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>>> PASSR Bureau Staffing Update

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASSR) Bureau has undergone some recent staffing changes following the retirement of Quality Manager/Assistant Bureau Chief George Pelletier. Please be advised that Rebecca Grimm (Rebecca.Grimm@mha.ohio.gov) has been named Quality Manager/Assistant Bureau Chief. In addition, Kathryn Smigielski, LISW (Kathryn.Smigielski@mha.ohio.gov) now serves in the role of Appeals and Community Options Coordinator, where she will represent the PASRR Bureau in state hearings while continuing her work with community transitions, outreach and compliance reporting.

>>> OAC Rules Update for BH Professionals and Providers

The OhioMHAS Bureau of Licensure and Certification issued a [memo](#) updating rules following the end of the COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration on June 18. The affected rules include: **OAC 5122-30-27** Transfer and discharge rights; **OAC 5122-21-03 (E)(4)** PASSR; **OAC 5122-29-29 (D)** Assertive Community Treatment; and **OAC 5122-40-07** Program policies and patient records.

>>> Promotoras de Salud Toolkit: Mindfulness for Latinos – June 30

The Ohio Latino Affairs Commission will conclude its four-part [Promotoras de Salud virtual training series](#) on June 30 at 3:30 p.m. with a presentation on [Mindfulness for Latinos](#). This presentation will include a discussion of the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) curriculum, a structured intervention developed in 1979 by Dr. Jon Kabat-Zinn to decrease stress, substance use, and improve overall well-being. Presenter [Dianna Parra](#), P.T., M.P.H., Ph.D., 200-HR RYT, IMTA CMTP, will share a modified version of this curriculum developed for immigrant Latino populations. The presenter will address mindfulness practices that may be incorporated into mental health treatment with Latinos as well as the identified benefits of such practices.

>>> RFP: Peer Services Training Curricula – Deadline Extended to July 5

OhioMHAS has issued a [request for proposals](#) to offer two funding opportunities to universities and colleges for the development, implementation, and training of trainers on peer support curricula. Eligible candidates are institutions of higher education; universities and colleges with expertise in behavioral health, mental health and/or substance abuse and expertise in youth and young adult services. Universities and colleges may submit a proposal for one or both funding opportunities. Proposals are due June 18. Learn more on the [State of Ohio Procurement Opportunities web page](#)

>>> NAMI to Host National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month Virtual Event – July 29

In honor of [Bebe Moore Campbell National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month](#), NAMI Ohio is hosting a free “[What Works in My Community](#)” virtual event featuring programs in Ohio that provide programming and outreach to diverse populations on July 29 at 10 a.m. The event will focus on the services these programs provide, what makes them successful, why culturally competent mental health services are critically important, and feature a panel discussion with experts and individuals served by the programs. Click [HERE](#) to register online. Questions? Please email Katie Dillon-Luli at katie@namiohio.org.

>>> New SAMHSA Web Resources to Help Reduce Mental and Substance Use Disorders

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration recently posted several webpages containing a variety of videos, factsheets, and broadcast-quality public service announcements to help individuals and their loved ones connect with and remain in treatment for mental and substance use disorders. Each page contains a brief overview of the topic, ways to obtain help, and additional References and Relevant Resources at the bottom of the page. Some of the resources are available in Spanish as well as English.

Topics include:

- [Living well with serious mental illness](#)
- [Know the risks of methamphetamine](#)
- [Adults and drug use: there is help](#)
- [Mental health treatment works](#)
- [The case for screening and treatment of co-occurring disorders](#)

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.

In the News

- 6.21.21 | *Fremont News-Messenger* [NAMI creating Sandusky County mental health mobile crisis response team](#)
- 6.21.21 | *Wooster Daily Record* [NAMI Walk, 5K raises \\$88,400 for mental health programs](#)
- 6.21.21 | *Psychiatric Times* [Exploring the evolution of depression](#)
- 6.20.21 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Clark County Court receives certification for Family Treatment Court](#)
- 6.19.21 | *WJW-TV* [Ohio man to run entire length of U.S. for mental health awareness](#)
- 6.19.21 | *NPR* [Overdose deaths rose during the War on Drugs, but efforts to reduce them face backlash](#)
- 6.19.21 | *Lorain Morning-Journal* [ADAMHS Board launches 'Life is Better With You Here'](#)
- 6.18.21 | *Ohio News Time* [The "Father's Feelings" program focuses on mental health of new dads](#)
- 6.17.21 | *SpectrumNews1* [Ohio State set to host Midwest's largest addiction education conference](#)
- 6.17.21 | *The New York Times* [Parents and caregivers reported mental health issues more often than others during pandemic, CDC report says](#)
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- 6.17.21 | *NPR* [After 50 years of the War on Drugs, 'What good is it doing for us?'](#)
- 6.17.21 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Advocates: Medicaid benefits system overhaul could hurt behavioral health program for youth, PBM reforms](#)
- 6.16.21 | *Cincinnati Enquirer* [Ohio Senate passes bill to legalize sports betting in Ohio](#)
- 6.1.21 | *WXIX-TV* [Man stops in Cincinnati during ride across America to raise Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder awareness](#)

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