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## >>> RFP: Ohio Mobile Response and Stabilization Service (MHA-FY21-MRSS)

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has issued a request for proposals for funds through the Ohio Mobile Response and Stabilization Service (MRSS) Preplanning, Infrastructure and Implementation initiative ([MHA-FY21-MRSS](#)). The Department has implemented MRSS with a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for the past three years in two regions: Northwest (Lucas, Wood, Hancock, Allen, Auglaize, Hardin, Putnam, and Paulding counties); and Southwest (Butler, Warren, Clinton, Preble, and Clermont counties). Through this opportunity, OhioMHAS seeks to fund another round of counties for infrastructure development and implementation. This opportunity is open to either individual or multiple county ADAMH boards from July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. The total amount available is \$1.5 million with individual awards capped at \$250,000. Awards will be announced June 28. Proposals must be submitted to [BCYFGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:BCYFGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov) by 11:59 p.m. on June 14. All questions must be submitted to [BCYFGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:BCYFGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov) by 11:59 p.m. on June 4. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities webpage](#).

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## >>> Peer Recovery Supporter Training & Field Experience



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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 plus 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. Upcoming training dates include **June 7-11** and **June 14-18**. Click the link above for registration information. Questions? Please email Sasha Collins: [collinss1@ohio.edu](mailto:collinss1@ohio.edu).

## >>> PGNO's Longmeier Receives ADAPAO "Prevention Visionary Award"

OhioMHAS extends its congratulations to Derek Longmeier, executive director of Problem Gambling Network of Ohio, who was recently named the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio's (ADAPAO) 2021 *Prevention Visionary Award* winner. The award, which was presented during the ADAPAO Annual Conference held last week, honors an individual for exemplary efforts to advance prevention across Ohio. Longmeier has been engaged in prevention since his high school years as a Teen Institute participant, then youth leader, in Allen County. He set the tone for his eventual professional career as a teen, diving headfirst into Teen Institute, including eventually serving on the Ohio Teen Institute youth staff and, once in college, as an



alumni intern. He was named executive director of the Problem Gambling Network of Ohio in 2016 where he has worked to establish prevention as a key priority.

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.

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- 5.10.21 | *PRNewswire* [ORG, NAMI Ohio, PGNO partner to raise awareness of mental health disorders and link to at-risk gambling](#)
- 5.10.21 | *WKBN-TV* [Valley youth outreach program hosting events for National Prevention week](#)
- 5.10.21 | *Wexner Medical Center* [Study looks at factors that influence pre-loss grief](#)
- 5.10.21 | *Norwalk Reflector (Column)* [Seek help if you are feeling down](#)
- 5.10.21 | *Public News Service* [Ohio group aims to stem surge of marijuana vaping among teens](#)
- 5.10.21 | *WKEF-TV* [Local officer troubled by rise of suicide among first responders](#)
- 5.10.21 | *Psychiatric Times* [What about us? The marginalization of serious mental health and substance use](#)
- 5.9.21 | *The New York Times* [After traumatizing year, Black people turn to therapy](#)
- 5.9.21 | *Cleveland.com (Editorial)* [With drug overdoses at record pace, Cuyahoga County needs to ensure best treatment practices](#)
- 5.8.21 | *Lima News* [Professionals see increased need for mental health care in Lima region](#)
- 5.8.21 | *Marietta Times* [Report highlights the behavioral health needs of youth](#)
- 5.8.21 | *WTOL-TV* [Pandemic creates challenges for veterans dealing with mental health issues](#)
- 5.7.21 | *Cleveland.com* [State sending 60,000 doses of opioid overdose drug to 23 counties](#)
- 5.7.21 | *WDTN-TV* ['On Our Sleeves' movement raises awareness about pediatric mental health](#)
- 5.7.21 | *WKYC-TV* [Mental Health Awareness Week: Stark County schools create 'unity video' to help each other](#)

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