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>>> Ohio's Virtual Recovery Series: Healing Power of Art – Jan. 19
The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA) Virtual Recovery Series will continue Jan. 19 at 3 p.m. with an art-based webinar featuring visual artist, activist, culture changer, and founder of the Returning Artists Guild Aimee Wissman. Aimee works as an arts administrator by day, is a student by night, and an artist all the time. Her work deals with the impacts and implications of incarceration, addiction, and societal infrastructure through material exploration and community action. Aimee will walk participants through her journey of using art to heal from her past traumas and addiction. She will also lead short interactive exercises to demonstrate the healing power of art.

Sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and The Cardinal Health Foundation, the Virtual Recovery Series highlights important issues related to recovery from both mental illness and substance use disorder and provide opportunities for learning and connection for those in recovery, their loved ones, and behavioral health professionals. **This webinar has been approved for continuing education credits for Ohio Certified Peer Recovery Supporters**. Attendees will receive a certificate of completion following the event. CEs for other disciplines will not be provided.

>>> MACC Cultural Conversations: African Americans and the COVID-19 Vaccine – Jan. 28
Multiethnic Advocates for Cultural Competence, Inc. (MACC) will host its next *Cultural Conversation -- Just the Facts, You Decide: the COVID Vaccine and the African American Community* on Jan. 28 from 6-8 p.m. The virtual presentation will feature the following panelists: Dr. Danielle Jackson, Yale School of Medicine; Dr. Frederic Bertley, president and CEO of COSI Columbus; Dr. Mysheika Roberts, Columbus health commissioner; and Dr. Karen Small, Wurapa Preventative Medicine. MACC Executive Director Tracy Maxwell Heard will serve as moderator. Panelists will provide a historical reflection explaining why African Americans have such a mistrust toward the healthcare system and then ask and answer all the questions on the table around the vaccine. Click HERE for more information and HERE to register.

>>> Proposals Sought: Ohio's 2021 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference
OACBHA, in partnership with OhioMHAS, will host *Ohio's 2021 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference: Exploring Better Pathways for Care* on May 11-13. This will be Ohio's 11th annual Opiate Conference and its first ever virtual Opiate Conference experience. The conference will focus on opiates, stimulants, and other substance use disorders, and specifically highlight efforts related to prevention, education, intervention, treatment, recovery, family supports, community engagement, and more. OACBHA is currently accepting presentation proposals. To be considered, please complete the Call For Papers Form. Information on sponsorships, exhibitor opportunities, and individual registration will soon be available.

>>> Peer Recovery Supporter Trainings for Women Ages 18-23

Moxie Girl is hosting a 40-hour online Peer Recovery Supporter Training for women ages 18-23. To attend, individuals must be in recovery from a mental health and/or substance use issue. Trainings, which are held on weekends from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., are scheduled for: Feb. 13-14, Feb. 20-21, Feb. 27-28, March 6-7, and March 13-14. For more information and to register, please contact Heather Moster: heather@moxiegirl.co.

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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1.12.21 | *Dayton Business Journal* CareSource selects CEO for new venture with Ohio Children's Alliance

1.12.21 | *WDTN-TV* Ohio AG reveals record surge of opioid overdoses during start of pandemic

1.12.21 | *Gallipolis Daily Tribune* CPR discusses vaccines, drug overdose rates

1.12.21 | *Dayton Daily News* Stop smoking programs encouraged as Ohio tobacco sales increase during pandemic

1.12.21 | *Romper* Mental health resources for kids and teens who are struggling

1.11.21 | *WTVG-TV* A mother's plea to reserve judgment on daughter's overdose death goes viral

1.11.21 | *Chillicothe Gazette* Hope Partnership Project navigates impact of COVID-19 on recovery

1.11.21 | *WXIX-TV* 'How to step away:' Local teen engaging peers, parents on healthy social media use

1.11.21 | *Public News Service* Opioid crisis: free kits can reverse effects of overdose

1.11.21 | *Open Minds* Sandusky County discussing pilot with Seneca & Wyandot counties to create joint treatment foster home

1.11.21 | *Lorain Morning-Journal* Lorain County MHARS Board engages search firm to find new executive director

1.11.21 | *Sandusky Register* Huron County among top 10 in overdose deaths

1.10.21 | *Spectrum 1* New App helps caseworkers find housing for mentally ill clients

1.9.21 | *WCMH-TV* Raising awareness about problem gambling

1.9.21 | *Marietta Times* $400K budgeted for mobile TMS clinic

1.9.21 | *Ashtabula Star Beacon* 2020 saw higher number of local overdoses

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