individuals with Substance Use Disorders. All sessions begin at 11 a.m., and will be

presented in English with bilingual translation and interpretation provided. Click the links below to register for upcoming sessions. Questions? Please email quinonesministries@gmail.com or call 216.400.7286.

Sept. 16 | [Opioid Use Disorder: What is it and who is it hurting?](#)

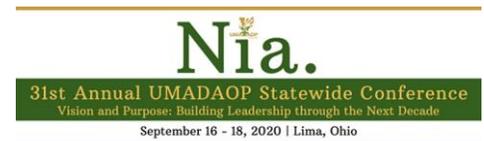
Sept. 23 | [Harm Reduction Ohio – Dispelling the Myths](#)

Sept. 30 | [COVID-19: Potential Implications for Individuals with SUD](#)

>>> 31st Annual UMADAOP (Virtual) Statewide Conference – Sept. 16-18

The Lima Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (UMADAOP) will host the 31st Annual Statewide UMADAOP Conference, “Nia. Vision and Purpose: Building Leadership Through the Next Decade,” on Sept. 16-18. This year's conference features sessions on addressing health

disparities, advocacy, recovery and treatment, intersectionality, working with communities of faith, and more. Featured presenters include: Lair Marin-Marcum, community liaison, Ohio Latino Affairs Commission; Jean-Philippe Dorval, advocacy public policy liaison, Prevention Action Alliance; Lynette Cashaw Davis, OhioMHAS; and, Dr. Dawn Thomas, prevention systems manager, OhioMHAS. Cost is \$50. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



>>> The Intersection of Racism, Discrimination and Mental Health in Communities of Color – Sept. 17

The National Hispanic and Latino Mental Health Technology Transfer Center (MHTTC) Network will host “The Intersection of Racism, Discrimination and Mental Health in Communities of Color” on Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. This webinar will discuss terms related to racism, institutional racism, and prejudice and their impact on the mental health of communities of color. The presenter will address, practices, policies, and regulations that perpetuate an imbalance of power and opportunity in mental health systems for communities of color and will provide recommendations for practitioners. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Virtual Summit: Hope Rising for Suicide Prevention – Sept. 26

Register today for the free, global [Hope Rising Virtual Summit](#) to be held Saturday, Sept. 26. The 12-hour event will feature more than 100 speakers addressing a variety of topics including: minimizing the impacts of COVID-19; advocacy; clinical best practices; technology; peer support crisis services; 988; substance use support groups; wellness; creativity; schools; workplace; youth empowerment; spirituality; and more. Presenters include: suicide attempt survivors; loss survivors; impacted family and friends; clinicians; physicians; advocates; youth; LGBTQ; BIPOC; veterans; health care workers; athletes; musicians; first responders; teachers; faith leaders; tech entrepreneurs; wellness experts; and others. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



>>> Save-the-Date: Ohio Trauma-Informed Schools Conference – Nov. 7

Mark your calendar. The Ohio Department of Education will host the 2020 (Virtual) Ohio Trauma-Informed Schools Conference on Nov. 7 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Conference sessions will provide information and tools that help school personnel and community partners better understand the impact of trauma and how to apply trauma-informed practices at the district, building and classroom levels to best support the whole child. Virtual sessions will be led by educators, school personnel, mental health providers, community partners, medical professionals and others with competence and experience to train trauma-informed practices in schools ensuring that *Every School is Trauma Informed*. More information, including registration, will be available on the [conference web page](#).

>>> Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Tobacco Cessation Webinars

The University of California-San Francisco Smoking Cessation Leadership Center (SCLC) is offering free CMEs/CEs through a recorded collection of webinars on tobacco cessation. [Collection A](#) features six webinars, for a total of 7.0 CE credits. Topics include: veterans and tobacco; cessation efforts in public housing and community health centers; systems change for tobacco cessation; vaping and eCigarettes in the behavioral health population; FDA regulations in tobacco products; and non-daily smokers. [Collection B](#) features 10 webinars, for a total of 11.0 CE credits. Topics include: update on cessation from the OSH; CDC, cessation for the Medicaid population; opioids and tobacco use; tobacco-free behavioral health settings; smoke-free public housing project; nicotine cessation across disciplines; improving cessation efforts by using data, race and structural racism in tobacco; using quitlines to reduce disparities among tobacco on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Asian populations; and the health effects of nicotine.



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.

In the News

- 9.9.20 | *Prevention Action Alliance* [FASD Awareness Day](#)
- 9.9.20 | *Findlay Courier* [NAMI seeks to start suicide conversations](#)
- 9.8.20 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Mental Health Recovery Services Board launches campaign for National Suicide Prevention Month](#)
- 9.8.20 | *CNN* [Talking robots could be used to combat loneliness and boost mental health in care homes](#)
- 9.8.20 | *Xenia Gazette* [MHRB distributing suicide prevention toolkits](#)
- 9.8.20 | *WEWS-TV* [Young girls report feeling stressed, depressed due to COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- 9.7.20 | *WXIX-TV* [MorningXtra: September is National Recovery Month – Mental health service providers adjust to the pandemic](#)
- 9.7.20 | *Richland Source* [NAMI Richland County presents Ending the Silence program](#)
- 9.7.20 | *WCH Record-Herald* [DRD working to combat veteran suicide rate](#)
- 9.6.20 | *The Washington Post* [During pandemic, growth of U.S. adults with mental health issues jumps to 53 percent](#)
- 9.6.20 | *Bellefontaine Examiner* [Agency spotlight: MHDAS Board provides strong support system in pandemic times](#)
- 9.6.20 | *WEWS-TV* [Walls of Love dedicates wall to suicide prevention awareness, local men who died by suicide](#)



- 9.5.20 | *Dayton Daily News* [With skyrocketing demand for telehealth, Ohio Medicaid to make option permanent](#)
- 9.5.20 | *WSYX-TV* [Nina Day discusses new campaign to help kids dealing with mental health amid pandemic](#)
- 9.5.20 | *Hamilton Journal-News* [Officials: Pandemic increasing depression, stresses that could lead to suicide](#)
- 9.5.20 | *Salem News (Column)* [Women with Alcohol Use Disorder struggle more](#)
- 9.4.20 | *Forbes* [Meet the black men making mental health less taboo](#)
- 9.4.20 | *WEWS-TV* [Cleveland Police Department reeling after losing two of their own](#)
- 9.4.20 | *Columbus Dispatch* [COVID-19 not slowing drug trafficking, overdose deaths](#)
- 9.4.20 | *Cleveland.com* [Disability Rights Ohio turns to video visits to monitor facilities, and finds there are some benefits](#)
- 9.3.20 | *WTOL-TV* [Weight of pandemic puts emphasis on importance of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month](#)
- 9.3.20 | *Healio* [Timely follow-up reduces suicide risk for youths discharged from psychiatric hospitals](#)
- 9.3.20 | *WNWO-TV* [Latta, FCC commissioner visit local businesses to observe remote services](#)
- 9.3.20 | *WSYX-TV* [Ohio has one of only a few 'sober' high schools across the country](#)

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