FY 2014 Community Innovations Funding Awards Announced

Pilots to Strengthen Collaboration Between Behavioral Health, Criminal Justice Systems

Utilizing savings achieved by the consolidation of behavioral health services under a single umbrella, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) has announced the first round of funding under its new “Community Innovations” initiative. For the current biennium, OhioMHAS is focused on forging collaborative partnerships that create linkages between mental health and addiction services and the criminal justice system.

OhioMHAS will invest $1.5 million in 12 projects serving a total of 24 counties during SFY 2014 (see map at right). A second round of funding will be awarded in SFY 2015 bringing the total amount of funding to $3 million over the biennium.

Funded projects focus on the goal of increasing public safety and minimizing harm to those with behavioral health needs who come in contact with law enforcement by linking them to community-based treatment resources and recovery supports.

“Diverting appropriate individuals from jail to community-based mental health treatment has been heralded for its potential benefits to the criminal justice system, the community and the diverted individual,” said OhioMHAS Director Tracy J. Plouck.

By expanding access to community-based services for adults diagnosed with mental illness and/or substance use disorders who interact with the justice system, Ohio could drastically decrease overall spending.

In Ohio, the average cost of addiction treatment in the community is $1,600 (without medication-assisted treatment), and the average cost of mental health treatment including two medications is $7,500 per year; whereas, it costs $25,269 a year to incarcerate an adult in prison. On a daily basis, the cost of incarcerating an offender in prison is $69.23; a day in jail is about $75, while the cost of parole for one day is only $11.54.
Screening, Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment

Medicaid, Medicare Coverage of Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment

Screening Brief Intervention & Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) is a comprehensive, integrated, public health approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services for persons with substance use disorders, as well as those who are at risk of developing these disorders. Primary care centers, hospital emergency rooms, trauma centers and other community settings provide opportunities for early intervention with at-risk substance users before more severe consequences occur.

The following information is intended to assist eligible clinicians in billing for SBIRT reimbursement. The link at the bottom of this page contains additional information about SBIRT efforts underway.

Ohio Medicaid Coverage*
The Ohio Department of Medicaid has made changes to the Medicaid reimbursement rule (Ohio Administrative Code 5101:3-1-60) Appendix DD so that SBIRT services provided beginning Sept. 1, 2013 are now covered when provided by Advanced Practice Nurses, Physicians, Physician Assistants and in clinics (e.g. Federally Qualified Health Centers [FQHCs] and Rural Health Clinics [RHCs]).

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* Please note that community alcohol and other drug and/or mental health service providers (Ohio Medicaid provider types 95 and 84) are not able to independently provide and bill these services to Ohio Medicaid.

General Medicare Coverage

Ohio Medicare Coverage
CGS Administrators, LLC is Ohio’s Medicare Part B Intermediary contracted with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to process Medicare Part B claims, including SBIRT. You will need to contact CGS for more information and/or with questions about SBIRT coverage by Medicare in Ohio. [http://www.cgsmedicare.com/ohb/help/contact/contactinfo.html#customerservice](http://www.cgsmedicare.com/ohb/help/contact/contactinfo.html#customerservice).

Click HERE for more information about OhioSBIRT.
Licking County Provider Breaks Ground on Permanent Supportive Housing Project

The Main Place, a consumer-operated mental health recovery center in Newark, broke ground Nov. 1 on “The Place Next Door” — a $1.4 million permanent supportive housing project for adults with severe and persistent mental illness in need of recovery services and supports. The 10-unit apartment complex is expected to be completed by June 2015.

The Main Place began working to secure funding in 2008. About $1.4 million was raised through contributions and grants from the Mental Health Recovery Board for Licking and Knox Counties, OhioMHAS ($350,000) and the Corporation for Supportive Housing to begin construction.

“Housing plays an important role in overcoming the negative impacts of mental illness,” said Glenn Hopkins, executive director of The Main Place. “We help give people tools and set up systems for them to be their own advocate and set up their own recovery.”

Residents in The Place Next Door will be able to stay as long as they need and will be able to use the services at The Main Place, which has helped residents of Licking and Knox counties find support, resources and education to help them get well and manage their mental illnesses since 1986. For more information, visit: http://www.themainplace.org/.

House of Hope Celebrates Opening of Highland House Sober Living Community in Columbus

On Oct. 30, the House of Hope celebrated the opening of the Highland House, a sober living community situated in Columbus’ historic Victorian Village neighborhood. Utilizing $500,000 in funding from OhioMHAS, officials from the House of Hope worked with the Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board of Franklin County to identify and renovate the home, which supports five individuals in recovery. Sober housing is for individuals who desire to live in an environment that is free from the use of alcohol and other drugs after completion of treatment. The model has been proven to be successful in creating stable housing, sobriety and employment for individuals who have histories of alcohol and other drug addictions.

Pictured (l-r): Carolyn Ireland, executive director of the House of Hope, OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck and Franklin County ADAMH Board CEO David Royer. Inset: Highland House.
OhioMHAS, OHA Host 12th Biennial Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference
About 125 professionals attended the 2013 Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference, which was held Oct. 25 in Dublin, Ohio. The conference, co-sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Hospital Association, highlighted the importance of developing partnerships among public and private providers throughout the state and across the continuum of care to optimize recovery for individuals with an addiction and/or mental illness. PICTURED: Deborah Townsend, CEO/President of Concepts of Care and a leadership consultant, presents the keynote address.

OhioMHAS Strategic Plan Available on Website
The inaugural OhioMHAS Strategic Plan has been finalized and is now available on the Department website. The plan, which incorporated feedback from staff and stakeholders alike, serves as a guidance document and roadmap of sorts for the new consolidated agency.

As OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck notes in her cover letter, “The goal in bringing the former Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Mental Health together to create a single agency is to utilize a more client-focused approach that puts additional resources into services that individuals affected by addiction and mental illness can access across the lifespan. We want to make it easier to work with the state by streamlining the bureaucracy and regulatory approaches where appropriate. We at the Department are also focused on providing support for small agencies, especially ones located in economically challenged areas. For our internal team, the emphasis has been on innovation and collaboration. The consolidation provides us with an opportunity for enhanced creativity that will benefit the field. I hope that you will find this inaugural strategic plan reflective of the values I have mentioned. It is my goal to be able to talk to anyone who works with or is served by the new agency a year from now and to have that individual be able to identify ways in which the consolidation has improved service delivery.”

SBH Hosts 7th Annual Wellness Fair
Nearly 120 people attended the Recovery and Wellness Fair held Oct. 24 at Summit Behavioral Healthcare (SBH) in Cincinnati. The annual event, which marked its seventh year, was designed for mental health professionals and paraprofessionals, persons in recovery, family members, students, and others interested in psychiatric rehabilitation and recovery. SBH is one of the state’s six regional psychiatric hospitals administered by OhioMHAS. PICTURED: Karen Scherra (second from right), executive director of the Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board, with staff from SBH including (l-r) Unit Psychologist Dionne Hollis, Ph.D.; CEO Liz Banks; Unit Social Worker Susan Russell; Chief Clinical Officer Douglas Lehrer, M.D.; and Clinical Director Dick Sexton, Ph.D.
Ohio Symposium on Integrated Care for Children Highlights Health Home Successes

On Oct. 30, the Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies hosted the Ohio Symposium on Integrated Care for Children at the Columbus Foundation. The focus was on the concept of Medicaid Health Homes, which connect physical health care benefits and behavioral health services so that people receive coordinated care from a multi-disciplinary team. Individuals with multiple, chronic issues such as mental illness, addiction, heart disease, asthma or diabetes benefit when their providers integrate delivery of medical, behavioral and social services. Several Ohio behavioral health providers have transformed their practices to do just that, becoming the first adopters of the Medicaid Health Home model in this state with support from OhioMHAS and Ohio Medicaid. Representatives of Harbor, located in Lucas County, and Shawnee Mental Health Center, headquartered in Portsmouth, delivered a presentation to symposium attendees regarding successes and lessons learned. Afet Kilinc, clinical policy advisor at OhioMHAS, spoke on Health Home Data for Children. She reported that since the launching of Phase I Health Homes in October 2012, more than 7,800 children (approximately 42 percent of total enrollees) have accessed the health home benefit through participating providers.

PICTURED: (l-r) Cynthia Holstein, MA, CEO of Shawnee Mental Health Center and Steve Benjamin, LISW, VP, Clinical Services for Youth and Family, Harbor, share Health Home lessons-learned with participants.

OhioMHAS Office of Quality, Planning & Research Releases New Epidemiological Studies

The OhioMHAS Office of Quality, Planning & Research has released two new Epidemiological Studies, focusing on neonatal abstinence syndrome and naloxone administration.

As part of Ohio’s ongoing effort to investigate the impact of opiate abuse, OhioMHAS is examining the opiate epidemic among the most vulnerable — babies born to mothers who are addicted to opiate painkillers and heroin. Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Drug Use Among Pregnant Women in Ohio, 2004-2011, provides insight into the dramatic rise in neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) admissions over time. Comparisons are made between infants diagnosed with NAS and all other infants on statistics like health complications and cost. In addition, the report addresses the growing number of pregnant women in substance abuse treatment and their discharge status. The report also provides policy recommendations for health care and substance use treatment.

Meanwhile, administration of a lifesaving drug called naloxone (aka, Narcan®) is used as a proxy to detect incidence of overdose in Ohio in Naloxone (Narcan®) Administration in Ohio, 2003-2012. Data from the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s EMS Incident Reporting System show the number of naloxone administrations per year increased from 4,010 in 2003 to 10,589 in 2012 (11 per day in 2003 vs. 29 per day in 2012). Trends in naloxone administration are also broken down by age, gender, race and region. Other findings examine EMS certification status and EMS run times for those administered naloxone, along with results from a brief survey sent out to EMTs. Policy recommendations to decrease the number of overdose episodes that lead to death include allowing first responders and EMTs with the basic license to administer naloxone and the consideration of a 911 Good Samaritan law.

For more information on either study, please contact Rick Massatti, Ph.D., at 614.752.8718.
Innovation Video Awards Allow Six Counties to Promote Early Childhood Mental Health Efforts

OhioMHAS has selected six applicants to receive Innovation Mini-Grants to develop videos that showcase local services, professional development or clinical practices that enable Ohio’s youngest citizens to develop into healthy young people and productive adults. These Innovation Mini-Grants align Ohio's Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) services with the statewide Race to the Top — Early Learning Challenge Grant Initiative for 2012-2015, which focuses on children birth to age 6 who are low-income; high-needs, possess multiple disabilities or are English language learners. The goal of these videos is to document Ohio’s efforts to be a national leader in the provision of children’s mental and behavioral health services by demonstrating practices that: 1.) strengthen social and emotional resiliency in young children; or 2.) model innovative multi-ethnic family engagement strategies increasing protective factors for young children birth to age 6. “They illustrate an array of best practices that will guide professionals engaged in early child development treatment and consultation,” said Valerie Alloy, Ph.D., OhioMHAS lead for ECMH. “I am thrilled to see such quality and rich clinical detail for use by the field in a variety of ways, including technical assistance, systems development and national and statewide marketing efforts.” The videos will be a centerpiece of the ECMH Statewide Conference set for June 3, 2014.

The six Innovation Video county board grant recipients, their partner provider and the themes they chose to showcase are listed below. This month, OhioMHAS is pleased to feature three of the videos (click links below).

- **Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services of Cuyahoga County** and Achievement Centers for Children for best practices in infant massage and parent engagement.
- **Montgomery County ADAMHS & Samaritan Behavioral Health** for sharing evidenced-informed ECMH interventions for young children.
- **Lorain County Mental Health Board** and Guidestone for showcasing effective parental/professional collaboration to address very challenging child behaviors. View video.
- **County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services Board** and Child Guidance & Family Solutions for their multi-systems approach to successful child assessment, outcomes and community involvement. View video.
- **Trumbull County Mental Health & Recovery Board** and PsyCare for modeling social and emotional kindergarten readiness and strong family/teacher collaboration.
- **Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board** and Child Focus for unique methods to reduce preschool child expulsions and helping educators and parents assess and support resiliency in children. View video.

Training Camp Tackles Marijuana Policy

In October, the Drug Free Action Alliance hosted a 411 on 420 training camp to arm coalitions and community members with facts and talking points about the impact of marijuana legalization efforts across the country. Legalization policies elsewhere have led to a number of unforeseen consequences, including lawsuits against employers, an increase in marijuana-related traffic fatalities and a rise in school expulsions. OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck opened up the training with a message on the importance of the continuum of care. Orman Hall, director of the Governor’s Opiate Action Team kicked off the second day of camp by inspiring attendees to work for sober and healthy lifestyles. Kevin Sabet, founder of Smart Approaches to Marijuana (SAM), former Senior Advisor to the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) and frequent contributor to CNN, The Piers Morgan Show and MSNBC, provided keynote remarks. Other speakers for the event were Columbus’ NBC4 lead anchor Colleen Marshall, Distinguished Professor from The Ohio State University Michael Slater, Working Partners’ Managing Director of Policy Development & Training Karen Pierce and Carpenter, Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen and Carpenter, Lipps and Leland Partner Jon Allison.
Inaugural Alcohol and Other Drug Recovery Housing Training Builds Foundation for Future

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in collaboration with Access to Recovery, the Ohio Association of Recovery Residences, the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers and the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, hosted Ohio’s first statewide Alcohol and Other Drug (AoD) Recovery Housing Training in October. More than 140 participants attended the training held at Deer Creek State Park. The training was geared toward AoD recovery housing providers, Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board staff and AoD recovery housing advocates. Participants left with an awareness of Ohio’s recovery housing needs and a better understanding of the role of recovery housing. The training also provided a great foundation to lay the groundwork for developing an Ohio affiliate of the National Alliance for Recovery Residences. The two-day training generated significant momentum and energy for the upcoming work in recovery housing. OhioMHAS will host the first AoD Recovery Housing Resource Meeting Nov. 19, at Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Columbus. For more information, please contact Alisia Clark, at Alisia.clark@mha.ohio.gov.

Veteran Stand Down

OhioMHAS was proud to support the Central Ohio Homeless Veteran Stand Down event held at the Veterans Memorial on Oct. 22. Stand Downs are held in each county and offer homeless veterans care items, haircuts and other basic goods. The Veterans Administration and local and state partners gathered to help serve the needs of homeless veterans. Learn more here.

Franklin County Teens Reach Out to Peers in Puerto Rico to Help Fight Rx Drug Abuse

Four Youth to Youth International teens — Jaylon Hopkins (Reynoldsburg), Lillian McIntosh (Gahanna), Abigail Niehaus and Nick Smock (both of Hilliard) — travelled to Puerto Rico this month to teach teens about prescription drug abuse and misuse so they, in turn, could educate their peers and younger students. The team worked with more than 30 high school teens in Puerto Rico, teaching them to conduct The pHARMING Effects, a presentation developed by Youth to Youth teens to help combat the prescription drug epidemic. Cardinal Health Foundation provided the funding to provide the creation and regional training of The pHARMING Effects to schools and youth groups in the US and Puerto Rico. Youth to Youth is a program of CompDrug.

Youth to Youth trainers pose for a photo with their peers in Puerto Rico. The Ohio youths helped to raise awareness about prescription drug abuse.

Lorain County Reports First Life Saved with Naloxone

A little more than two weeks after equipping law enforcement officers with naloxone, Lorain County county officials confirmed the first successful opioid overdose reversal. According to Lorain Police, officers saved the life of a 21-year-old woman who was unresponsive following an overdose. Administered as a nasal spray, naloxone counters the effects of narcotic drugs, including heroin and other opiates, long enough to get medical help for someone who is unconscious and not breathing. Read the local news coverage.
Ohio Community Supports Recovery Planning Council Seeking to Fill Vacancies

The Ohio Community Supports Recovery Planning Council is an advisory group to Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) on the adequacy of all mental health and addiction services in Ohio regardless of funding source. The Council meets six times a year in Columbus, on three Fridays and three Saturdays. Consumer and family members cannot be employed by a provider agency and cannot be a state employee. Members receive reimbursement for mileage to Columbus and a per diem expense. As of Jan. 1, 2014, the Council will have the following vacancies: 1.) an adult consumer in mental health recovery; 2.) a youth or young adult consumer (ages 14-25) in mental health recovery; and 3.) two vacancies for a parent or other family member of a youth (age 17 or younger) with addiction issues. To request an application please identify the type of vacancy you are interested in and send an email no later than Nov. 15 to: planningcouncil@mha.ohio.gov.

Stark County Provider Opens Residential Treatment Center for Adolescent Females

Quest Recovery and Prevention Services of Stark County celebrated the grand opening of BRIGHT (Bringing Recovery, Inner-Greatness and Hope Together) House Nov. 1 in Canton. BRIGHT House is a substance abuse residential treatment program for adolescent females with a strong focus on trauma. Special emphasis will be placed on developing the minds, bodies and spirits of the young women served. For more information, call (330) 837-1883.

Fresh A.I.R. Gallery Hosting “Feathers and Fence Posts” Exhibition

Fresh A.I.R. (Artists in Recovery) is featuring “Feathers and Fence Posts,” paintings by Ronald VanHoose through Nov. 29 at its gallery located at 131 N. High St., in Columbus. Fresh A.I.R. Gallery is operated by Southeast, Inc., a comprehensive provider of mental health, chemical dependency, physical health care and homeless services that has been serving Franklin County and surrounding counties since 1978. For gallery hours and more information, call (614) 225-0980.

News & Research Round Up

DEA Take-Back Day Nets 324 Tons of Unused Prescription Drugs

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Diversion Control Program’s latest National Take Back Day — held Saturday, Oct. 26 — netted 324 tons of unused prescription and over-the-counter medications. In Ohio, officials collected nearly 12 tons of unused and/or expired prescription medications from 234 participating collection sites throughout the state. Click here for a state-by-state breakdown of law enforcement participation, collection sites and amounts collected.

Partnership at Drugfree.org Releases New “Mind Your Meds” PSAs

The Partnership at Drugfree.org collaborated with Boston-based advertising agency Hill Holliday to launch a new campaign for its nationwide Medicine Abuse Project. Featuring the tagline “Mind Your Meds,” the campaign includes national broadcast, print, radio, digital and outdoor public service education messages. Actor/Director Eric Stoltz, (Mask, Pulp Fiction) who has directed television episodes of Glee, Grey’s Anatomy and Nip/Tuck, directed the TV PSAs, which portray an adult opening a bathroom cabinet for medication. When the mirrored door closes, the reflection is that of a teenager, the implicit message being, “mind your meds.” Stoltz also provided the voiceover for the TV and radio spots. Watch and share the PSAs: The first is titled “Reflection – Grandpa,” and the second is “Reflection – Mom.” Also, be sure to check out the Partnership’s new Medicine Abuse Quiz.

NIDA’s Drug Abuse Information for Teens Goes Mobile

Teens — and adults who care for them — can now find answers to questions about drug abuse and addiction more easily, and through smartphones and tablets. Spanish-language versions of easy-to-understand resources on drug abuse and addiction are now also available through the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), part of the National Institutes of Health. NIDA has upgraded its popular NIDA for Teens website to a “responsive design” model that automatically adjusts to fit the viewer’s screen for better viewing through smartphones and tablets. The new design also is more engaging, with larger, more vibrant buttons that link directly to resources that provide answers to questions and concerns related to drug abuse in adolescents. The teen site continues to house free, interactive resources such as its teen blog and PEERx, an online educational initiative to discourage abuse of prescription drugs among teens. In addition to the redesigned teen site, NIDA’s improved Parents and Educators page makes it easier for caregivers and teachers to find free, scientifically based prevention and education resources. Examples include Family Checkup — a tool for talking with children about drugs — as well as the latest science-based information on the health effects and consequences of drug abuse. Teachers also can find free resources for elementary, middle and high school students, including examples of classroom-based science experiments from the NIH Lab Challenge.
News & Research Round Up, cont.

Mental Health America Publishes Online Treatment Resource Resource
Mental Health America has published a new web resource that provides a comparative, research-based approach on complementary and alternative treatments for mental health conditions. Mental Health America enlisted the help of David Mischoulon, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, to review the material. The information was compiled from many published sources by Mental Health America. The website is a “meta-review” of the 10 most prominent objective sources, including Dr. Mischoulon’s book, *Natural Medications for Psychiatric Disorders: Considering the Alternatives*, co-edited with Jerrold F. Rosenbaum, M.D. (also of Harvard Medical School) (2002/2008). By putting all of the recommendations not tied to product advertising in one place, side-by-side, Mental Health America hopes to help consumers, advocates, physicians and other health care practitioners will be better informed about the principal non-traditional options available and the evidence that supports them.

Study: 30 Percent of Veterans Given Psychiatric Drugs Don’t Have Mental Health Diagnosis
A new study finds 30 percent of U.S. veterans prescribed psychiatric medications do not have a diagnosed mental health condition. Veterans ages 65-85 are most likely to be prescribed psychotropic medications without having a diagnosis, according to the study. This age group is also the least likely to be receiving mental health treatment. The drugs most likely to be prescribed without a diagnosis are antidepressants; sedatives, such as alprazolam or diazepam; and mood stabilizers, such as gabapentin and valproic acid. The researchers analyzed prescription and medical records of 1.85 million veterans who filled prescriptions in 2010 for at least one psychiatric medication. They found veterans older than 65 were prescribed psychiatric drugs without a diagnosis 44 percent more often than veterans in their 40s. The findings appear in the *American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*.

Study: 1 in 10 Teens Treated in the ER Admit to Misusing Prescription Drugs
Ten percent of 14- to 20-year-olds treated in the emergency room for any reason say they have misused prescription drugs at least once in the last year, a new study finds. Researchers at the University of Michigan found most of the teens who admitted to misusing prescription drugs used other people’s medications. Teens who misused prescription drugs were significantly more likely to also have abused alcohol and non-prescription drugs such as cough medicine, or to have used marijuana in the past year, the study found. Study author Lauren Whiteside, M.D., said the findings suggest that emergency departments could be an effective place to screen teens and young adults for prescription drug misuse, and for intervening early before problems begin. The findings appear in the journal *Pediatrics*.

DEA States It Is Not Seeing Cases of Krokodil Despite Claims
The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) states it has not seen evidence of the flesh-eating drug krokodil surfacing in the U.S., despite reports in Arizona and Illinois of people using the drug. Doctors at a suburban Chicago hospital recently reported they are treating three people who used krokodil, a caustic, homemade, heroin-like drug that can rot flesh and bone. In September, Arizona health officials reported two cases of people who used the drug. The drug became popular in Russia about 10 years ago as a cheap replacement for heroin. It costs about three times less than heroin, and produces a similar, but much shorter, high. Krokodil is made from over-the-counter codeine-based pain medications, mixed with gasoline, paint thinner, alcohol or iodine. When a person injects the drug, it destroys tissue, and turns the skin scaly and green, giving it a crocodile-like appearance. The drug can also cause blood poisoning, festering sores and abscesses.

New Toolkit to Aid Medical Home Management of FASD
The American Academy of Pediatrics has released a new Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) online toolkit for medical home providers. The comprehensive toolkit serves as the framework for the medical home management of a child with FASD and includes a Joint Call to Action by several leading primary care focused organizations.

NIAAA Names New Director
George F. Koob, Ph.D., has been named director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. As director, Dr. Koob will oversee the institute’s $458 million budget, which primarily funds alcohol-related research in a wide range of scientific areas including genetics, neuroscience, epidemiology, prevention and treatment. The institute also coordinates and collaborates with other research institutes and federal programs on alcohol-related issues and national, state and local institutions, organizations, agencies and programs engaged in alcohol-related work.
Training Opportunities

2013-14 Regional Problem Gambling Treatment Training Series
OhioMHAS will partner with Cleveland-based Recovery Resources to present the 2013-14 Regional Problem Gambling training series. Participants will receive CEUs for social workers, counselors and gambling counselors and RCHs for chemical dependency and prevention professionals. **Stage 1: Foundations in Disordered Gambling** trainings are scheduled for **Akron** (Nov. 14-15). **Stage 2: Treating the Disordered Gambler** trainings are scheduled for **Dayton** (Dec. 5-6), **Akron** (Feb. 13-14) and **Athens** (March 24-25). **Advanced Disordered Gambling** trainings are scheduled for **Cleveland** (May 5-6) and **Columbus** (May 8-9). Click the links for complete details.

Registration Open: 2013-2014 Problem Gambling Prevention Trainings
Drug Free Action Alliance, with support from OhioMHAS, is continuing to expand the problem gambling prevention landscape by focusing on building community collaboration and infusing environmental strategies with two new trainings. For four upcoming dates, the morning session will be: **How to Work with Community Groups Regarding Problem Gambling Prevention Efforts**, and the afternoon session will be: **Environmental Prevention Strategies for Problem Gambling**. Training dates are Dec. 13 in Toledo, Jan. 22 in Columbus, Feb. 19 in Cincinnati, and March 18 in Cleveland. RCHs and CEUs of 3.0 are provided for each session or 6.0 for a full day. Cost is $25 a session or $40 for a full day with lunch provided. Click **here** to register and get details for a specific event.

Northeast Ohio Heroin Summit — Nov. 21
The Cleveland Clinic is sponsoring a free Heroin Summit at the InterContinental Hotel on Nov. 21. Law enforcement, the medical community and experts in prevention and treatment will discuss the heroin epidemic and strategies to combat it. The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Board of Cuyahoga County is providing 5.5 CEUs for social workers, counselors and chemical dependency professionals. **Register** online. For more information, call (216) 444-2800.

2013 NASW Ohio Chapter Annual Conference — Nov. 21-22
The National Association of Social Workers-Ohio Chapter will host its annual conference, “Building, defining Transforming: Social Work in the 21st Century” Nov. 21-22 at Quest Conference Center in Columbus. The conference offers 12 CEUs over two days and features more than 30 workshops and 60 exhibitors. Click **here** for details.

Trauma-Informed Care Training — Nov. 22
The Ohio Network of Children’s Advocacy Center (CAC) will host an all-day Trauma-Informed Care training Nov. 22 at PACCAR Medical Education center in Chillicothe. This training is intended for (but not limited to) law enforcement, child advocacy, medical and mental health, victim advocacy, prosecution and CAC staff professionals. Get details **here**.

Foundations of Integrated Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment — Dec. 3-4
The Center for Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University will host “Foundations of Integrated Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment” Dec. 3-4 in Columbus. This training is for clinicians who conduct comprehensive assessments of individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness. Presenters will use “SAMHSA Tip 42” as a primary learning tool, with an emphasis on case studies. Presented by Deborah Myers, MEd, PCC-S, and Ric Kruzsynski, MSSA, LISW, LICDC. The deadline to register is Nov. 22. Click **here** for details.

IDDT Implementation Strategies for Program Leaders — March 25-26, 2014
The Center for Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University will present “IDDT Implementation Strategies for Program Leaders” in Columbus March 25-26, 2014. This training is for innovators in Ohio and throughout the nation who are implementing an Integrated Dual Disorder Treatment (IDDT) team with aspirations of high fidelity to this evidence-based practice for people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness. Click **here** for details.
Training Opportunities, cont.

Save the Date: Midwest Alcohol Policy Summit — April 1-3, 2014
The premiere Midwest Alcohol Policy Summit will be held in Columbus on April 2-3, 2014, with a one-day pre-conference with dual tracks on higher education and law enforcement on April 1, 2014. The inaugural conference, with the collaboration of eight partner states, will explore progress in advancing sound alcohol policies at the local, regional and national level. Legislative and community norms continue to shift and it is vital to equip decision makers at all levels with the most up-to-date and evidence-based resources. The summit will bring focus to the importance of alcohol policy as well as resources for making reforms in your community. Conference organizers have issued a Call for Presentations. Submissions are due by Dec. 13, 2013. Please direct questions about the Summit to Derek Longmeier at (614) 540-9985 ext. 16 or DLongmeier@DrugFreeAction-Alliance.org.

OPEC Merging with Annual Early Childhood Mental Health Conference
The OhioMHAS Office of Prevention & Wellness is excited to announce that the 25th annual Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC) is merging with the Ohio Early Childhood Mental Health Conference. This conference will integrate the work of the Bureaus within the Office of Prevention & Wellness. The Bureau of Prevention and the Bureau of Children and Families are working together to build the capacity of Ohio's prevention and early intervention workforce to transform wellness for Ohio's children, families and communities. The merged conference is tentatively scheduled for June 2-5, 2014, on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. The Third Annual Youth-Led Prevention PSA Contest will again be a part of the event, as well as recognizing this year's Prevention Champion. A “Save the Date” will be coming soon.

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