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>>> PAA Announces 2021 Coalition Institute

Prevention Action Alliance has announced details for the [2021 Coalition Institute](#). These six-session virtual learning cohorts are designed to help coalition leaders of all levels leverage skills and knowledge to run more effective coalitions. The Institute includes a Beginner Track (Level I) and an Intermediate Track (Level II). It is up to each applicant to decide what level they should attend. It is not a requirement to have attended Level I in order to attend Level II. The deadline to [apply](#) to participate in the Institute is March 19. Click the link for more information and to apply. Questions? Please email James Syphax at jsyphax@preventionactionalliance.org.

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>>> 12th Annual Pat Risser (Virtual) RSVP Conference – March 31

The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County will host the *12th Annual Pat Risser RSVP Conference* virtually on March 31 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. James B. Gottstein, President and CEO of Psychiatric Rights, will deliver keynote remarks on advocacy, alternatives and rights. Other topics include trauma-informed care, adult advocacy and peer support. This free training is approved for 3.5 hours of continuing education for Counselors and Social Workers. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

>>> New National African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration established the [African American Behavioral Health Center of Excellence](#) (AABH-COE) in October. The new Center of Excellence is a project of Morehouse School of Medicine and serves as a new source of training and information to help professionals and communities address health disparities and support the equity, effectiveness, and appropriateness of behavioral health services for African Americans. The CoE recently announced plans to host a webinar on [Structural Racism and Black Mental Health](#) on March 5 from noon-1 p.m. For more information about the training or the new CoE, please email info@africanamericanbehavioralhealth.org.

>>> Cannabis/Marijuana Awareness & Prevention Toolkit

The Stanford University School of Medicine this week announced the release of a new [Cannabis/Marijuana Awareness & Prevention Toolkit](#). This web-based toolkit offers theory-based and evidence-informed resources created by educators, parents, and researchers aimed at preventing middle and high school students' use of cannabis/marijuana. The toolkit features four modules, including: *Cannabis: The Basics*, *Health Effects*, *THC & the Brain* and *Refusal Skills & Social Norms*.



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

- 3.2.21 | *WBNS-TV* [School districts organize resources to address mental health](#)
- 3.2.21 | *WKYC-TV* [Turning pain into purpose: How grief propelled Loree Vick to fight the stigma of mental health](#)
- 3.2.21 | *WKYC-TV* ['21 Strong: A voice for John so that no one else will suffer in silence](#)
- 3.2.21 | *Logan Daily News* [Local 317 Board partners with Ohio BWC to support those in recovery](#)
- 3.2.21 | *National Institutes of Health* [Law enforcement seizures of methamphetamine and marijuana rose during the pandemic](#)
- 3.2.21 | *Tiffin Advertiser-Tribune* [Dress, Right, Dress heads to Seneca County](#)
- 3.2.21 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Tuscarawas ADC promotes substance abuse prevention](#)
- 3.2.21 | *SpectrumNews1* [Bipolar Butterfly Project working to end stigma through art](#)
- 3.2.21 | *WOSU 89.7* [All Sides: Problem Gambling and Recovery](#)

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