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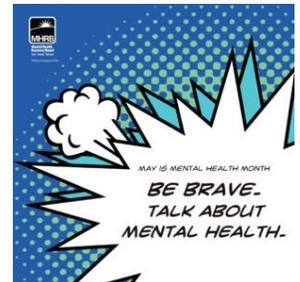
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>>> Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health COE Webinar Recording

In case you missed the April 7 introductory webinar highlighting Ohio's new Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, the webinar recording and PowerPoint slides are now [available online](#). Click [HERE](#) to view the recording and [HERE](#) to download the slides. Click [HERE](#) to read a media release announcing Case Western Reserve University's Center for Innovative Practices being selected to coordinate the COE, and to review a background document. Responses to questions asked during the webinar will be available soon.

>>> Clark, Greene, Madison Board Unveils Mental Health Month Toolkit

In recognition of *May as Mental Health Month*, the Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Greene, and Madison counties has created the [Be brave. Talk about mental health](#) awareness toolkit. The campaign uses fictional and personal storytelling to normalize the discussion of mental health in public and private conversations. The toolkit includes sample social media posts, graphics, a press release template, and flyers. Messaging using the #BraveMentalHealth hashtag features quotes from comic book characters, celebrity role models, and local leaders. It is designed to emphasize the following core messages:



- Talking about mental health is the first step to reducing stigma about finding mental health help for yourself and others.
- If superheroes and real-life role models have mental health problems, then it is common for everyone else to have them, too.
- Mental health problems don't require superhero powers to solve. Resources and information empower people to protect their own mental health, ask for help, and advocate for more resources in their communities.

>>> Suicide Risk in Uncertain Times – May 6

As part of the Ohio Prevention Conference virtual training series, The Ohio State University College of Social Work and OhioMHAS are hosting a free [Suicide Risk in Uncertain Times](#) training on May 6 from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Presented by Dr. Thomas Joiner of Florida State University, this session will review basic facts about the epidemiology and risk factors for death by suicide, including under a pandemic, review a theory of suicidal behavior, and learn about approaches to suicide risk assessment and mitigation. Click [HERE](#) to register by May 5.

>>> ASAM Criteria Survey

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is conducting a [survey](#) to seek comments from diverse stakeholders including treatment providers, system administrators, health plans, policy makers, and patients and families on experiences with *The ASAM Criteria* to help inform the upcoming 4th edition. Feedback is needed on what is working well, barriers to or challenges with implementation, and what can be improved in the next edition. The survey is designed to allow respondents to fill out the sections that are most relevant to their experience. Respondents are not required to fill out the entire survey in order to submit a response. The deadline to participate is **May 14**.

>>> New Underage Drinking Prevention Resource

With the rollout of vaccines and restrictions lifting, teens and young adults are eager to be more social. While there is joy in allowing our kids to be with their friends safely, there may be renewed worry about the risks of youth drinking. This Alcohol Awareness Month, the [Partnership to End Addiction](#) has introduced a new guide, [Alcohol: What Families Need to Know to Help Protect Young People](#), with all the information to help families begin — or continue — a conversation about alcohol. The guide includes information on a variety of topics, including:



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- Health risks of youth drinking
- Signs of alcohol poisoning
- Different types of alcohol (it's not just beer and beverages)
- How to know if your child is drinking
- How to set clear expectations and consequences if your child is drinking

>>> New Drug Impaired Driving Campaign

**IF YOU FEEL DIFFERENT
YOU DRIVE DIFFERENT
DRIVE HIGH GET A DUI**

Drug-impaired driving is an growing problem on our nation's roads. In recent years, states across the country have passed laws legalizing recreational and/or medical marijuana, which has intensified the impaired-driving issue. In response, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has developed [If you feel different, you drive different!](#), a new social norming campaign to help combat driving under the influence of marijuana.

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, for Telehealth questions, email COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov, and for Vaccine questions email BHCOVID19vaccine@mha.ohio.gov. Ohio Careline 1-800-720-9616. Click [HERE](#) for a list of pop-up COVID-19 Testing Sites and [HERE](#) for the latest SAMHSA COVID-19 training and technical assistance resources.

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