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## >>> FY 2021 RFP: Health Equity and Cultural Competence Comprehensive Plan Development

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has issued a [Request for Proposals](#) for the development of an FY 2021 Health Equity and Cultural Competence Comprehensive Plan (MHA-FY21-MEDHECC-01). The selected vendor will work with OhioMHAS, county board and local partners to 1) support statewide initiatives addressing Health Equity and Cultural Competency in Ohio's behavioral health care system; 2) support development of community-based Health Equity and Cultural Competence (HECC) plans in all 50 ADAMHS boards; and 3) collaborate with community partners and enhance provision of culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health services and substance treatment to minorities and other diverse and special populations. Additionally, the goals of the HECC response should, in part, mirror those of the State's SOR no-cost extension and SOR 2.0 awards. Questions may be submitted to [HECC@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:HECC@mha.ohio.gov) by **June 4**. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted to the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities webpage](#). Proposals must be submitted to [HECC@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:HECC@mha.ohio.gov) by **11:59 p.m. on June 10**.

[View RFP \(MHA-FY21-MEDHECC-01\)](#)

[OhioMHAS Funding Opportunity Facesheet](#)

## >>> Rise and Thrive: Competitive Funding Opportunity for Colleges, Universities

Ohio's college and university campuses and their community partners have worked hard this year to keep each other safe. While vaccines are available and there is a renewed sense of optimism, we also know that the mental and emotional trauma associated with the pandemic and returning to the "new normal" will take additional work. The Rise and Thrive Campus-Community Partnerships will be offering \$50,000 to 12 Ohio College Initiative member institutions to fund an outcomes-driven action plan to implement a campus-community project that will promote critical behavioral health and mental wellness services to students. In addition to funding, grantees will receive technical assistance, professional development and networking opportunities. Prevention Action Alliance will host a Q&A webinar **June 2 at 9:30 a.m.** [Registration](#) is required. Local coalitions are encouraged to share this information with their local colleges and universities. **To be considered, colleges and universities must be a member of the Ohio College Initiative by July 31, 2021.** (Not sure if your institution is an OCI member? Check out [this list](#). [Membership applications](#) can be sent to [oci@preventionactionalliance.org](mailto:oci@preventionactionalliance.org).) Funding for the Rise and Thrive Initiative comes from the Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) and Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Funds. More information on how to apply will be released on June 2 at [preventionactionalliance.org/rise-and-thrive](http://preventionactionalliance.org/rise-and-thrive), with final proposals due **Aug. 31 at 5 p.m.**



## >>> Seats Still Available: Parenting School-Age Kids Exposed in Utero – May 26

As part of Ohio's Strong Families, Safe Communities initiative, OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities are teaming up to host a [Parenting School-Age Kids Exposed in Utero](#) webinar on May 26 at 10 a.m. Led by Aubrey Page, founder of [The Change Starts Here Collaborative](#), this learning session will break down what is different about the brain for children exposed prenatally and what supports will help lead to success. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

## >>> [Understanding Suicide Risk Among Children and Pre-teens: A Synthesis Workshop](#) – June 15

The National Institute on Mental Health (NIMH) is hosting a [Risk, Resilience and Trajectories in Preteen Suicide synthesis workshop](#) on June 15 from 12:30-2 p.m. The workshop is a culmination of [three research roundtables](#) focused on understanding suicide risk and risk trajectories among children and pre-teens, including groups with recent increases in risk. The workshop will summarize the state of the science and highlight research priorities related to this critical topic. The goal of the series is to ultimately inform identification of at-risk youth and timing and targets for intervening.

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

- 5.24.21 | *Columbus Dispatch (Column)* [Take a break from the stress of life by getting outside](#)
- 5.24.21 | *WDTN-TV* [Dayton Children's receives two-year suicide prevention grant](#)
- 5.24.21 | *WEWS-TV* [Drug prevention programs ramp up efforts to curb use and addiction ahead of teen summer fun](#)
- 5.23.21 | *WTRF-TV* [While stats aren't out, some fear alcoholism and gambling is higher than ever before](#)
- 5.22.21 | *Lima News* [Event draws attention to mental health issues](#)
- 5.22.21 | *Forbes.com* [How to cultivate, sustain and discuss mental health in the workplace](#)
- 5.22.21 | *Defiance Crescent-News* [MAN Unit website focuses on help](#)
- 5.21.21 | *WFMJ-TV* [Free naloxone kits available to residents of Trumbull County](#)
- 5.21.21 | *WSYX-TV* ['One Million Classrooms' campaign offers mental health resources for educators](#)
- 5.21.21 | *NPR* [Oprah and Prince Harry on mental health, therapy and their new TV series](#)
- 5.21.21 | *New Philadelphia Times-Reporter* [Twin Cities signs show kids safe zones to share their problems and joys](#)
- 5.21.21 | *WEWS-TV* [Two NE Ohio women write book for children promoting positive mental health](#)
- 5.21.21 | *Newark Advocate* [Licking County has lost 31 to suicide since start of 2020](#)
- 5.21.21 | *Defiance Crescent-News* [Grant brings teen mental health training to Ayersville students](#)
- 5.20.21 | *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Opioids' high cost](#)
- 5.18.21 | *WOIO-TV* [Ohio state troopers seize 5 times as much meth and heroin as last year](#)
- 5.4.21 | *NFL.com* [NFL launches video series in support of Mental Health Month](#)
- 3.19.21 | *Ohio Today* [A new era for The Ridges](#)

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