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>>> Mental Health for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Training Series

The Deaf Services Center, in partnership with the Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) are pleased to announce the 2021 Mental Health for Deaf and Hard of Hearing virtual training series. The series features two tracks with trainings in May and June. The "[Providing Culturally Appropriate Mental Health Care to Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals](#)" trainings will be held via Zoom on May 7, May 21, June 4, June 10 and June 25 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. A self-paced training video is also available. The "American Sign Language for Mental Health Professionals" series (multiple dates in May and June) will help professionals learn basic ASL to effectively serve persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. Click [HERE](#) to register for May training dates or [HERE](#) to register for June training dates. Questions? Please email johnmoore@dsc.org.



>>> On Our Sleeves Launches "Million Classroom Project"

In recognition of May as Mental Awareness Month, the Nationwide Children's Hospital [OnOurSleeves initiative](#) is launching the [One Million Classroom Project](#) to provide free evidence-based mental health and mindfulness resources to one million classrooms in the US. Click the link to request a free guide designed to provide helpful classroom activities and resources to boost the mental wellness of kids in all grade levels - so they feel supported. And heard.



>>> OhioMHAS Information Technology Virtual Job Fair – May 18

Are you looking for a meaningful career in IT? OhioMHAS wants to connect with you as you prepare for your job search. The Department will host the "Embracing Diversity – Because it Matters" virtual career job fair on May 18 from 9-11 a.m. The fair is a great way to learn about our agency and what we do while you connect with some of our IT Ambassadors. Don't miss out on this event. Click [HERE](#) to register.

>>> Creating Community Wellness: Equity and Inclusion in Student Mental Health – May 18

The Ohio Program for Campus Safety & Mental Health will host its 5th Biennial conference [Creating Community Wellness: Equity and Inclusion in Student Mental Health](#) virtually on May 18. Dr. David Rivera, senior advisor to the Steve Fund will provide keynote remarks, and Dr. Justin Chen, medical director of Massachusetts General Hospital and the MGH Center for Cross-Cultural Student Emotional Wellness, will serve as the afternoon plenary speaker. Both speakers have extensive expertise in the areas of mental health and diversity and inclusion in higher education. Campus stakeholders at institutions of higher education, administrators, behavioral health organizations, health departments, campus security and law enforcement; students, educators, counselors, social workers, students, and others working within a higher education setting are encouraged to attend. There is no cost to attend. Please click the conference link to register. Visit <https://www.neomed.edu/csmh/trainings/conferences/> to learn more about this conference and other OPCSMH resources and trainings. Continuing education credits have been approved.

>>> Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Virtual Lecture: Stories of Living Successfully with Schizophrenia – May 26

The Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) Coordinating Centers of Excellence and Peg's Foundation proudly present the 2021 Virtual Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Lecture, "[Love and Hope: The Guiding Lights Through the Fog of](#)

[Schizophrenia](#),” by Carlos A. Larrauri, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC, FNP-BC, and Matthew Racher, CRPS, on May 26 from 1-2 p.m. Carlos and Matthew became friends during their schizophrenia recovery journeys, which have led them to give back to others with mental illness, through their professional work and their band FogDog. Carlos is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, and he is concurrently pursuing a law degree from the University of Michigan Law School and a master’s degree in public policy at the Harvard Kennedy School as a Zuckerman Fellow. Matthew is a certified peer recovery specialist and works as an outreach coordinator at IDEA, a syringe exchange program in Florida. He is pursuing a Master of Social Work at Barry University in Miami Shores. Carlos and Matt will share their stories of hope and recovery from schizophrenia and FogDog will perform original music. This lecture series honors the late Fred Frese, Ph.D., and Penny Frese, Ph.D., by sharing stories of individuals living successfully with schizophrenia and other serious mental illnesses and how their loved ones support their recovery. Questions? Please email bestcenter@neomed.edu or call 330.325.6698.

>>> Transforming Care for Kids Together – July 26-29

The Ohio Children’s Alliance will host its 45th Annual Conference “[Transforming Care for Kids Together](#)” virtually on July 26-29. The conference serves as an opportunity for connecting, collaborating, learning, sharing knowledge, and advancing access to transformative resources for Ohio’s children and families. Click [HERE](#) for an overview of workshop offerings and [HERE](#) to register. Early bird rates are available until 5 p.m. on May 14.

>>> Science Symposium at NIH Commemorates 50 Years of Advancing Alcohol Research



2020 marked the [50th anniversary](#) of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). To celebrate this milestone anniversary, NIAAA hosted a scientific symposium, “Alcohol Across the Lifespan: 50 Years of Evidence-Based Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment Research,” on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1. NIAAA this week released a [list](#) of presenters, their presentation titles and brief descriptions and links to recordings of the two-day symposium. These presentation covered the state of the science in a broad range of areas germane to NIAA’s mission and included discussions of new research opportunities to continue advancing the field. Archived videocasts of [Day 1](#) and [Day 2](#) of the symposium are available on NIH Videocast.

>>> FDA Approves Higher Dosage of Naloxone

The Food and Drug Administration recently [announced](#) the approval of a higher dose of naloxone nasal spray to treat opioid overdose. The FDA previously approved 2 mg and 4 mg naloxone products and has now approved the delivery of 8 mg of naloxone. As described in the press release, the approval of 8 mg naloxone is another step the agency has taken to improve the availability of naloxone products. The agency has also encouraged manufacturers to pursue approval of over-the-counter naloxone products; required drug manufacturers for all opioid pain relievers and medicines to treat opioid use disorder to add new recommendations about naloxone to prescribing information; and has extended the shelf life of naloxone from 24 months to 36 months.



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.

In the News

- 5.7.21 | *Columbus Dispatch* [‘Every death is a heartache:’ More than 5,000 Ohioans died of a drug overdose in 2020](#)
- 5.7.21 | *The New York Times* [Therapy on aisle 7: retailers are entering the mental health market](#)
- 5.6.21 | *WCMH-TV* [Ohio sending Narcan kits to communities hit hardest by overdose deaths](#)
- 5.6.21 | *WDTN-TV* [Experts warn of increase in drug overdoses, concerns of drug potency: what you need to know](#)
- 5.6.21 | *WKBN-TV* [Ohio mental health, addiction services bringing overdose reversal drug to Columbiana County](#)
- 5.5.21 | *WTOL-TV* [New trauma center specializing in addiction offers holistic approach to recovery in northwest Ohio](#)

- 5.5.21 | *Springfield News-Sun* [Springfield teen's advocacy efforts gain recognition at state, local levels](#)
- 5.5.21 | *WKYC-TV* [How the pandemic changed recovery treatment](#)
- 5.5.21 | *WTOL-TV* [Kids, teens not immune to mental health challenges brought on by COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- 5.5.21 | *Dayton Business Journal* [Focus on mental health: County health group rises to action](#)
- 5.5.21 | *WBNS-TV* [Ohio sending 60,000 doses of naloxone to 23 counties struggling with opioid overdoses](#)

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