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## >>> Introductory Webinar for New Child and Adolescent BH Center of Excellence – April 7

Make plans to join Governor Mike DeWine's Office of Children's Initiatives and the Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities, Health, Job and Family Services, Medicaid, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Youth Services, and Ohio Family and Children First, for an introductory overview of Ohio's new *Statewide Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health Center of Excellence* on **April 7 at 1 p.m.** Among its primary responsibilities, the new Center will be responsible for building and sustaining a standardized assessment process, evaluating the effectiveness of services, and expanding service and care coordination capacity for children with complex behavioral health needs and their families. The Center will also provide orientation, training, coaching, mentoring, and other functions/supports as needed to support Ohio's statewide child caring provider network. Registration is not required. Please use [this link](#) to join the Microsoft Teams meeting. Click [HERE](#) for a fact sheet about the new Center and [HERE](#) to view the March 10 media release announcing Case Western Reserve University's Center for Innovative Practices as the coordinator for the new Center.



## >>> Latest OSAM Drug Trend Report Available

The Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network has released its latest report, *Surveillance of Drug Trends in the State of Ohio – January-June 2020*. Click [HERE](#) to access the full report and [HERE](#) for a complete archive of OSAM reports.

## >>> RFP: Ohio Problem Gambling Helpline for SFY 2022-23

Proposals are being accepted now through the [state procurement portal](#) for a vendor that will operate the Ohio Problem Gambling Helpline – a 24 hour, 365 days a year live call specialist helpline (or online chat) for individuals concerned about their own gambling behavior or that of a friend or family member. The Helpline vendor will also provide accurate, updated and easy-to-use online resources for Ohio residents to obtain information and referrals for help with the consequences of problem gambling and Gambling Disorder. In SFY 2020, the Ohio Problem Gambling Helpline received more than 6,000 calls for help and assistance. Opportunity [MHA17373](#) is open until April 7, 2021.

## >>> RFP: Forensic Consultation and Training Services Within Ohio's Regional Psychiatric Hospitals

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is [currently accepting proposals](#) (MHA17372) from qualified contractors to provide expert forensic consultation and training services to Courts and/or treatment staff within Ohio's Regional Psychiatric Hospitals. Proposals are due by 4 p.m. on April 2. [View](#) the Ohio Procurement website for more information.

## >>> Power of Postvention Workshop Series

OHIO'S VOICE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION



The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation (OSPF), in partnership with OhioMHAS and the American Association of Suicidology, is hosting the [Power of Postvention Workshop Series](#), with workshops being every other Friday beginning on Friday, April 2 at 1 p.m. and continuing through June 25. The series consists of seven components and will include practical information on the aftermath of suicide so that participants can return to their community with the skills and tools needed to improve the lives of those grieving a suicide. Leading individuals and organizations in the postvention field will present on direct clinical work with loss survivors as well as community and

system interventions. Registration is required for attendance and cost is \$10 per person, per series. You can register for the entire series for \$50. Please note: the series will not be recorded. Click the link for more information and to register for the entire series. Visit the [OSPF training website](#) for information on individual training dates and topics.

### >>> **Two-Part Webinar Series on Applying Prevention Science to Practice**

The [Prevention Technology Transfer Center Network](#) has announced a two-part *Applying Prevention Science to Practice: What Implementation Experts Need to Know About Fidelity* webinar series. The series kicks off on April 13 at 2 p.m. with a Zoom presentation focused on specific tools for prevention practitioners in determining what behavior they are trying to change and why. The presentation will discuss fidelity of the use of innovations and how to adapt while ensuring the intended outcomes. An overview of available prevention registries will be covered with tools on how to utilize registries in your research question while ensuring the program is evidence based and fit to the population. There will be a discussion on things to consider when adapting to virtual platforms. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register. The series concludes on May 18 with a Virtual Learning Lab, which will provide an opportunity for conversation between prevention professionals, guided by facilitators, to provide a greater level of detail and understanding into the key concepts of the topics addressed. Anticipated goals of virtual learning lab include; increased knowledge transfer, increased network development, opportunities to trouble-shoot real life items.



### >>> **SAMHSA Releases \$2.5 Billion to Address Mental Illness, Addiction Crisis Worsened by COVID-19**

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) this week announced that it will provide will provide nearly \$2.5 billion in funding to states and territories to address the nation's mental illness and addiction crisis, which has worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic.

SAMHSA will direct \$1.65 billion in Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant funding and \$825 million in Community Mental Health Services Block Grant funding to states and territories. Click [HERE](#) to read the full announcement.

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.

### **In the News**

- 3.26.21 | *Columbus Dispatch* [‘I should be dead’: Gambling addicts in recovery describe how it can destroy lives](#)
- 3.26.21 | *Columbus Dispatch* [When gambling becomes a problem: about the addiction and how to get help](#)
- 3.26.21 | *WTOL-TV* [Zepf Center seeking increase in people seeking treatment for gambling addiction](#)
- 3.25.21 | *WDTN-TV* [Statewide ‘Life is Better With You Here’ campaign focuses on mental health of Black youth](#)
- 3.25.21 | *Toledo Blade* [Arrowhead Behavioral Health provides specialized care to promote healing and recovery](#)
- 3.25.21 | *Toledo Blade* [Ohio House acts to prioritize psychiatric beds for severely mentally ill](#)
- 3.25.21 | *Hillsboro Times-Gazette* [Treatment house in Greenfield](#)
- 3.25.21 | *Columbus Dispatch (Column)* [Pandemic ‘rabbit hole’: Reporter reflects on how COVID-19 has disrupted transition to adulthood](#)
- 3.24.21 | *USA Today* [Michael Phelps on the pandemic’s impact on mental health struggles: ‘It honestly destroys me’](#)
- 3.24.21 | *SpectrumNews1* [Woman makes teddy bears for suicide survivors](#)
- 3.24.21 | *WKYC-TV* [Moms forms bond after losing teen sons to suicide, stress importance of reaching out for help](#)
- 3.24.21 | *Lorain Morning Journal* [Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community helps others find hope](#)
- 3.23.21 | *Toledo Blade* [Lucas County mental health board named Ohio’s Board of the Year](#)
- 3.23.21 | *WBNS-TV* [Month of March shines light on problem gambling](#)
- 3.23.21 | *Cleveland.com* [Cuyahoga County boosting addiction services for jail inmates with opioid settlement money](#)
- 3.22.21 | *WOUB-FM* [Ohio’s Psychology department tackles mental health issues related to COVID-19](#)

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