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>>> Angelika McClelland to Lead OhioMHAS Office of Public Affairs

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) today announced the appointment of Angelika McClelland as Deputy Director for Public Affairs. McClelland, who most recently served as Director of Communications for the Ohio Senate Majority Caucus, will join the Department on Feb. 22. She brings nearly 23 years of experience in communications to OhioMHAS. In her new role, McClelland will oversee the agency's internal/external communications, legislative affairs, and behavioral health policy team. Prior to her work in the Senate, McClelland managed special projects and events for the Ohio Republican Party and served as manager of external communications for L Brands, Inc. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism with a minor in Social Studies from Bob Jones University and is a 2010 graduate of the Jo Ann Davidson Leadership Institute. McClelland replaces Jamie Carmichael who transitioned to a new role with the Ohio Department of Health in December.



>>> Telehealth Provider Survey – Response Period Extended to Feb. 26

OhioMHAS licensed and/or certified providers are invited to participate in a [telehealth survey](#). The Department seeks to gain an understanding of provider experiences with telehealth implementation with a special focus on technology/community needs to broaden access to telehealth, available community resources, and enhancing workforce capacity and/or competence. Please submit one survey response per organization. If your organization has more than one site and responses vary, please complete one survey per site. **The deadline to participate has been extended to Feb. 26.**

>>> RFP: Creating Lasting Family Connection Curriculum Implementation

The Children of Incarcerated Parents, a [program](#) of Mansfield Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Programs (UMADAOP), with support from OhioMHAS, is offering a [funding opportunity](#) (maximum of \$5,000) for up to seven community and/or faith-based organizations interested in implementing Creating Lasting Family Connection Curriculum in a community setting. The goal of this RFP is to create a funded opportunity for CLFC certified trainers to engage in a learning collaborative with their peers and receive technical assistance in order to build community capacity to implement CLFC within a community setting. Click the funding opportunity link to view the RFP. The deadline to apply is **March 12 by 5 p.m.**



>>> Human Trafficking: Knowing the Basics Can Save a Life Webinar – March 4

As part of the 2021 Behavioral Health Workforce Development Series, The Ohio State University College of Social Work will host "Human Trafficking: Knowing the Basics Can Save a Life" webinar on March 4 from 9-11:15 a.m. Led by Sr. Anne Victory, HM, RN, MSN, director of education for the Cleveland-based Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, this program will explore the basics of human trafficking, the scope of the issue, who is vulnerable, who the perpetrators are, and how to respond to a suspected case of human trafficking. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register by March 3.

>>> NAMI Ohio Virtual Annual Meeting – April 22

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Ohio chapter will hold its virtual annual meeting on April 22 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Participants will learn about NAMI Ohio's legislative advocacy priorities and how to best advocate for individuals and families impacted by mental illness. Click [HERE](#) to register. Additional program information will be emailed to all registered attendees as it is finalized. Questions? Contact Katie Dillon-Luli at katie@namiohio.org.



>>> 2021 Virtual We Are the Majority Rally – May 7



Save the date! The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network ([OYLPN](#)) has announced plans to host the 10th Annual (Virtual) We Are the Majority Rally on May 7 at 5 p.m. This year's theme is "Mindset Matters." COVID-19 has turned teens' lives upside down, and mindset matters when youth take back control of their mental health. Mindset matters when teens are cut off from their regular coping mechanisms due to social distancing and school closings. Mindset matters when youth are desperate for escape but are nonetheless committed to using healthy coping mechanisms instead of drugs and alcohol to find relief. Over the next couple of months, OYLPN will explore the Mindset Matters theme and its relationship to behavioral health, including the importance of coping skills to help young people remain in the majority of youth who don't misuse drugs or alcohol. Click [HERE](#) to sign up for WATM Rally updates. Click [HERE](#) to watch the 2020 Virtual WATM Rally.

>>> Free Military Training with CEUs – Star Behavioral Health Providers

Star Behavioral Health Providers (SBHP) is an initiative in Ohio developed through a collaboration with the Ohio National Guard, Ohio Department of Veterans Services, OhioMHAS, The Ohio State University, American Red Cross, OhioCares, the Military Family Research Institute at Purdue University, and the Center for Deployment Psychology. The mission of this program is to create an opportunity for licensed Ohio behavioral health providers to receive specific evidence-based training that will help them meet the needs of the state's service members and their families. Providers receiving the training will then be listed on a comprehensive provider registry that will identify them as having completed this training in military issues. The registry will serve as a valuable resource for service members, families, and referring professionals in and outside the military. The training is free to participants, and continuing education units (CEUs) may be earned at no cost: Ohio Counselors & Social Workers (7.5hrs); Ohio Psychologists (7.0hrs); and Ohio Chemical Dependency Counselors (7.5hrs). For more information, and a schedule of upcoming training dates, visit <http://www.starproviders.org>.



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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