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## >>> OCAAR Announces Summer Recovery Peer Support Booster Program

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) has announced plans to host a virtual Recovery Peer Support Booster program, offering peer supporters up to 9 CEUs. The eight-module series, presented over three Fridays this Summer, will equip and empower peers to elevate their skills to the next level. Topics covered, include: Peer Support 101, Professionalism in Peer Support, Trauma-Informed Care, Cultural Competence, Self-Care, Multiple Pathways, Motivational Interviewing, and Ethics & Boundaries. Questions? Please email Stefanie Robinson at [srobinson@oca-ohio.org](mailto:srobinson@oca-ohio.org). Click the links to below to register for each date.



**June 25** – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | [Peer Support 101 and Trauma-Informed Care](#)

**July 30** – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | [Professionalism, Motivational Interviewing, Self-Care](#)

**Aug. 27** – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. | [Cultural Competence, Multiple Pathways, Ethics & Boundaries](#)

## >>> Work Incentive and Benefits Planning Training For Peer Supporters – July 6

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Recovery Supports Peer Service/Employment team is hosting a [Work Incentive and Benefits Planning training](#) on July 6 from 10-11:30 a.m. Participants will learn about work incentives, why they are important and how they can be crucial for people entering or returning to the workforce. Participants will obtain helpful resources and a better understanding of how work is possible for individuals with behavioral health conditions. Click the link for registration details. Questions? Please email [peerservices@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:peerservices@mha.ohio.gov).

## >>> Weitzman ECHO Series for Ohio: Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Care Kickoff Session – July 15

Registration is now open for [Weitzman ECHO Comprehensive Substance Use Disorder Care](#), a no-cost learning program that will feature a multidisciplinary team of experts from Ohio University, Buckeye Health Plan, and Ohio federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) who will provide advice and guidance to help solve patients' complex health needs related to substance use disorders. This one year, 24-session ECHO will meet via Zoom on the first and third Thursdays of each month from noon-1 pm. to connect primary care providers, behavioral health providers, and other care team members in Ohio to a community of peers and subject-matter experts. Each one-hour session will consist of a brief didactic presentation on key issues followed by real patient cases with actionable recommendations. CME, CNE, CPE, and CEU credits will be provided for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, clinical pharmacists, and clinical social workers, among others, by Community Health Center, Inc., an accredited provider through Joint Accreditation for Interprofessional Continuing Education. Seats are limited, so [register](#) soon.



## >>> Ohio Children's Alliance July 26-29 Annual Conference Keynotes Announced

The Ohio Children's Alliance has announced its keynote speaker lineup for the [Transforming Care for Kids: 45th Annual Virtual Conference](#) scheduled for July 26-29. Keynote presenters will include: State Representatives Scott Lipps (R-Franklin), Chair of Health, and Thomas West (D-Canton), Chair of Black Caucus; Dr. Ann Ordway with Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers; Dr. Jonathan Thackeray from Dayton Children's Hospital; and Directors Maureen Corcoran, Ohio Medicaid, and Lori Criss, OhioMHAS. Click [HERE](#) to view the conference agenda and [HERE](#) to register.



### >>> HRSA SUD Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) is inviting eligible clinicians to apply for its [Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Loan Repayment Program](#) (STAR-LRP). The program offers up to \$250,000 in loan repayment. Click [HERE](#) to view a fact sheet, [HERE](#) to view the application and guidance document, [HERE](#) for eligibility requirements (including eligible health care disciplines and specialties), and [HERE](#) to watch tutorial videos on how to complete and submit an application. Applications will be accepted through **July 22**. Priority will be given to applicants who work in counties where the overdose death rate or the past three years is higher than the national average (Tier 1) and to individuals who work for organizations within a [Mental Health Professional Shortage Area](#) (Tier 2).

For information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://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](mailto:covid19BH@mha.ohio.gov). For COVID-19-related OTP questions, email [OTP\\_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:OTP_COVID19@mha.ohio.gov), for Housing questions, email [COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov), for Telehealth questions, email [COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19BHTelehealth@mha.ohio.gov), and for Vaccine questions email [BHCOVID19vaccine@mha.ohio.gov](mailto: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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