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Mike DeWine, Governor
Lori Criss, Director



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>>> Director Criss to Provide Budget Testimony Today Before House Finance HHS Sub-Committee

Due to a scheduling change, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Lori Criss will provide budget testimony before members of the [House Finance Sub-Committee on Health and Human Services](#) today at 4 p.m. The hearing will be broadcast live on [The Ohio Channel](#) and archived for later viewing. Stay up-to-date on budget related matters by visiting the [OhioMHAS Budget and Legislation web page](#).



>>> Adolescents with Co-Occurring Needs 2021 Spring Training Series

OhioMHAS and the Center for Innovative Practices at Case Western Reserve University will revisit five topics centered around providing care to youth with co-occurring mental health and substance use needs in the *Adolescents with Co-Occurring Needs Spring 2021 Training Series*. This series will repeat the same popular topics from the Fall series, though not recorded replays. The free trainings will be presented live virtually (Zoom), and provide continuing education credits from the Ohio Counselor, RN, Social Worker and Marriage and Family Therapist Board in addition to continuing education credits through the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board. All trainings are 9 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Click the links below for more information and to register.

March 5 | [Screening and Assessment](#)

March 19 | [Adolescent ASAM](#)

April 9 | [Adolescents: Differential Considerations](#)

April 23 | [Youth and Family Engagement](#)

May 7 | [Motivational Interviewing: Part I](#)

May 14 | [Motivational Interviewing: Part II](#)

>>> Nationwide Children's Hospital Offering Media Trainings for Public Health Professionals

The Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital has announced will host three media training workshops for public health professionals. Effective communication in public health has never been more important. In today's crowded media climate, it can be challenging to break through to the audience you are trying to reach. Participants will learn the skills needed to share research, promote programs, and create safer, healthier communities through the media and social media. Each training is a one-day, four-hour online workshop. Discounts are available for attending multiple trainings. CHES credits available for some trainings. Visit www.NationwideChildrens.org/CIRP-Media-Workshop for details and to register.

Training topics include:

- Media 101: Beginner's Guide to Working with the Media
- Media 201: Mastering Your Messaging and Owning Your Interview
- Social Media: Public Health in the Digital Age

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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