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>>> Latest COVID-19 BH Provider Update

The latest COVID-19 Behavioral Health Provider Update is now available. Click [HERE](#) to view.

>>> At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits Still Available for Class II Residential Providers

At-home COVID-19 test kits are still available for Class II Residential (Adult Care Facility) providers. The kits will be provided by the State of Ohio at no cost to ACF residents, staff, or operators for baseline testing purposes only. Baseline testing will help screen residents and staff for COVID-19 who may be asymptomatic or have been unable to obtain off-site testing for various reasons. To request the at-home COVID-19 testing kits, please contact the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) at COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov. Please include the following information with your request:



- 1) Licensed facility name and address
- 2) Mailing address for testing kits (if different than licensed facility address)
- 3) Licensed operator's name, date of birth (DOB), phone number, and email
- 4) Number of testing kits for residents
- 5) Number of testing kits for staff

>>> Citizen Allies: Overcoming Roadblocks to Relationships -- April 28

As part of the Strong Families, Safe Communities webinar series, OhioMHAS is partnering with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities to present [Citizen Allies: Overcoming Roadblocks to Relationships](#) on April 28. Led by presenters Sarah Buffie and Brittany Currie, this webinar will offer an introductory overview of the guiding principles of Social Role Valorization. Click the link to register.

>>> Opiate and Other Drugs Conference – May 11-13

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, will host [Ohio's 2021 Opiate and Other Drugs Conference: Exploring Better Pathways for Care](#) on May 11-13. This will be Ohio's 11th annual Opiate Conference and its first ever virtual Opiate Conference experience. The conference will focus on opiates, stimulants, and other substance use disorders, specifically on efforts related to prevention, education, intervention, treatment, recovery, family supports, community engagement, and more. Click [HERE](#) for sponsor and exhibitor registration and [HERE](#) for participant registration information.



>>> MHA of Northern KY and SW Ohio 5th Annual (Virtual) Education Summit – March 11

Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio is hosting its [5th Annual Education Summit, Unraveling the Mind-Body Connection: Evidence-Based Approaches to Wellness](#), on March 11. This 6-hour virtual experience is designed to deliver the knowledge you need with practical application strategies. Learn from regional experts, participate in interactive application sessions, speed-networking, and explore an expo hall showcasing

behavioral health agencies' expertise and services. Not only will attendees receive the latest in emerging science, but you'll also walk away with practical interventions and techniques to use both with clients and to enhance your own wellness. Cost is \$99. For more information, please email Kara Atwell at katwell@mhankyswoh.org.

>>> Hope & Healing 2021 Virtual Speaker and Training Series

The Hope & Healing Survivor Resource Center of Summit County has announced its 2021 Virtual Speaker and Training Series. The series features nine trainings offering more than 20 continuing education credits. The series will explore a variety of topics including domestic violence, sexual assault, intimate partner violence, trauma, resiliency, and more. Click [HERE](#) for training dates, workshop descriptions, presenter bios, and to register online.

>>> OhioHealth ENGAGE "In the Driver's Seat" Free Virtual Classes Throughout Month of May

OhioHealth is offering a four-part series of ENGAGE "In the Driver's Seat" virtual trainings throughout the month of May. Classes focus on diet and nutrition, physical activity, high blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol, smoking and tobacco use, and obesity and weight management. Classes will be held May 3, 10, 17, and 24. Participation in all four sessions is required. To participate, send an email to maryann.abiado@ohiohealth.com by April 20.

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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- 3.9.21 | *Youngstown Vindicator (Editorial)* [Mental illness collides with criminal justice](#)
- 3.8.21 | *Youngstown Vindicator* [Increasing partnerships offer support for those who need mental health services](#)
- 3.8.21 | *Chillicothe Gazette* [Paint Valley ADAMH Board continues to evolve with pandemic and looks forward to the future](#)
- 3.8.21 | *Highland County Press* [Study: Nationwide Children's investigates suicides in Ohio welfare system](#)
- 3.8.21 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Central Ohio hospitals focus on caring for the caregivers amid COVID-19](#)
- 3.6.21 | *Sandusky Register* [Recovery occurs in community](#)
- 3.6.21 | *Defiance Crescent-News* [Paulding juvenile court awarded more than \\$100,000](#)
- 3.6.21 | *Canton Repository* [Massillon man's book details his road through addiction, recovery and reclaimed faith](#)
- 3.6.21 | *Sandusky Register* [Recovery Board split moves ahead](#)
- 3.5.21 | *WSYX-TV* [Organization helps families find support for battling addiction](#)
- 3.5.21 | *Columbus Dispatch (Column)* [Severely mentally ill will not be executed in Ohio, but work remains](#)
- 3.4.21 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Clark County group awarded grant to tackle substance abuse](#)
- 3.4.21 | *Geauga Maple Leaf* [New leader at the helm of NAMI Geauga](#)
- 3.4.21 | *WEWS-TV* [Family turns tragic loss into "Lissy's Legacy of Love" for children impacted by addiction](#)
- 3.4.21 | *The Ledger Independent* [New treatment center to open in Mount Orab](#)

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