

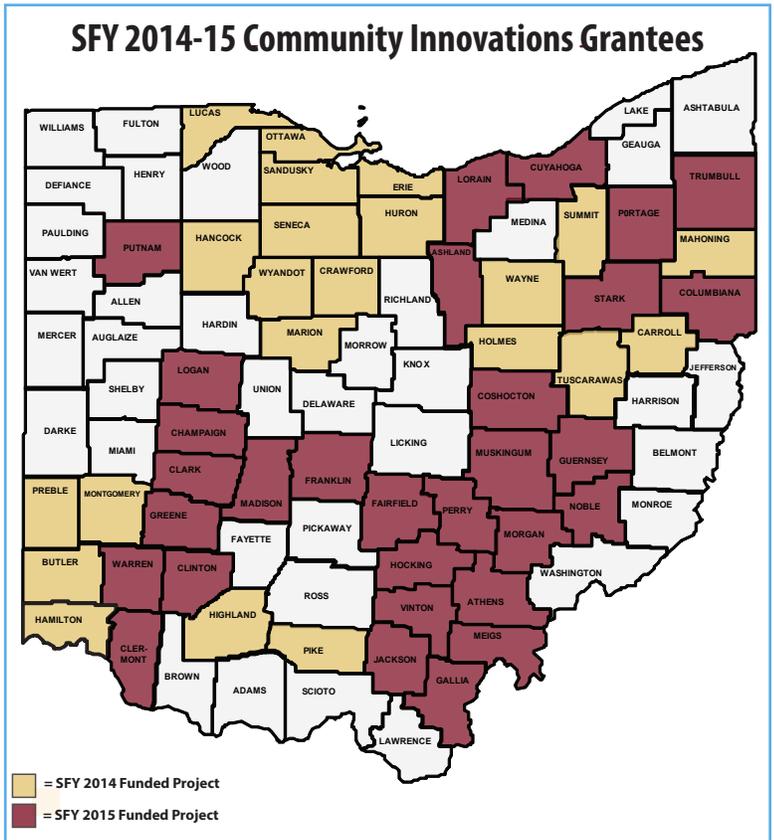
## OhioMHAS Announces FY15 Community Innovations Awards

Utilizing administrative savings achieved from last summer's consolidation of state-funded agencies for mental health and addiction services under a single umbrella, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) announced the second round of funding for its Community Innovations initiative during a [Dec. 9 media event](#) in Portage County. The Department outlined plans to invest \$1.5 million in SFY 2015 toward 17 projects, serving 31 counties, which help link non-violent offenders with community-based behavioral health care services at the event hosted by Coleman Professional Services in Ravenna. All told, the state has invested \$3 million over the biennium with projects serving 53 of Ohio's 88 counties.

"County jails are not the proper treatment facilities for individuals who have behavioral health issues," said OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck. "Providing linkages upon release from jail to community-based treatment and improves the likelihood of successful re-entry and contributes to the welfare and safety of the communities at large."

The Community Innovations initiative encourages communities to forge collaborative relationships between the behavioral health and criminal justice systems so that individuals with mental illness and/or alcohol and other drug addiction receive the care they need. This, in turn, helps to reduce recidivism, increase public safety and minimize harm to those who come in contact with law enforcement.

"This grant comes at a critical time for Portage County," said Joel Mowrey, Ph.D., executive director of the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Portage County, one of the counties that received funding. "A high percentage of our jail population has experienced serious trauma leading to their addiction or mental illness. With this grant, we are building a team of



professionals trained in trauma-informed care principles to support their recovery."

The Portage County Board is partnering with the Portage County Sheriff's Office, Coleman Professional Services, Townhall II and Summa's Center for Traumatic Stress for the local grant.

[See photos from the announcement](#)

[Read the media release](#)

[See an overview of all FY15 project proposals](#)

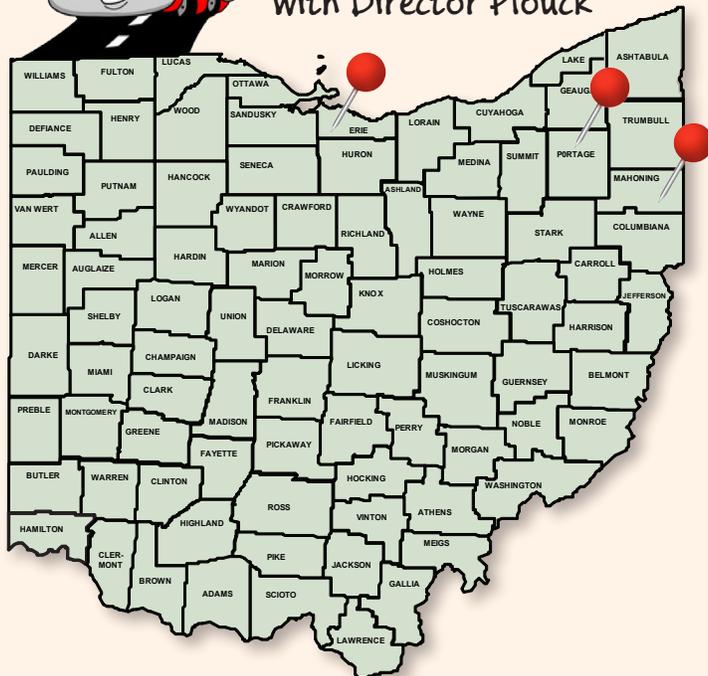
[Learn more about Community Innovations](#)



Happy Holidays



## On the Road with Director Plouck



Each month, we'll highlight some of Director Plouck's visits and public engagements in this column. Below is a summary of her recent travels:

- 11/24 Visited Erie County Health Department for an update on local efforts to combat opiate addiction
- 12/2 Provided remarks at Mahoning County Family and Children First Council Annual Meeting
- 12/9 Participated in media conference to announce SFY 2015 Community Innovations funding at Coleman Professional Services in Portage County

## New Research Report Examines Screening, Intervention and Referral Practices Among Prescribers

The OhioMHAS Office of Quality, Planning and Research has released *Screening, Intervention and Referral Practices among Prescribers and Pharmacists Treating Patients with Substance Abuse Disorder in Ohio*, a new report that evaluates how prescribers and pharmacists with access to Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System (OARRS) provide intervention or referral to treatment for patients who have a substance abuse disorder (SUD). The report provides a better understanding of the level of confidence of prescribers and pharmacists using OARRS and other tools in the practice of intervention and referral to treatment for SUD patients, and will eventually assist with crafting appropriate policies and guidelines to enhance intervention and referral practices. More than 2,500 pharmacists and prescribers responded to the survey initiated under a SAMHSA Prescription Drug & Monitoring Program (PDMP) grant to the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy. Respondents were diverse in terms of age, gender, education, training, primary position, practice setting, prescribing experience and training in pain management.

The survey evaluation found that about 40 percent of the prescribers felt confident in accurately identifying drug diversion based on patient information in OARRS, and that 34 percent of pharmacists felt comfortable in speaking with patients about their potential substance abuse disorder. Another key finding was that about 31 percent of the prescribers did not follow-up with patients to verify whether they went to the referred treatment providers. For more information on the report, contact Ph.D. Surendra B. Adhikari, Principal Evaluator at [Surendra.adhikari@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Surendra.adhikari@mha.ohio.gov).

## Ohio Receives Federal Grant to Examine Family Drug Courts

Ohio is one of five states tapped to receive a *Family Drug Court Statewide System Reform Program* grant from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The two-year, \$309,115 grant will include funding for a symposium with representatives from family drug courts to develop plans for increasing access. According to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), more than 42 percent of parents who come in contact with Ohio's child protective services have identified substance abuse issues. Family drug courts are designed to assist those parents with treatment and rehabilitation, but too often those who need the help are not using the services. Currently, there are 16 family drug courts in Ohio certified by the Supreme Court. They are based on the drug court specialized docket concept that focuses on treatment and rehabilita-

tion, and the parent's substance abuse is addressed as the root cause contributing to the dependency, neglect, or abuse in the family.

The Ohio Supreme Court Specialized Docket and Children & Families sections will partner with OhioMHAS and ODJFS on grant implementation. "The increase in opiate abuse is taking a toll on Ohio's families," Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor said. "Our family drug courts can provide families stability and increase well-being through court-monitored treatment. We will use this grant to identify the barriers that limit families' ability to access the assistance drug courts provide. Removing these barriers is fundamental to participation and success."





Dr. Muhammad Momen

## Northcoast Doc Elected to American College of Psychiatrists

Northcoast Behavioral Healthcare (NBH) Medical Director Dr. Muhammad Momen has been elected as a member of the prestigious American College of Psychiatrists (ACP). ACP is a not-for-profit honorary association dedicated to providing continuing education to its members, promoting the latest advances in the specialty and supporting the highest standards in psychiatry.

"This accomplishment is well-deserved and is a reflection of the quality leadership we have here at Northcoast," said NBH CEO Douglas Kern.

Dr. Momen will be inducted at the organization's annual meeting in February 2015. Membership to the College is limited to 750 practicing psychiatrists who have demonstrated outstanding competence and national recognition in the field of psychiatry. Dr. Momen is only the 23rd member from Ohio, and the first from an OhioMHAS-operated regional psychiatric hospital.



## Ohio Undertakes State System Review for Gambling Services

About 40 of Ohio's behavioral health professionals, who also specialize in the field of problem gambling, convened in Columbus on Dec. 16 to take part in a Problem Gambling System Improvement Forum. The Forum was part of a larger State System Review being undertaken by OhioMHAS to determine what areas of a problem gambling continuum of care are on the right track and where system improvement efforts should be focused. The department has contracted with Jeffrey Marotta, Ph.D. (pictured), an expert in state and international problem gambling service systems, to assist in Ohio's analysis. A final report will be available by June 30, 2015.

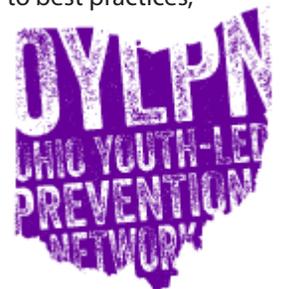
### >>> Mark Your Calendar!

The 2015 Ohio Problem Gambling Conference — Growing Awareness, Building Capacity has been set for March 5-6, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North, 6500 Doubletree Avenue, Worthington. Stay tuned to eNews for more details in the New Year!



## Role of Adults in Youth-Led Prevention Programming Explored at Summit

More than 200 professionals gathered in Columbus on Dec. 5 for a day of learning at the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network's (OYLPN) Adult Leader Summit. Leading experts in the areas of youth development and collective impact shared current research on the role of adults in youth-led programming related to best practices, lessons learned and creating inclusive environments. They also disseminated information related to the powerful role that youth-led programming can play in a collective-impact approach to create nurturing environments in Ohio's communities, improving the odds to ensure that all youth are ready for college, work and life. The Summit was sponsored by the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network, OhioMHAS and the Drug-Free Action Alliance.



**Pictured Above:** (l-r) Reed Larson, a professor in the departments of Human and Community Development, Psychology and Educational Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, presented on the role of adults in youth-led initiatives; the crowd listens to several subject-matter experts at the Summit. For more pictures from the Summit, visit our [Flickr](#) page.

## OhioMHAS Grow Power Packets Giving Holiday Hope and Sustenance to Ohioans with Different Abilities

The assembly phase for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Grow Power wellness toolkits appears to be having a broader collective impact than initially planned.

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In addition to providing employment opportunities for more than 25 individuals with different abilities; employees working on the packets have commented that they enjoy learning the parenting, caregiver and child development information contained in the toolkits designed to positively impact the growth and development of Ohio's youngest citizens. According to a recent letter from Hopewell Industries, Inc., of Coshocton County, the facility earned a Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) rating — achieved only by the top 3 percent of facilities in the nation — based, in part, on their multi-level assembly work on the *Grow Power* packets.

Meanwhile, Van Viney, CEO of MATCO Industries in Madison County, com-

mented, that "the Grow Power assembly is a first ever, multi-county project collaboration."

These achievements help to seal the OhioMHAS Bureau of Children and Families' view that Grow Power truly has the power to grow Ohio families and communities! The Bureau extends its appreciation to Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities Director John Martin and OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck for their enthusiastic support of the Grow Power project, as well as its partner agencies: the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Ohio Child Care and Resource Association, Ohio Family and

Children's First and Franklin County Family and Children First Councils. For more information on the Grow Power Toolkits please contact: Lynette Cashaw Davis at 614-466-1984 or email [Lynette.Cashaw-Davis@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Lynette.Cashaw-Davis@mha.ohio.gov).



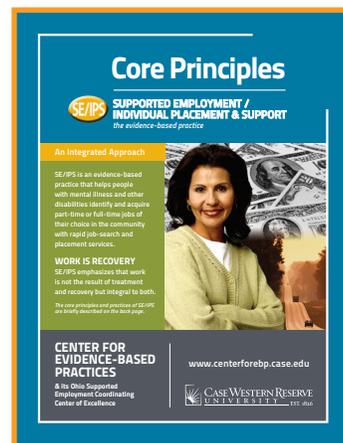
**Pictured:** (Far right) Dr. Valerie Alloy, OhioMHAS Bureau of Children and Families and MATCO Services CEO Van Viney check out the contents of the Grow Power packets, while MATCO employees Michael Ellis, Jr. (left) and Virginia Smalley (foreground) assemble kits. Also pictured: Lynette Cashaw-Davis, OhioMHAS.

## New Behavioral Health Resources from CWRU Center for Evidence-Based Practices

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices has released several free behavioral health resources: ***A Practical Guide to Benefits Advocacy*** This new manual is a must-have introduction to SSI, SSDI, Medicare, and Medicaid — benefits programs most commonly used by people diagnosed with mental illness. Learn to help clients make more informed choices about their financial futures. Help them manage their benefits and pursue their employment dreams. Designed for providers of mental health services, family members and other advocates.

***Benefits & Work: It's Not All or Nothing (Poster)*** This colorful 18" x 24" poster is designed to inform people about the importance of understanding benefits information (e.g., SSI, SSDI, Medicaid) while pursuing and working a job. The poster presents some common myths about benefits programs and a truth to dispel each myth. Display it in the waiting room of your building or in your office. Mini-poster handout version also available.

***Core Principles of Supported Employment — Individual Placement and Support (Mini-Poster)*** Make employment a part of the recovery process. Learn how Benefits Planning fits into employment services. This 8.5" x 11" mini-poster provides an at-a-glance overview of the core principles of Supported Employment-Individual Placement and Support (SE-IPS), the evidence-based practice. Use it to educate new staff, stakeholders, employers, consumers, family members. Advocate for SE-IPS services in your organization and community.



## Art in Recovery Series



### Heartland Behavioral Healthcare Featured in OhioMHAS Rotating Exhibition

In support of recovery, OhioMHAS is featuring artwork created by patients in our regional psychiatric hospitals at our location on the 36th Floor of the Rhodes State Office Tower. The artwork (pictured above) was created by patients at Heartland Behavioral Healthcare in Massillon. Artwork from all six OhioMHAS-administered regional psychiatric hospitals, as well as the OASIS therapeutic community at Pickaway Correctional Institution, will be featured on a rotating basis as part of the series.

*Photo: OhioMHAS Central Office Staff Melissa Jackson (foreground) and Latonya White admire the new artwork.*

### Columbiana County Honors Recovery Volunteers

The Columbiana County Mental Health and Recovery Services Board hosted its 12th Annual Recovery Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on Nov. 21. Twenty-nine adults in recovery with serious mental illnesses were honored for their volunteerism and contributions to others in recovery and the community. These recovery leaders teach wellness management and recovery classes, wellness recovery action plan classes. They also facilitate Emotions Anonymous, Schizophrenia Anonymous and NAMI Connections support groups, serve on community boards and teach classes at Shining Reflections, a consumer operated organization in East Liverpool, Ohio. They host an annual conference that features peers and professionals presenting workshops on recovery. Volunteers also conduct fundraisers throughout the year to support the local Children's Christmas fund. In 2014, they raised \$1,600 for this fund. Through their efforts and their visibility in the community, they develop leadership and advocacy skills, reduce stigma and offer peer support that is critical in most people's recovery.

*Photo (l-r): Maureen Waybright, Recovery Assistant for the Board, and Brenda Pugh, recipient of the 2014 Bill Cramer Award for Outstanding Volunteerism.*



## News & Research Roundup

### SAMHSA Performance Partnership Pilot Grants

SAMHSA is currently accepting applications for its **Performance Partnership Pilot (P3) program**, which offers communities support in overcoming obstacles they face in achieving better outcomes for "disconnected youth" and those at risk of becoming disconnected. SAMHSA estimates that more than five million 14-to-24-year olds in the U.S. are out of school and not working, and face challenges of being low-income, homeless, in foster care or involved in the justice system. This \$7.1 million initiative will fund up to 10 pilots to test innovative, cost-effective and outcome-focused strategies for improving results for disconnected youth. The deadline to apply is March 4, 2015.

## News & Research Roundup, cont.

### New Behavioral Health Publications from SAMHSA

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released several new behavioral health resources, including:

***An Introduction to Co-Occurring Borderline Personality Disorders and Substance Use Disorders*** introduces professional care providers to borderline personality disorder (BPD). Covers signs and symptoms, with or without co-occurring substance use disorder, monitoring clients for self-harm and suicide, and referrals to treatment.

***Medicaid Coverage and Financing of Medications to Treat Alcohol and Opioid Use Disorders*** presents information about Medicaid coverage of medication-assisted treatment for opioid and alcohol dependence. Covers treatment effectiveness and cost effectiveness, as well as examples of innovative approaches.

***Spice, Bath Salts and Behavioral Health*** equips professional health providers with an introduction to spice and bath salts in the context of treating people with substance use disorders and mental illness. Discusses adverse effects of use, patient assessment and abstinence monitoring, among other issues.

***Treating Sleep Problems of People in Recovery from Substance Use Disorders*** discusses the relationship between sleep disturbances and substance use disorders, and provides guidance on how to assess for and treat sleep problems for people in recovery. Reviews non-pharmacological, as well as over-the-counter and prescription medications.

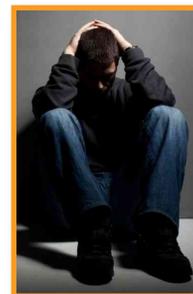
***Leading Change: A Plan for SAMHSA's Roles and Actions 2011-2014 Accomplishments Report*** highlights some of the key accomplishments SAMHSA has achieved through its 2011-2014 Strategic Initiatives, developed to direct the agency's ongoing efforts to better meet the behavioral health needs of individuals, families and communities.

### Monitoring the Future Survey: Teens Using Less Marijuana, Alcohol and Cigarettes

The latest ***Monitoring the Future*** study found teens are using less marijuana, alcohol and cigarettes. According to the survey of between 40,000 to 50,000 students in 8th, 10th and 12th grades, marijuana use among teens declined from 26 percent last year to 24 percent this year. The survey also found more teens use e-cigarettes than traditional tobacco cigarettes or any other tobacco product. Among 12th graders, 17 percent reported e-cigarette use in the past month, compared with 14 percent who used a tobacco cigarette. Alcohol use among teens surveyed dropped from 43 percent last year to 41 percent this year. Narcotic painkiller abuse also declined among high school seniors, from 7 percent in 2013 to 6 percent this year.

### CDC: Nearly 8 Percent of Americans are Moderately to Severely Depressed

An estimated 7.6 percent of Americans ages 12 and older are moderately to severely depressed, according to a ***new study*** by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Of those with severe symptoms, only 35 percent reported having contact with a mental health professional in the past year. About 3 percent of Americans had symptoms of severe depression between 2009 and 2012, the study found. Females had higher rates of depression than males in every age group. The highest rate of depression, 12.3 percent, was found in women ages 40–59. People living below the poverty level were nearly 2.5 times more likely to have depression than those at or above the poverty level. Almost 43 percent of people with severe depressive symptoms reported serious difficulties in work, home and social activities.



### Mental Health America Releases Latest State-by-State Rankings Report

Mental Health America released its ***2015 Parity or Disparity: The State of Mental Health in America*** report, which offers state-by-state mental illness and mental health services rankings. The report found 42.5 million Americans (18 percent) said they had some kind of mental illness, while about 20 million (8.5 percent) said they had a problem with substance use. In addition, 8.8 million (3.8 percent) said they had serious thoughts of suicide. Click the link to see how Ohio stacks up.



### U.S. Heroin Drug Overdoses Nearly Tripled from 1999 to 2012

Overdose deaths involving heroin nearly tripled from 1999 to 2012, according to a new ***Trends in Drug-Poisoning Deaths Involving Opioid Analgesics and Heroin: United States, 1999-2012*** report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Overall, drug overdose deaths more than doubled from 6.1 per 100,000 population in 1999 to 13.1 in 2012. Between 2011 and 2012, the rate of drug-poisoning deaths involving heroin increased 35 percent, from 1.4 per 100,000 to 1.9. There were 41,502 drug overdose deaths in 2012. Of those deaths, 16,007 involved opioid painkillers and 5,925 involved heroin.

## News & Research Roundup, cont.

### Co-occurring Behavioral Disorders Common Among College Students in Recovery



Many college students participating in Collegiate Recovery Programs (CRPs) for drug and alcohol addictions also report being in recovery from or currently engaging in multiple behavioral addictions, a new survey finds. These addictions include eating disorders, and sex and love addiction. The findings come from the first federally funded [\*nationwide survey of college students in addiction recovery\*](#), led by Alexandre B. Laudet, Ph.D., Director of the [\*Center for the Study of Addictions and Recovery\*](#) at the National Development and Research Institutes in New York. The survey found 71.6 percent said they were in recovery from alcoholism and 72.6 percent from a drug addiction. Many also reported being in recovery from behavioral addictions, including eating disorders (15.6 percent), sex and love addiction (9.5 percent), self harm/injury (10.5 percent) and compulsive shopping (3.1 percent). At least 12 percent said they were currently engaging in at least one type of behavioral addiction. The findings will be published in the *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*.

### New Suicide Prevention Video Series

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) has launched a new video series, [\*SPARK Talks: Suicide Prevention, Innovation, and Action\*](#). SPARK Talks are Short, Provocative, Action-oriented, Realistic and Knowledgeable videos of leaders in the suicide prevention movement. Each of these innovators describes a new development or direction in the field that can have an impact on suicide and issues a call to action. SPRC invites viewers to share comments and success stories — along with the videos — via social media, newsletters and websites, or by showing them as part of a presentation. SPRC is a SAMHSA grantee and is the nation's only federally supported resource center devoted to advancing the [\*National Strategy for Suicide Prevention\*](#). SPRC provides technical assistance, training and materials to increase knowledge, build capacity and promote collaboration. SPRC serves individuals, groups and organizations that play important roles in suicide prevention.

### Biologically Based Psychiatric Disorders May Receive Less Empathy

According to a [\*study\*](#) published online Dec. 1 in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, psychiatric disorders tied to biological explanations appear to elicit less empathy from physicians and therapists than mental health disorders linked to psychological explanations, with physicians overall seemingly having significantly less empathy than other clinicians. The study, which involved 343 clinicians, also found that clinicians were more likely to prescribe medication than perform psychotherapy for biologically explained disorders.

### Report: Physicians Becoming Increasingly Aware Of Rx Medication Issue

*US News & World Report* recently reported on a [\*new study\*](#) that surveyed 420 members of the American Medical Association on the subject of prescriptions and found that “nine in 10 doctors report prescription drug abuse is a moderate to large problem in their communities, and 85 percent believe that prescription drugs are overused in clinical practice.” Dr. G. Caleb Alexander, study leader and co-director of the Center for Drug Safety and Effectiveness at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, said of the findings, “About half of doctors say they are less likely to prescribe prescription painkillers than they were a year ago, though the study did not seek to understand whether this was because they had seen adverse effects.”



### New Prevalence Data on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

The [\*November 2014 issue of Pediatrics\*](#) features an article that has important implications for those who provide services related to Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD). A research team headed up by Philip A. May, Ph.D., has found rates of FASD among school children that are significantly higher than previous estimates. The SAMHSA FASD Center for Excellence has provided a [\*summary\*](#) of the findings from this study, which examined first graders in a typical Midwestern city. In 2009, Dr. May and his colleagues suggested that the overall prevalence of FASD in the general population was approximately 1 percent. If the new data are suggestive of changes in the overall FASD case rates, prevalence may be closer to 4 percent.



## Training Opportunities

### Problem Gambling Prevention and Treatment Regional Training Schedules

A number of upcoming problem gambling prevention and treatment training opportunities are available. Treatment sessions are offered for foundations and advanced levels from Recovery Resources. Also open for registration is a series of free Stacked Deck: A Program to Prevent Problem Gambling Training of Trainers events. Stacked Deck is an evidence-based practice program for preventing problem gambling among 13-17 year-olds. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about these CEU-based sessions.

### OhioMHAS Disparities and Cultural Competency Advisory Committee Learning Series

The OhioMHAS Disparities and Cultural Competency Advisory Committee has released a schedule of upcoming trainings. Get a complete list of topics and locations [HERE](#).

### 2015 OYLPN Adult Leader Training Academy Series

The Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network will host a two-part training series entitled "Designing Youth-Led Programs that Work." The workshops will focus on using the youth empowerment conceptual framework (Holden et al., 2004) as a way to critically consider how youth-led programs are designed and implemented. Total cost for two sessions (Part 1 and Part 2) is \$50. Upcoming trainings include:

Part 1		Part 2	
Jan. 30, 2015	Cambridge	March 6	Cambridge
Feb. 13, 2015	Dublin	March 13	Dublin
Feb. 20, 2015	Lima	March 20	Lima

Registration information will be available on the "[Upcoming Events](#)" tab on Drug-Free Action Alliance website.

### CWRU Center for Evidence-Based Practices Trainings

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices has released its schedule of upcoming trainings. Click the links below for more information:

Jan. 28 — [Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Part 1 \(Northwest\)](#)

Feb. 17 — [Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Part 2 \(Northwest\)](#)

### OhioMHAS Grant Writing Training — Jan. 22-23

The OhioMHAS Office of Prevention and Wellness will host a free grant writing training on Jan. 22-23 at the State Fire Academy, 8895 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio. Participants will be able to identify various resources to access grant funding; identify key elements that are a part of most every grant application, demonstrate the ability to develop clear logic models for goals and objectives, and articulate what should and should not be in most grant proposals and budgets. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop for session activities and are welcome to bring any proposal currently in process for assistance and feedback. Space is limited to 50 participants. Register by sending an email to [philip.atkins@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:philip.atkins@mha.ohio.gov). Please include the following: name, agency name/address, email and phone number. Lunch is on your own.

### Trauma 101 Community Training — Feb. 11, 2015

The Hancock County Board of Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services will host a free "Trauma 101 Community Training" on Feb. 11 at Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend in Findlay. Presenters include Karen Johnson, director of Trauma Informed Services, and Cheryl Sharp, senior advisor, Trauma-Informed Services, both from the National Council for Behavioral Health. Two sessions will be offered: 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Click [HERE](#) for more information or to register.

### Ohio Problem Gambling Conference — March 5-6, 2015

The Ohio Problem Gambling Conference 2015 — Growing Awareness, Building Capacity has been set for March 5-6, 2015, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus north - Worthington, 6500 Doubletree Avenue. Hosted by OhioMHAS and sponsored by Ohio for Responsible Gambling, the conference will feature Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky of McGill University, who is an expert in prevention and treatment of problem gambling among adolescents. Dr. Mark Dixon, of Southern Illinois University, known internationally for his research and practice in gambling disorder treatment and Acceptance and Commitment Therapy, has also been invited to keynote the event. The second day will offer a three-hour session on ethics with a focus on problem gambling treatment, which will especially be useful for the new Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board gambling endorsement.



## Training Opportunities, cont.

### Call for Proposals: 5th Annual Cuyahoga County Conference on Social Welfare — March 27, 2015

The Cuyahoga County Conference on Social Welfare planning committee is seeking workshop proposals for the 5th annual conference on March 27, 2015, at the Cleveland State University Student Center. Proposals must be submitted by Jan. 5, 2015. Click [HERE](#) for information on how to submit a proposal. Questions? Please contact Kathleen Yager, LSW, at 440.843.5518 or [kyager@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:kyager@clevelandcatholiccharities.org).

### Save the Date! 12th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry — March 27-28, 2015

University Hospitals Case Medical Center and the Case Western Reserve University Department of Psychiatry, in cooperation with OhioMHAS and Ohio Medicaid, will host the 12th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry "Integrating Care: Preparing Your Workforce for the Future" March 27-28 at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Cleveland East in Beachwood, Ohio. Full brochure with registration information will be available in January. For more information, visit the [conference website](#) or call 800.274.8263.

### Marijuana Advocacy and Policy Summit — April 1-2, 2015

Drug-Free Action Alliance will host the 2015 Marijuana Advocacy and Policy Summit April 1-2 in Columbus. The conference, which drew attendees from 27 states this past year, will provide an opportunity to learn from other states and communities about their efforts to combat further legalization and explores progress in advancing sound policies related to marijuana at the local, regional and national levels. For more information, contact Derek Longmeier at 614.540.9985 ext. 16 or [DLongmeier@DrugFreeActionAlliance.org](mailto:DLongmeier@DrugFreeActionAlliance.org).

### Save the Date! Ohio Prevention and Education, Early Childhood Conference — June 29-July 2, 2015

Mark your calendar! The 2015 Ohio Prevention and Education, Early Childhood Conference (OPEC) will take place June 29-July 2 at the Ohio University campus in Athens. Registration is \$100. More information will be available in early 2015.

### Save the Date! 23rd Annual ICCA Conference — Nov. 8-10, 2015

The International Community Corrections Association will host its 23rd Annual Conference Nov. 8-10, 2015, at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Mass. Visit [www.iccalive.org](http://www.iccalive.org) for more information.



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