

Behavioral Health e-Update

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Medicaid Expansion Removed from House Version of Budget Bill

This week, the Ohio House of Representatives released its initial revisions to Governor Kasich's [Jobs 2.0 budget](#) proposal. Among the biggest disappointments was the removal of the plan to extend Medicaid benefits to Ohioans earning less than 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. In announcing the decision to remove Medicaid expansion from the budget, various legislators [cited](#) concerns over the future funding of the expansion, uncertainty over future federal regulations, and concerns over the short timeframe in which they have to pass a budget.

While this decision is unfortunate, Governor Kasich is committed to fight for vulnerable Ohioans who need healthcare to become taxpaying employees, healthy parents, and young adults with a positive future.

The Governor has [recommitted](#) himself to the needs of Ohioans with the following [statement](#): "It's clear that support isn't there right now among House Republicans to extend Medicaid coverage, but it's

the right decision for Ohio. Not doing so will hurt our economy, make Obamacare's impacts worse and hurt vulnerable Ohioans who need care. The House's proposed funds for mental illness and addiction addresses part of the problem but it's not enough. Ohio's support for this needed change is diverse and broad and (we) will see this through to get it done."

In recognition of the needs of the mental health and addictions community, the House added \$50 million per year in funds to be distributed through the local ADAMH boards. While the House proposal makes an investment, the Governor's proposal remains the best option. According to [estimates](#) released by the Office of Health Transformation, the Governor's budget supports mental health and addictions services at a level \$577 million higher in FY 15 than the House version. The good news is plenty of time remains to intensify advocacy efforts around Medicaid expansion. The House will continue to debate the bill, and then the process will begin in the Senate — eventually culminating in a conference committee. Make sure your voice is heard!

- Click [HERE](#) to view the latest version of the budget bill.
- Click [HERE](#) for a Comparison Document (Governor's proposal and the House's sub bill)
- Click [HERE](#) for a detailed list of House amendments



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(Clockwise) Gov. John Kasich promises to fight for expanded Medicaid benefits for Ohioans affected by mental illness and addiction at a March 14 Coalition for Healthy Communities rally in Columbus; an estimated 2,500 medical professionals, business leaders, faith leaders, mental and health and addiction consumers, family and advocates voiced support for the Governor's Medicaid proposal during an April 11 rally at the Ohio Statehouse; April showers couldn't stop rallygoers from joining the faces and voices for Medicaid expansion in Ohio. Click to [see more photos from both advocacy events](#).



Register Now for Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference — April 29-30

Hurry! Time is running out to register to attend "Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference: Turning the Tide Together" hosted by the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission. Get complete details and register for this year's conference [here](#).

New Southern Ohio Addiction Treatment Center Opens Doors with State Support

A state-funded addiction treatment center has opened in southern Ohio as part of ongoing efforts to battle the region's prescription painkiller and heroin epidemic. The Health Recovery Services Southern Ohio Treatment Center in Jackson will offer patients counseling and medication as vital components of treatment. Funding for the Jackson facility, which opened April 2, includes \$500,000 from the Governor's Office of Appalachia and \$200,000 in federal substance abuse dollars provided by the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS).

ODADAS Director Orman Hall commented, "Health Recovery Services was chosen as the service provider after a competitive selection process. The agency and Executive Director Joe Gay, PhD, are acknowledged leaders in prevention, education, and treatment efforts related to alcohol and other drug addiction, and specifically medication-assisted treatment for opiate addiction."



Peter Rogers MD, a Board Certified Addiction Medicine specialist with more than 25 years of experience in Addiction Medicine, has been tapped to serve as Medical Director.

Jackson County Municipal Court Judge Mark Musick explained his support of the project, "The increase in Opioid use has had a significant impact on the criminal justice system, and I am afraid that if the trend continues, there will likely be disastrous consequences in Jackson County. Effective treatment needs to be a component of the response to the problem. While I have reservations about the use of some medications as a part of the treatment response, I am impressed that HRS has an excellent grasp of the issues related to medication use and has been conscientious about seeking input from local leaders in designing the project."

For more information about the center, call 740/577-3450.

State to Save Millions in Pharmaceutical Costs

This month, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS) and the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) announced a new plan to purchase pharmaceuticals for state entities that will save taxpayers an estimated \$4.4 million in the first year and \$16.7 million over the life of the contract.

Following a competitive selection process, a three-year contract, renewable annually for an additional five years, was awarded to H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug Company. The company will serve as a single vendor for Ohio's Pharmacy Service Center (OPSC), the state's distribution facility managed by ODMH that purchases pharmaceuticals dispensed in Ohio's psychiatric hospitals, prisons, youth service and community mental health facilities.



"Having one supplier on a single contract, instead of multiple contracts with multiple suppliers, will allow OPSC to take advantage of the maximum available discounts," said ODMH Director Tracy Plouck. "It also will allow us to maintain less inventory and turn products over more quickly... This is an opportunity for substantial savings to our own agency, those we help to supply, and ultimately, the taxpayers."

According to Randy Cole, Controlling Board president and policy advisor at Ohio's Office of Budget and Management, "This is one more example of collaboration across agencies that results in increased efficiency and better value for the taxpayer."

OPSC currently purchases more than \$40 million of pharmaceuticals annually. As part of ODMH's Office of Support Services, the center buys and distributes pharmaceuticals, as well as laboratory supplies, over-the-counter products and personal care items, for delivery to state, county, local and non-profit facilities.

2nd Annual "We are the Majority" Conference & Rally — May 2

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) will host the second annual **We Are the Majority Conference & Rally** on May 2 at the Columbus Convention Center. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbus Convention Center where students will receive a t-shirt and take part in fun, energetic pre-rally activities. Attendees will then march to the Ohio Statehouse to let others know that the majority of students do not use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. After the Ohio Statehouse rally, attendees will return to the Convention Center for lunch and afternoon activities. Participants will be provided with easy suggestions and fun ideas of how they can further promote the We are the Majority message in their communities. Travel stipends of up to \$500 are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited, so register your group today at www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org.



ODMH Dir. Plouck Provides Update on SPMI Health Homes Statewide Launch

The development of Health Homes is a key component of Ohio's health transformation efforts. Ohio service providers and stakeholder associations have been instrumental in ensuring the effective implementation of Health Homes for individuals with serious and persistent mental illnesses (SPMI).

As we move forward with the plan to make health homes a reality statewide, we have become aware of several components of the process that will not line up with a July 1, 2013, launch date. For this reason, the Phase II implementation will be shifted to Oct. 1, 2013. Please read [Director Plouck's memo](#) for more information. Questions related to this memo or Health Home implementation in general should be directed to Angie Bergefurd, Office of Health Integration at healthhomes@mh.ohio.gov.

Sequestration and Behavioral Health

To date, federal agencies have received guidance regarding responsibilities for implementing the March 1, 2013 sequester cuts. While no final guidance or technical information has been provided to the Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Mental Health, the Departments want to make Boards, providers and stakeholders aware of anticipated cuts. Sequestration affects the major block grants that ODMH and ODADAS receive from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). See the [memo](#) from Directors Tracy Plouck and Orman Hall for more detailed information.

Medication Disposal Day is April 27, 2013

According to the 2011 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), more than six million Americans abuse prescription drugs. That same study revealed that more than 70 percent of people abusing prescription pain relievers got them through friends or relatives.



To counter the potential for diversion and misuse, the Drug Enforcement Administration is encouraging

Americans to properly dispose of all old and/or unused medications as part of a nationwide [Take-Back day](#) on **Saturday, April 27**. Click the link for a list of drop-off sites and permanent collection locations in Ohio.

Health Policy Institute of Ohio Releases "Ohio Medicaid Basics 2013"



Need a crash course in understanding how Ohio's Medicaid program works? The Health Policy Institute of Ohio highlights program history, financing, enrollment, eligibility, mandated/optional services, administration and more in [Ohio Medicaid Basics 2013](#).

New Executive Order on Chemical Dependency Professional Licensure Requirements

In late March, Governor John R. Kasich signed Executive Order 2013-02K, authorizing the immediate amendment and enactment of the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board's rules concerning licensure requirements for chemical dependency professionals, as provided for under recently amended statutes in House Bill 284. Details of Executive Order 2013-02K can be viewed [here](#).



NAMI Ohio Plans Day at the Statehouse May 8 that Includes Annual Resiliency Ring

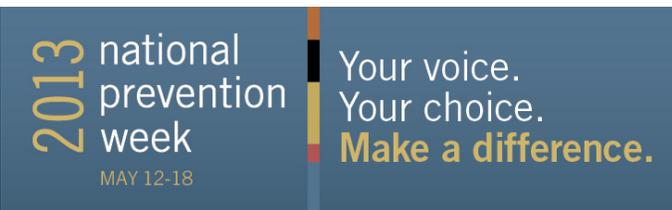
On May 8, all Ohioans are welcome to join advocates in supporting access to mental health services for adults, children and families when the Ohio chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Ohio) hosts a day at the Statehouse to focus on "Mental Illness: Building a Community Support System."

The event will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the Statehouse grounds in downtown Columbus, and feature speakers and entertainment. Also during that time, the Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health will hold its annual [Resiliency Ring](#) that attempts to gather a human chain of people to encircle the Statehouse and bring attention to the mental wellness needs of children and youth.

View the [Save the Date flyer](#). To learn more, contact NAMI Ohio at 614/224-2700.

Cincinnati Enquirer Series Examines Prescription Painkiller, Heroin Epidemic

"It's everywhere. Doctors are prescribing more Oxycontin, Vicodin and Percocet, leading to heroin overdoses doubling, addicted babies tripling, and costs to taxpayers exploding." So began a recent series of special reports from *The Cincinnati Enquirer* that examined the rise and impact of prescription painkiller abuse and heroin addiction in the Greater Cincinnati area. Click the link to view the Enquirer's "[Heroin: Prescription for Pain](#)" series.



National Prevention Week 2013

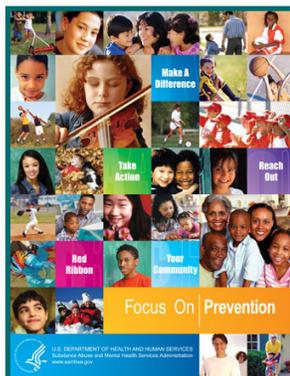
National Prevention Week is a SAMHSA-supported annual health observance dedicated to increasing public awareness of, and action around, substance abuse and mental health issues. This observance is an opportunity to join with other individuals, organizations, and coalitions in your community to promote prevention efforts, educate others about behavioral health issues, and create and strengthen community partnerships.

National Prevention Week 2013 will take place May 12-18, 2013. This year's theme, "Your voice. Your choice. Make a difference.," emphasizes that the prevention of substance abuse and promotion of mental health starts with the choices each of us makes in our own life. Through our choices, we can set an example of health and well-being for others. With our voices—whether spoken or written—we can raise awareness of behavioral health issues and help create healthier and safer communities.

Learn more about [National Prevention Week 2013](#).

Learn How To Develop Prevention Strategies

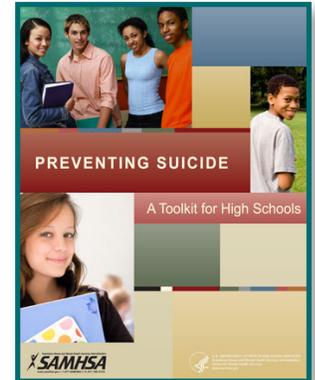
SAMHSA's [Focus on Prevention guide](#) helps communities in planning and delivering substance abuse prevention strategies. The publication covers conducting needs assessments, identifying partners, creating effective strategies, marketing, reaching special populations, and evaluating your program. It includes time-saving sample materials and task timelines. Click the link to download a free copy today.



How To Implement Suicide Prevention Strategies in High Schools

[Preventing Suicide: A Toolkit for High Schools](#) assists in designing and implementing strategies to prevent suicide and promote behavioral health. It includes tools to implement a multifaceted suicide prevention program that responds to students' needs and cultures. The toolkit will help schools:

- Assess the ability to prevent suicide among students and to respond to suicides that may occur.
- Understand strategies that can help students who are at risk for suicide.
- Understand how to respond to the suicide of a student or other member of the school community.
- Integrate suicide prevention into activities that fulfill other aspects of the school's mission, such as preventing the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

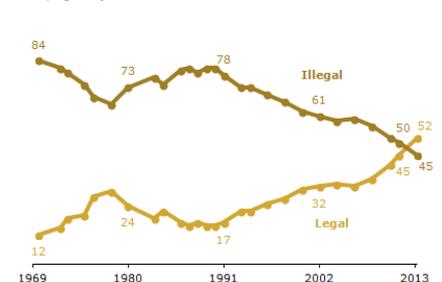


New Pew Research Survey: Majority of Americans in Favor of Legalizing Marijuana

The majority of Americans favor the legalization of marijuana, according to a new [Pew Research Center survey](#). The findings represent a shift in public opinion, particularly among young people. This is the first time in more than four decades of polling on the issue that a majority of Americans (52 percent) favor legalizing marijuana, according to the Pew Research Center. The survey found young people are most likely to support legalization. Among Americans ages 18 to 32, the survey found 65 percent favor legalizing marijuana, up from 36 percent in 2008.

Views of Legalizing Marijuana: 1969-2013

% saying marijuana should be ...



PEW RESEARCH CENTER March 13-17, 2013.
1973-2008 data from General Social Survey; 1969 and 1972 data from Gallup.

ODMH, ODADAS Now on Flickr!

ODMH and ODADAS have expanded their social media presence with the recent addition of Flickr, an online photo sharing and cataloging platform. Visitors will be able to view/download/share photos from recent conferences, trainings and other special events. Check out our photostream at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ohiomhas>.

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury Linked to Increased Risk for Addiction

Mild traumatic brain injury (TBI) may be linked to an increased risk of addiction, a [study](#) of military personnel suggests. Researchers found mild TBI was linked with an increased risk for alcohol dependence up to 180 days after the injury occurred. They also found an increased risk for non-dependent abuse of drugs or alcohol and nicotine dependence in the month after the airmen sustained the injury. The study included 5,065 active-duty airmen who suffered a mild TBI that resulted in temporary confusion or disorientation, memory loss, and/or a brief loss of consciousness.

VA Launches New Web Resource for Veterans and Their Families

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs has developed the [Make the Connection](#) web-based resource for veterans and their families. The site contains several ways to search for information for veterans, including branch of service, conflict and timeframe, life events, conditions they may experience, and self-help and treatment resources. There are links for family members and clinicians as well. Make the Connection is also available on [Facebook](#).



SAMHSA: Adults with Substance Use Disorder or Mental Illness Smoke 40% of Cigarettes

Adults with a substance use disorder or mental illness smoke almost 40 percent of cigarettes in the United States, according to a new Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) [study](#). The smoking rate among adults with a substance use disorder or mental illness is about 38 percent, compared with about 20 percent for adults without these conditions. The report found adults with a substance use disorder, who do not have a mental illness, represent 5 percent of the population, but smoke almost 9 percent of cigarettes. Adults with both a substance use disorder and a mental illness represent about 4 percent of the population, but smoke 9.5 percent of cigarettes.

People with Mental Illness May Be at Increased Homicidal Death Risk

In print and in its "Well" [blog](#), *The New York Times* reported, "Compared with the rest of the population, people with mental illness may be at sharply increased risk of dying by homicide," according to a [study published online](#) March 5 on the BMJ Group website. Researchers used Swedish government registries to determine psychiatric diagnoses and causes of death among the entire adult population of 7.2 million from 2001 to 2008. *The Times* noted, "After controlling for age, education level, income and other factors, they found that people with mental illness were almost five times as likely to be a victim of murder as a person without a psychiatric diagnosis."



New Resource to Help Pediatricians Identify, Manage Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASDs)

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), with support through a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD) has developed a comprehensive, web-based [FASD toolkit](#) that helps to raise awareness, promote surveillance and screening, and ensure that all affected children receive appropriate and timely interventions. Primary care providers should consider FASDs when evaluating children with developmental problems, behavioral concerns, or school failure. Like other children with complex medical or behavioral disabilities, children with FASDs need a pediatric medical home to provide and coordinate care and ensure necessary medical, behavioral, social, and educational services. While this toolkit is not an exhaustive representation of FASD resources, it does provide primary care providers a strong foundation to begin educating themselves, their medical home teams, and others regarding the lifelong impact that prenatal alcohol exposure can have on the developmental outcomes of a child.

HHS Seeks Feedback on Electronic Health Information Exchange Policies

The Department of Health and Human Services is seeking input on a series of potential policy and programmatic changes to accelerate electronic health information exchange across providers, as well as new ideas that would be both effective and feasible to implement. To be assured consideration, written or electronic comments must be received **no later than 5 p.m. on April 22, 2013**. Visit <https://federalregister.gov/a/2013-05266> for complete details.

Training Opportunities

ODMH, Partners to Host Regional Forensic Trainings

To provide an intermediate-level instruction about the forensic mental health system in Ohio, ODMH, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers and the Ohio Judicial Conference are sponsoring a series of six regional forensic trainings throughout the state beginning in April. This round of trainings will focus on case examples presented by ODMH hospital and community agency staff, as well as a panel presentation by people who have been found by trial courts to be not guilty by reason of insanity. In addition, a presentation will be held about models of collaboration between the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities systems. Application is being made for the following continuing education credits: Psychology, Social Work, Counselors, Nurses and Continuing Legal Education. For more information about the trainings, contact Bob Baker at Bob.Baker@mh.ohio.gov or 614-644-6996. To register, and to view the dates and locations for the trainings, visit: http://www.oacbha.org/regional_forensic_trainings.php.

Health Home Training Series Promotes Health-Behavior Change among People with SPMI

The Center for Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University is presenting a free training series as part of the Ohio Medicaid Health Homes initiative sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. "A Breath of Fresh Air: Promoting Health-Behavior Change among People with SPMI" is designed for primary and behavioral health care organizations in Ohio that serve people with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI). The event will highlight Stages of Change, motivational interviewing and tobacco interventions. Learn how to support and motivate health-behavior change. Register online today: [Columbus: May 6](#) [Athens: May 15](#) [Akron: June 17](#)

Regional Integration Forums

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare will host four face-to-face forums, which are open to all organizations working to improve integrated primary and behavioral healthcare in Ohio. The full-day interactive forums are designed to deepen participants' knowledge of integrated care, spur development of partnerships and lead to concrete action at the CBHC or Board level. Complete details, including dates, locations and registration materials are available [here](#).

Regional Meetings for Integrated SAMI Treatment

Case Western Reserve University's Center for Evidence-Based Practices (CEBP) is sponsoring a series of free regional trainings for Integrated SAMI Treatment. These events bring together professionals from multiple disciplines and systems who serve people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness (SAMI) to discuss challenges and solutions for implementing evidence-based practices and other service strategies (e.g., IDDT, ACT, DDCAT, DDCMHT, TRAC, MI, Health Homes). The meetings are moderated by staff of the Center for Evidence-Based Practices. Check for [dates, times, locations](#) of upcoming meetings.

Forging & Sustaining Partnerships Webinar — April 17

The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare will host a "Forging & Sustaining Partnerships" webinar on April 17. Beginning at 2 p.m. EST, the webinar will address: collaborative relationships, joint decision-making, team-based care, communication, financial and contractual agreements, and liability issues. Click [here](#) to register.

MEDNET Webinar on Quality Measures for Psychotropic Medication Use in Foster Care — April 23

On April 23rd, Rutgers University's Medicaid Network for Evidence-based Treatment (MEDNET) and Administration for Children, Youth, and Families will host a webinar on psychotropic medication use in foster care. The webinar will describe MEDNET's, ACYF's and the Medicaid Medical Directors Learning Network's (MMDLN) efforts to design quality measures for use and related data issues. Learn more about the webinar and [register here](#).

Traumatic Brain Injury & Polytrauma: Identification, Assessment & Services — April 24

The Cleveland VA Medical Center and Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices (CEBP) are teaming to host a free "Traumatic Brain Injury & Polytrauma: Identification, Assessment & Services" video conference on April 24 to help mental health and addictions professionals improve services for veterans of U.S. armed forces who experience traumatic brain injury (TBI) and substance use disorders. Presented by staff of the Cleveland VA Medical Center and Patrick Boyle, MSSA, LISW-S, LICDC, of the CEBP. This video conference broadcasts to multiple sites around Ohio. [Learn more and register online](#).



Motivational Interviewing: Applications for Housing Staff — April 29

Case Western Reserve University's Center for Evidence-Based Practices (CEBP) will host a free "Motivational Interviewing (MI): Applications for Housing Staff" to introduce housing supervisors and direct-service providers to this evidence-based treatment on April 29 in Akron. Presented by Jeremy Evenden, MSSA, LISW-S of the Center for Evidence-Based Practices, participants will learn MI's client-centered approaches for supporting individuals with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders in a variety of housing settings. [Learn more and register online.](#)

Wood County Offering Free LifeSkills Trainings — April 29-30

The Wood County Educational Service Center has several spots left for its "LifeSkills" trainings on April 29-30. LifeSkills is an evidence-based program for school-aged children with a goal to prevent substance abuse and violence by targeting social influence and competence enhancement models of prevention. LifeSkills is offered to children in grades 3 through 12. Trainings will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Wood County Educational Service Center, 1867 North Research Dr. in Bowling Green. Contact Lorrie Lewandowski at 419/354-9010, ext. 113 or llewandowski@wcesc.org for more information.

ADAPAO Hosting "Prevention & Change" Conference — May 1

The prevention field is undergoing monumental transformation, resulting from implementation of the Affordable Care Act, the impending creation of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and other national, state, and local shifts in how we consider and deliver prevention services. Join the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Association of Ohio (ADAPAO) on May 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. for its annual Prevention & Change conference, to gain insight and understand the implications to prevention funding and service delivery. The conference will take place at The Boat House at Confluence Park in Columbus and will feature Dr. Jeff Coody of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Ann Barnum of The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati, and several other prevention leaders. Registration information is available at www.adapao.org. Contact ADAPAO at mail@adapao.org or 614/470-3922 with questions.

CARF BH Update Webinar - Includes Health Home Presentation — May 8

The annual CARF BH Update training will be via webinar. CARF has also agreed to include a comprehensive review of CARF's Integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care and Health Home core program standards. Please note this year's training will not include a presentation on frequently missed standards. Special this year - No Cost! Michael Johnson, Managing Director, CARF Behavioral Health Unit will present this two hour webinar on May 8, 2013 beginning at 1:30. ODMH staff will also be available to answer questions. Additional information and registration is available at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/824033954>.

Free Deaf Cultural Competency in Mental Health Treatment — May 8

St. Vincent Family Center and ODMH are teaming up to host free, one-day [Deaf Cultural Competency in Mental Health Treatment Trainings](#) on April 2 (Cuyahoga County) and May 8 (Hamilton and Clermont County). These trainings will provide child and family mental health professionals with an introduction to deaf culture as it relates to providing counseling and mental health treatment to deaf and hard of hearing children and families. 6.0 Continuing Education Units are available for Ohio social workers, counselors and marriage and family therapists. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact Jennifer Paulus at 614/252-0731 ext. 1163 or email jpaulus@svfc.org.

19th Annual National TASC Conference on Drugs, Crime and Reentry — May 8-10

The 19th Annual National TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities) Conference on Drugs, Crime and Reentry is coming to the Greater Columbus Convention Center May 8-10. The National TASC Conference brings hundreds of individuals from around the country together to explore the latest advancements and issues in the treatment and recovery of justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs. For complete details, including registration links, visit: <http://www.nation-altasc.org/2013conference/>.

Out of the Medicine Cabinet: A Symposium on Rx and other Drug Abuse — May 17

The Licking County Prescription Drug Task Force and Pathways of Central Ohio are partnering to host "Out of the Medicine Cabinet: A symposium on rx and other drug abuse" on May 17 at Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, OH. Register at: www.pathwaysofcentralohio.org click the "prevention" tab or contact Bobby Persinger at bpersinger@pathwaysco.org or 740/345-6166 ext. 228.



Save the Date! Ohio Employment First Conference — June 4-5

The Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities, Education, Mental Health and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission will host “Employment First: Changing Expectations — Every Person. Every Talent. Every Opportunity,” June 4-5 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus-Dublin. Session topics include: interagency collaboration, school to work transition, employer engagement and changing culture, among others. The conference will feature keynote remarks from Dale DiLeo, President, Training Resource Network, and David Hoff, Program Director, Institute for Community Inclusion. Register now on the new Ohio Employment First website at: www.ohioemploymentfirst.org.

Mental Health America (MHA) 2013 Annual Conference — June 5-8

Mental Health America (MHA) will host its 2013 Annual Conference, *Why Wellness Works: Breakthroughs and Pathways to Whole Health*, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, June 5-8. Learn about the latest developments in the whole health and wellness fields. Extraordinary speakers, including keynote presenters Geoffrey Canada, President & CEO of the Harlem Children’s Zone, and Dr. James O. Prochaska, Director of the Cancer Prevention Research Center and Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Rhode Island, will share their insights and successes. For more information, or to register, visit: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/annualconference>.

2013 Ohio Addiction Studies Institute — July 31-August 2

Make your plans now to attend The Addiction Studies Institute sponsored by Talbot Hall, at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The Institute will be held July 31 - August 2, 2013 at the Columbus Convention Center. This year’s keynote presenters include Scott D. Miller, Ph.D., and Joan Borysenko, Ph.D., along with more than 50 breakout sessions to choose from. The Institute will provide 20+ hours of CEU credit. Learn more at www.addictionstudiesinstitute.com.

Generation Rx University Conference for Rx Drug Abuse Prevention & Recovery — Aug. 7-8

The second “Generation Rx University Conference for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention & Recovery” will be held Aug. 7-8 at the Blackwell Inn & Conference Center at The Ohio State University. Plenary and break-out sessions will include speakers from various associations and institutions. Colleges and universities are encouraged to send teams including students, staff and faculty members to develop take-home strategies for the implementation of prescription drug abuse prevention programs or collegiate recovery communities. Space is limited, so those wishing to attend are encouraged to register early. The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$100 (\$75 for students). For registration and more information, visit the conference website at www.go.osu.edu/rxabuseconference.

Save the Date! National Loss Team Conference — September 10-11

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation in partnership with the National Loss Team Committee will host “In the Journey of Loss, We Can Find Meaning Again — The National Loss Team Conference” at the Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus Airport. Frank Campbell, Ph.D., will provide keynote remarks. Watch www.ohiospf.org for more details in the coming months.

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