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>>> Latest COVID-19 Fact Sheet Available

Click [HERE](#) to view the latest COVID-19 fact sheet. This edition includes important updates on vaccines, stats, trends, resources, talking points, and more.

>>> REMINDER: Co-Occurring Mental Illness/Intellectual Disability Needs Assessment Survey

The Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Developmental Disabilities invite providers to participate in a Co-Occurring Mental Illness/Intellectual Disability Needs Assessment [survey](#). Responses will help inform policy decisions, plan trainings, and identify barriers to mental health care for individuals with co-occurring mental illness and intellectual disabilities. Survey responses are requested by **Friday, March 26**.

>>> New HPIO Fact Sheet Examines Pandemic, Adverse Childhood Experiences

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released a new fact sheet, [The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\)](#). The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in unprecedented health, social and economic challenges for all Ohioans. These challenges are far-reaching, including loss of loved ones, unemployment, business closures, disruption to K-12 education and increased stress and social isolation. The full extent of the impacts of the pandemic on children and youth will take years to discern. However, early indicators of childhood adversity signal that the pandemic will have substantial impacts on Ohio's health, well-being and economic vitality for years to come. The fact sheet includes links to recent reports that provide evidence-informed policies that can be implemented in Ohio to prevent and mitigate the impacts of ACEs and eliminate disparities.



>>> Ohio University Peer Recovery Supporter Training Program and Apprenticeship



Ohio University is offering a Peer Recovery Supporter (PRS) training and apprenticeship program funded, in part, by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. This program includes the OhioMHAS PRS training and certification and 130 hours field

experience hours at a partnering behavioral health agency. Once a trainee is certified, he or she will be enrolled into an apprenticeship program for 2,000 hours at a partnering behavioral health agency. During the apprenticeship, trainees will have an opportunity to refine the skills gained during training and make community connections. A stipend will be provided to all participants for time spent in the program. Stipends will be paid out at various steps in the program. Participants must be able to travel regularly to one of the following cities for field experience and an apprenticeship: Chillicothe, Hillsboro, Lexington, St. Clairsville. For questions, e-mail Sasha Collins: collinss1@ohio.edu.

>>> Virtual 2021 Statewide Minority Health Month Kickoff and Awards Ceremony – March 30

April is Minority Health Month. The Ohio Commission on Minority Health invites all to attend a virtual kickoff and awards ceremony on March 30 at 9 a.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> Adapting and Accelerating Adult Conference – April 23

In collaboration with [Youth to Youth International](#) and support from the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Services Board and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Nordon Youth to Youth has announced that it will host "Adapting and Accelerating", a one-day, virtual experience for adults serving youth programs

on April 23. The training aims to provide participants with tools and strategies for not only adapting to the needs of young people now, but accelerating and taking their programs to the next level despite the pandemic. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> New Trauma Resource for Providers Serving Hispanic and Latino Populations

The National Hispanic and Latino Mental Health Technology Transfer Center recently released a new booklet on trauma-informed care for providers serving Hispanic and Latino populations. Click [HERE](#) to view/download.

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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