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## >>> Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey 2019-20 Reports Released

Ohio Healthy Youth Environments Survey (OHYES!) reports for academic year 2019-2020 have been officially released and are posted on the [OHYES! Website](#). Find the [All-OHYES! report](#) (all students across Ohio who engaged in the survey), [county-level reports](#), [behavioral health board region reports](#), and reports tailored for [Ohio's Appalachian region](#) at the links provided. District- and school-level reports are private and may be requested by superintendents and/or principals.



In addition, check out the new [OHYES! Video Series](#) to support communities in implementing the survey and using the data. OHYES! registration for this school year is closed, and 167 schools will participate in OHYES! this spring. Results are expected to be available to districts and schools in late August. The survey provides an opportunity for youth voices to influence decision-making processes. Those interested in using the OHYES!

to collect local data, should view Video #2 about how to become an OHYES! Champion. To discuss implementing OHYES! next school year, or for questions, please email [Info@ohyes.ohio.gov](mailto:Info@ohyes.ohio.gov).

## >>> OhioMHAS and ORH Release Updates to Recovery Housing Development Guidebook



Ohio Recovery Housing

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and Ohio Recovery Housing have released an updated edition of the Recovery Housing Development Guidebook. The purpose of the guidebook is to provide an overview of recovery housing and provide information, tools and links to resources to help operators of recovery housing implement appropriate practices that lead to positive outcomes for residents of recovery housing. This version expands on the 2019 edition and includes additional templates, links to tools and resources, and information on levels of support in recovery housing. Staff from both agencies will discuss key updates during a series of upcoming webinars: [May 5](#) (3-4:30 p.m.), [May 25](#) (6-7:30 p.m.) and [June 16](#) (1-2:30 p.m.) Click the links for more information and to register.

## >>> Reducing Stigma, Gaining Faith in Prevention (Part 2) – May 13

PreventionFIRST! will build upon the foundation of its February training of the same name with Part 2 of the [Reducing Stigma, Gaining Faith in Prevention](#) on May 13 from 1-3 p.m. This free webinar will highlight how to build prevention with faith organizations, reduce stigma, and implement the toolkit to promote prevention within faith organizations. Faith and ministry leaders, youth group leaders, congregations, prevention professionals and community leaders are invited to attend. Previous attendance is not required. Click the link to register. Questions? Please contact Amanda Conn-Starnar at 513.751.8000 ext. 13 or email [aconnstarners@prevention-first.org](mailto:aconnstarners@prevention-first.org).

## >>> 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.

### >>> Licensure Renewal for Chemical Dependency Counselors

After several extensions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Ohio set July 1, 2021, as the deadline to renew Ohio Chemical Dependency Professional licenses/certificates that received a renewal extension. You can check the expiration status of your license at [license.ohio.gov](https://license.ohio.gov), Ohio's online management system for professional and occupational licensing. The system provides a secure platform for online applications, license management, and online payment. The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board (OCDP) strongly encourages addiction professionals to renew now to avoid possible delays that could be caused by a high volume of renewals in late June leading up to the deadline. For Board renewal requirements, visit the OCDP Board website at [ocdp.ohio.gov](https://ocdp.ohio.gov).

Note: If you hold a CDCA preliminary certificate and it expires 7/1/2021, you do not RENEW this certificate; you need to **APPLY** for a CDCA renewable (formerly Phase II) certificate, and this can take 30-40 BUSINESS days as applications are reviewed in the order they are received. Please apply soon to avoid not having an active CDCA certificate to practice after 7/1/2021. If you have any questions on the process for renewing your license through eLicense Ohio, review the frequently asked questions page at [license.ohio.gov](https://license.ohio.gov). You can also contact the help desk for technical assistance and help logging in at 1.855.405.5514, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

### >>> Ashland County "Resilience Project"



The Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County has launched a new resource for families, youth and children. The [Resilience Project](#) focuses on calling upon inner resources to cope with stress in a healthy way and "bounce back" to go on with life. For professionals who work with children and youth who have had difficult life experiences, this

resource can help them rebuild resilience with tools designed to promote a better sense of well-being. The Brainy Resilience Tools help children and youth learn about handling emotions with healthy responses while feeling self-confident and capable. They were developed using information from diverse fields of knowledge such as neuroscience and understanding of the trauma exposed brain, child development and learning, as well as occupational therapy and mental and physical health. Click [HERE](#) to view an introductory video featuring developmental specialist and former early childhood education professor Dr. Diane Karther.

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

5.3.21 | *Newswise* [On Our Sleeves launches National Alliance for Children's Mental Health with One Million Classrooms Project](#)

5.3.21 | *Toledo Blade (Editorial)* [Rehab vs. jail: saves money and lives](#)

5.2.21 | *WDTN-TV* ['Be Brave and Talk About Mental Health' campaign sparks conversation about increases in cases](#)

5.2.21 | *The Washington Post (Editorial)* [The deadly opioid epidemic is getting worse. It must not be forgotten.](#)

5.2.21 | *Akron Beacon Journal (Column)* [Americans can take steps to fight fentanyl, which is involved in 76% of opioid overdose deaths](#)

5.2.21 | *WTVG-TV* [Hundreds gather for Angel Walk to honor lives lost to addiction](#)

5.1.21 | *NPR* [An artist and a scientist take on stigma of addiction](#)

5.1.21 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Mental Health Board awards Crisis Intervention Team officers of the year](#)

4.30.31 | *Cleveland.com* [Cleveland Browns Stay in the Game! Network working to cut school absenteeism at Ohio schools by half](#)



- 4.30.21 | *Columbus Dispatch* [Having anxiety about returning to normal after the pandemic? Here's how to deal with it](#)
- 4.30.21 | *Hillsboro Times-Gazette* [Med Collect boxes coming to county](#)
- 4.30.21 | *Bowling Green Sentinel-Tribune* [Vulnerability assessment planned for Perrysburg Schools](#)
- 4.30.21 | *Pike County News Watchman* ["I'd shout it from the treetops": a story of recovery](#)
- 4.30.21 | *Highland County Press* [RALI Ohio, Recovery Ohio, AAA7 unite to help older residents do their part to help reduce substance misuse](#)
- 4.30.21 | *Cleveland.com* [College students suffering depression due to coronavirus, so counseling centers offer help remotely](#)
- 4.29.21 | *WBNS-TV* [Ohio State STEPP program helps addicted, expecting mothers get a second chance at life](#)
- 4.29.21 | *WSYX-TV* [The importance to asking for help during Mental Health Awareness Month](#)
- 4.29.21 | *WLIO-TV* [No one should suffer alone as mental health and addiction services are available](#)
- 4.29.21 | *Findlay Courier* [State 'CareLine' marks one year](#)

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