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>>> New Trainings Support Recovery-Friendly Workplace Policies and Practices



With the launch of [three new online trainings](#), both employers and employees now have new tools at their disposal to help them prevent and respond to substance misuse within the workplace. The trainings, available at [RecoveryOhio.Gov](#), were developed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, RecoveryOhio, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, and the training and consulting firm Working Partners®. They join a suite of training modules in an "Opioid Toolkit" first launched by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce in 2017. The trainings focus on a science-based explanation of substance use disorder to reduce stigma and develop effective strategies for managing it. These trainings guide employers in developing a business approach to preventing and responding to substance misuse, including hiring and retaining employees in recovery. For employees, the trainings can help them navigate workplace policies, practices, and overall company culture to ensure that they have the tools necessary to maintain lifelong recovery. Click [HERE](#) to view the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services media announcement.

>>> NAMI Ohio Facebook Discussion to Focus on Impact of COVID-19 on Children's Mental Health – May 26

Make plans to join the NAMI Ohio Children's Division and pediatric psychiatrist Dr. Steven Jewell on May 26 from 6-7 p.m. for a live Facebook discussion on the impact of COVID-19 and Ohio's children and what to expect as we transition back to in-person activities and interactions. Research has shown that over one year of shutdowns and social isolation has had a significant negative impact on the mental health of children and youth. During this live discussion, Dr. Jewell, who serves as director of Pediatric Psychiatry and Psychology at Akron Children's Hospital, along with parents and caregivers, will be discussing realistic expectations for returning to "normal" post-pandemic life and offering suggestions to help our children cope with another major life transition. Watch the event live on the [NAMI Ohio Facebook page](#).

>>> enCompass Trainings for Families and Communities

Governor DeWine's RecoveryOhio Initiative and the Addiction Policy Forum are partnering with county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards to host enCompass, a comprehensive training on navigating addiction for Ohioans. This free training session is virtual and open to all adults who want to learn more about addiction and have the skills to respond. Attendees often include families, friends, caregivers, clergy, law enforcement, first responders, healthcare providers, employers, educators, community-based service providers, and anyone interested in learning how to respond to substance use/co-occurring disorders. Like CPR, the course is designed to build the skills to support and respond to someone who needs help. The training will also help participants navigate the resources available in your own community. Click [HERE](#) for a current list of upcoming training dates/locations and registration information.

>>> World No Tobacco Day -- May 31



World No Tobacco Day is celebrated around the world every year on May 31. This yearly celebration informs the public on the dangers of using tobacco, the business practices of tobacco companies, what the World Health Organization (WHO) is doing to fight the tobacco epidemic, and what people around the world can do to claim their right to health and healthy living and to protect

future generations. The WHO created [World No Tobacco Day](#) in 1987 to draw global attention to the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease it causes. Click the link for more information, including tips on how to promote the observance in your community.

>>> **OCAAR Grant Workshop – June 1-2**

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery is hosting a free, virtual workshop on grant fundraising on June 1-2 (4-5:30 p.m. both days). This workshop will break down the grant process into a simple and achievable step by step process. Click [HERE](#) to register online. Questions? Please email Stefanie Robinson at srobinson@oca-ohio.org or call 330.620.1244.

>>> **Columbia Protocol Suicide Risk Assessment Trainings**

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, in partnership with OhioMHAS and the Columbia Lighthouse Project, will host [free trainings](#) featuring the Columbia Protocol, also known as the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS). The Protocol supports suicide risk assessment through a series of simple, plain-language questions that anyone can ask. The answers help users identify whether someone is at risk for suicide, assess the severity and immediacy of that risk, and gauge the level of support that the person needs. The workshops, which are planned for June 23, July 21, Aug. 26 and Sept. 24, will be facilitated by Columbia University Professor Adam Lesser. Click [HERE](#) for more information, including specific training dates and times, and to register online. Questions? Please email Austin Lucas at austin.lucas@ohiospf.org.

>>> **Job Analysis Survey for LCDC II, III and LICDC License Holders**

The International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC) invites all LCDCII, III and LICDCs to participate in the [Alcohol and Drug Counselor \(ADC\) Job Analysis Survey](#). This survey will be used to identify tasks and knowledge reflective of the professional role of an Alcohol and Drug Counselor. The results of the survey will help develop the specifications for the IC&RC ADC certification exam. Participation in this survey is voluntary. Individual responses will be kept confidential and will be combined with those of other respondents. The deadline to complete the survey is **June 1**.



>>> **COVID-19 Youth Vaccinations**

Last week, Governor Mike DeWine announced COVID-19 Pfizer vaccinations are now available to Ohio's youth age 12 years and older, following members of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommended the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for this age group. The Ohio Department of Health has created a new [Frequently Asked Questions document](#) to answer common questions from parents, guardians, and youth about COVID-19 vaccines. The document shares information about the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine, parental consent, where children can be vaccinated, and more. Just like adults, youth can be vaccinated at [many locations across the state](#) that are offering the Pfizer vaccine. This vaccine is available at Children's Hospitals, as well as a number of regular hospitals, local health departments, retail pharmacies, community health centers, primary care physicians, and some pediatricians. Additionally, Ohioans 17 and under who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccination [can register to be entered into a drawing](#) for a full, four-year scholarship to any of Ohio's state colleges and universities, including full tuition, room and board, and books. A total of five weekly drawings for a full, four-year scholarship will take place, with the first winner being announced on May 26.

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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