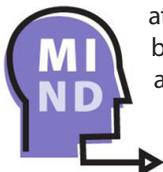


NAMI Ohio and MIND Movement Work to Raise Mental Health Awareness

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio (NAMI Ohio) and the MIND (Mental Illness--No Discrimination) Movement are partnering to raise awareness about the stigma associated with mental illness. The MIND Movement is a coalition of Ohio's leading mental health nonprofits, government agencies and advocates whose mission is to reach out to Ohio's youth and eliminate negative attitudes and discriminatory behaviors regarding individuals with mental illness and their families.



MOVEMENT

In April, the *MIND Movement* held its first major event for college students: a screening of Academy-Award-winning film, *Silver Linings Playbook*. More than 400 attendees from 10 college campuses participated. After the movie, speakers engaged students on how mental illness was portrayed in the film, how it compared to their real life experiences and the impact of stigma. A student from John Carroll University said he "appreciated that the event used

a popular, mainstream movie to spark conversation about real life issues." To kick off Mental Health Awareness Month, NAMI Ohio, the Drug Free Action Alliance, the Ohio Federation of Children's Mental Health, the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS), and ENGAGE organized the 3rd Annual "We are the Majority" Rally and the 10th annual "Resiliency Ring" on April 30. More than 1,200 Ohio students gathered at the Statehouse to recognize and celebrate that most young people make positive, healthy decisions and do not use drugs or alcohol. Speakers also highlighted the importance of mental health awareness for high-school-aged youth. Rally participants also heard from

State Rep. Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster) and OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck. This summer, NAMI Ohio and the MIND Movement are leading a bus tour that gives community members and the media



The NAMI Mobile will find its way to more than 100 Ohio communities this summer to educate, raise awareness and fight stigma.

the opportunity to speak with representatives from their local mental health organizations about how to end mental illness discrimination. The 2014 NAMImobile bus tour will visit more than 100 Ohio communities. For specific times and locations, follow @namiohio on Twitter.

MBR Furthers Efforts to Rebuild Community Mental Health and Addiction Services

The Ohio General Assembly concluded its debate on House Bill 483 — *the Mid-Biennium Review (MBR)* — this month, passing legislation that advances efforts to rebuild Ohio's community mental health and addiction services.

Working together, the House, Senate and Kasich Administration prioritized the spending of \$47.5 million in one-time State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015 General Revenue Funds to accomplish the following goals:

- Prevent substance abuse through evidence-based programs — **\$6.5M.**
- Double the budget for licensed community-based housing through the Residential State Supplement program to help persons in crisis achieve stability in a community setting — **\$7.5M.**



- Expand recovery housing — **\$5M**
- Defray payroll costs so local courts can hire additional staff to support a specialty docket to ensure offenders comply with treatment — **\$4.4M.**
- Address gaps in care identified in consultation with boards of mental health and addiction services, emphasizing crisis services and housing — **\$24.1M**

The MBR also:

- Includes language from House Bill 369, (Rep. Robert Sprague, R-Findlay) that requires the establishment of a full array

of services for opioid and co-occurring drug addiction, a full continuum of care across mental health and addiction services and defines recovery housing as a service.

- Earmarks **\$5M** in OhioMHAS community capital funds to develop greater access to recovery housing for people throughout the state.
- Provides **\$3M** in SFY 2015 to ensure that substance abuse prevention and treatment services are not disrupted while the state compensates for cash flow problems due to the federal delay in disbursing Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) block grant funds.

Find additional MBR-related resources on the OhioMHAS [website](#).



Amethyst Co-Founder, CEO Virginia O'Keeffe is retiring June 30 after 30+ years.

Women's Treatment Pioneer Retiring After Three Decades of Service *Amethyst Co-Founder, CEO Virginia "Ginny" O'Keeffe to Remain an Ardent Advocate*

Virginia "Ginny" O'Keeffe, LICDC, OCPSI, a founding mother and CEO of [Amethyst Inc.](#), an addiction-recovery program that has helped thousands of central Ohio women, will retire June 30 after 30 years of dedicated leadership and service. O'Keeffe and eight other recovering women founded Amethyst in 1984 to address the needs of women in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction, sexual abuse and trauma, as well as to meet the mental health and employment needs of women and their children.

Amethyst's program model is anchored in the belief that women need long-term support to develop the skills necessary to achieve life-long sobriety and economic independence.

Amethyst is one of the few organizations in the country that allows women to bring their children with them into treatment. By allowing the children to live with their mothers during treatment, the family has the opportunity to recover and heal, helping to break the cycle of addiction. Under O'Keeffe's leadership, Amethyst has grown to encompass more than 140 housing units and is now nationally recognized as a best-practice model for gender-competent treatment.

"Ginny O'Keeffe has been a driving force in women's recovery efforts for more than 30 years, not just for Ohio, but for the nation," said Luceille Fleming, who served 15 years as director of the former Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services. "She leaves a legacy of excellence as an example to all."

Margo Spence, president and CEO of [First Step Home](#), a Cincinnati-based facility for women in recovery, praised O'Keeffe for her role as both a mentor and advocate through the [Ohio Women's Network](#). "She has been a role model for me and hundreds of other women, not only in Ohio but through out the country," Spence said. "Ginny's honesty, sensitivity, commitment to women's issues and her sense of humor sets her far above many. We will truly miss her distinguished leadership at OWN."

[Franklin County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board](#) CEO David A. Royer said O'Keeffe has never faltered in her most important task — to advocate for women and children in treatment and recovery. "Her vision and leadership as a founding Mother of Amethyst, Inc., has strengthened the lives of many women and their families time and time again," Royer said. "Our community is a better place because of her work."

The State of Ohio and OhioMHAS thank Ginny for a lifetime of dedicated service and wish her well in all future endeavors.

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— Luceille Fleming
Former ODADAS Director

Memorial Services in Athens and Toledo Honor, Remember Individuals with Mental Illness

"Remember us for we too have lived, loved and laughed."

That statement — originally placed on a plaque outside a restored mental hospital cemetery in Massachusetts — was one of many sentiments expressed at recent wreath-laying ceremonies organized by the Athens and Toledo chapters of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) to restore dignity and personhood to individuals interred at The Ridges and [Toledo State Hospital](#) cemeteries.

"No one cared about the stories of those buried here," said NAMI Ohio CEO Terry Russell. "Stories which, if known, would have or could have changed the way that people with mental illness were treated."

In [Athens](#), wreaths were placed on the graves of Jesse C. Sparks, a World War I veteran, and Pearl Mae Hanley-Coakley, a homemaker. In [Toledo](#), more than 300 supporters



gathered to honor and remember nearly 2,000 former psychiatric patients, including many war veterans. Click [here](#) to learn more about Ohio's Cemetery Reclamation efforts.

Strong Families, Safe Communities

Belmont-Harrison-Monroe-Noble Counties Benefitting from OhioMHAS, DODD Grant Partnership

The BHN Alliance (Belmont-Harrison-Noble County Boards of Developmental Disabilities) arranges the things people with disabilities need and want in their daily lives. On any given day, we can be found meeting with a young person to identify his/her skills so he/she can find a job, helping a middle-aged woman find a place to live and arranging the transportation both will need to get to work, home and everywhere else. There are times, however, when people need more because they are in crisis. That's when our partnership with others provides the net into which a person can safely fall until things get better again.

In recent years, uncertain and often difficult situations involving youth with mental illness and/or a developmental disability have occurred. In most, if not all cases, the situation had gone from bad to worse and the child had to leave

home to seek help. We were then tasked with finding a residential setting for the child to live for a time while in treatment. Unfortunately, residential settings offering the services needed are



Reviewing the Strong Families, Safe Communities grant details are BHN Alliance Superintendent Stephen Williams and Mental Health and Recovery Board Executive Director Linda Pickenpaugh (seated) and BHN Alliance Team Leader Darlene Pempek (standing left) and Maura Mappin-Dubus of the Mental Health and Recovery Board.

far from our three-county region. This means they are also far from the child's home, putting additional stress on the child and his or her family who are now separated by time and distance. This is changing for the better in 2014, thanks to a *Strong Families, Safe Communities* grant the BHN Alliance received along with its partners, the Belmont-Harrison-Monroe Mental Health and Recovery Board and the Monroe County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The grant, given by the Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities and Mental Health & Addiction Services, is providing the funding needed to offer care and treatment close to home. The grant is putting resources in place locally that will stabilize the crises, reduce the risk of harm, and keep the family together.

"With this grant, we will now be able to deliver a person-centered model of care, the likes of which has never been seen in southeastern Ohio," said BHN Alliance

Supt. Stephen L. Williams.

A team of professionals who understand these issues, headed by a mental health clinician, is now in place and a home in a rural setting has been renovated into a safe, comforting environment. Staff who will work with the children are being specially trained to understand the issues they face.

This partnership between the BHN Alliance and the Belmont-Harrison-Monroe Mental Health and Recovery Board was one of only seven collaborations across Ohio to receive a Strong Families, Safe Communities grant. All seven grant recipients meet regularly to share ideas and will identify best practices and models of care that can be duplicated to benefit all counties and all Ohioans. For more information, contact Darlene Pempek at 740-695-7433, ext. 330, or email dpempek@bcbdd.org.

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PHOTOS: Above, a full house on the second day of the conference. Below (l-r) Tammy Collins, Ph.D., deputy director of the OhioMHAS Office of Prevention and Wellness with '2014 Prevention Champion' Dr. Raffle.

Inaugural Ohio Prevention and Early Intervention Conference Draws 600

About 600 professionals from throughout the state attended the inaugural Ohio Prevention and Early Intervention Conference (OPEC) held June 2-5 on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan University. The conference, sponsored by the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Education and Health, merged the Ohio Prevention and Education Conference with the Ohio Early Childhood Mental Health Conference.

Staff from the OhioMHAS Office of Prevention and Wellness presented several awards at the conference. **Holly Raffle, Ph.D.**, assistant professor at Ohio University's Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, was named the 2014 Prevention Champion. Dr. Raffle was recognized for her efforts to help boards and providers rethink or redesign their prevention systems through the Strategic Prevention Framework.

The **PANDA Leaders Club** and **Youth to Youth International** received awards



for being named the "**Fan Favorite**" and "**Critics' Choice**," respectively, in this year's OhioMHAS Youth-Led Prevention PSA Contest.

PSA entries were posted to the OhioMHAS Facebook page and the "Fan Favorite" award corresponded to the PSA with the most "likes." PSAs also were reviewed by staff at OhioMHAS who determined the winner of the "Critics' Choice" award. View more photos from OPEC on the OhioMHAS [Flickr page](#).

BBC Eyeing Ohio for Documentary About Forensic Services

A producer from the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), the United Kingdom's public service broadcast network, visited Ohio June 9-11 to learn more about Ohio's **forensic services** system.

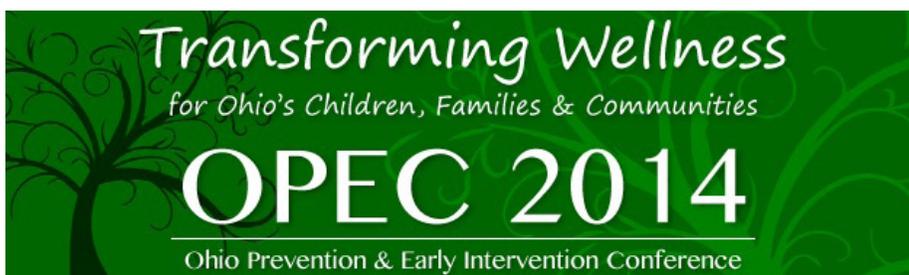
Producer Jamie Pickup met with OhioMHAS Central Office leadership and then toured Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare (including the Timothy B. Moritz Forensic



Unit) in Columbus and Summit Behavioral Healthcare in Cincinnati, where he met with hospital leadership and clinicians. The visit also included a meeting with community forensic monitors in Columbus. The BBC has expressed an interest in following several patients and their treatment teams, as well as highlighting Ohio's peer support services and persons in recovery. If selected, filming could begin in late August. "Ohio clearly has a robust system," said Pickup. "I had a great visit. Everybody I met was extremely informative and accommodating."

Olmstead Decision Turns 15

On June 22, 1999, the U.S. Supreme Court held in *Olmstead v. L.C.* that unjustified segregation of persons with disabilities constitutes discrimination in violation of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This landmark Supreme Court decision requires states to eliminate unnecessary segregation of persons with disabilities and to ensure that they receive services in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. Learn more at these Department of Justice Civil Rights Division webpages: http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/q&a_olmstead.htm http://www.ada.gov/olmstead/olmstead_enforcement.htm



Recovery House to Extend Services for Mahoning Valley

Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic (NKRC), a subsidiary of Gateway Rehab, ***broke ground*** June 15 on an eight-bed recovery housing unit in Youngstown. The facility, to be named the Frank & Pearl Gelbman Recovery House, will offer a supportive sober-living environment for patients who need more structure than a regular outpatient program provides, but who no longer require medical monitoring. The home will allow NKRC to serve an estimated 400 additional patients annually who require detoxification services, as well as up to 188 more people per year in the recovery-supportive housing program. Occupancy is slated for January 2015.



Pictured at left: Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team Director Orman Hall delivers keynote remarks at the June 5 groundbreaking ceremony for the Neil Kennedy Recovery Clinic's Gelbman House project in Youngstown.

Above: An artist's rendering of Gelbman House. The \$300,000, eight-bed recovery house will welcome its first residents later this year.



PICTURED: Above left, First Lady Karen W. Kasich and OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck pose with Mary and Joey Supina of Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center. At right, Social Worker and Prevention Specialist Karen Vadino draws upon humor and empathy in her presentation. The result is a session that is both therapeutic and educational.

Network Turning Grief into Action to Prevent Drug Abuse

Motivated by losses felt by families, the ***GAP Network*** of family engagement groups seeks to end the crisis of substance abuse, specifically prescription drug and opiate addiction in all Ohio communities. GAP stands for Grief, Action and Prevention. Ohio's First Lady Karen W. Kasich invited the Network to hold its Peer Grief Coach Training at the Ohio Governor's Residence and Heritage Gardens in Bexley, Ohio, on May 27. Mrs. Kasich, OhioMHAS Director Tracy Plouck and Ohio Department of Aging Director Bonnie K. Burman joined the trainees for a portion of the event, which was hosted by the Drug Free Action Alliance and presented by Karen Vadino — MSW, LPCC, OCPS II. The training drew more than 40 participants from throughout Ohio. Most of them were learning to manage their own grief over the loss of a loved one so they could provide support to others and promote awareness and prevention efforts in their communities. Later in the day, attendees were Mrs. Kasich's personal guests for the ***Midwest premiere*** of ***Out of Reach***, a short documentary on teen prescription drug abuse.

Heroin Town Hall

Nearly everyone in attendance at the May 21 ***Hooked on Heroin*** Town Hall broadcast by WSYX ABC 6 knew someone who used heroin or other opiates. Some were family members who were struggling to come to terms with the devastating results of a family member's addiction. Others were seeking guidance on how to help their communities address the escalating problems related to drug abuse. Gov. John Kasich and Attorney General Mike DeWine spoke first to the audience at the Columbus Museum of Art before turning the program over to four panelists: Orman Hall, director of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team; Andrea Boxill, representing Franklin County's Municipal Drug Court; former *Los Angeles Times* Reporter Sam Quinones, who is writing a book on America's upper-middle class heroin and prescription pill epidemic (an exercise that brought him to Ohio as a major destination for the Mexican drug trade); and Paul Schoonover, an Ohio parent grieving the one-year anniversary of the loss of his son to an overdose. Watch the Town Hall ***here***.



What Makes Psychotic Teens More at Risk for Suicide Than Others?

Suicide is a general risk for people with psychosis. According to *The Journal of Psychiatry*, 20 to 40 percent of those diagnosed with psychosis attempt suicide, and up to 10 percent succeed. Teens with psychotic symptoms are nearly 70 times more likely to attempt suicide than adolescents in the general population, according to a 2013 study in *JAMA Psychiatry*.

But what contributes to such high numbers?

Jane Timmons-Mitchell, Ph.D., from Case Western Reserve University's (CWRU) social work school and Tatiana Falcone from Cleveland Clinic reviewed studies of teenagers with psychosis to better understand why they are more at risk for suicide than other groups similarly diagnosed.

Timmons-Mitchell, senior research associate at the Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education at the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, said they found that teens are especially at risk within the first six months of being diagnosed with a psychiatric problem.

As such, any delay between diagnosis and treatment — usually with a combination of therapy and medication — adds to the risk for teens struggling with a mental illness, she said. The stigma of the diagnosis often delays parents from seeking treatment.

A 2011 *Schizophrenia Research* literature review found that the more intelligent the teen, the greater the suicidal risk than those less cognizant about what is happening to them. Those with a higher intelligence also had greater abilities to hide their suicide attempts.

Most at risk, generally, are people with psychoses that cause them to lose touch with reality, suffer from hysteria and delusions and sound incoherent when talking.

Such symptoms in teens between 15-18 years old can begin abruptly or be

mistaken for substance abuse problems or some diseases, such as brain illnesses, that produce drastic behavioral changes, Timmons-Mitchell said.

Parents, teachers, social workers and others need to be vigilant, and to err on the side of concern by seeking help for a teen they believe may be suicidal.

In their *Psychiatric Times* article, "Psychosis and Suicidality in Adolescents," Timmons-Mitchell and Falcone offer warning signs that parents and professionals should watch for:

- Abrupt shifts to abnormal behavior;
- Talking about things that don't make sense;
- Spikes in anger that go beyond normal teen rebellion and disagreements with family members or teachers;
- Speaking about suicide or death and dying; and
- Reports from school about strange behavior changes.

By keeping parents and professionals aware of the warning signs, adolescent suicide attempts have declined significantly in Ohio (11 to 6.2 percent) during the past 10 years, according to the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Timmons-Mitchell, who also is an associate clinical professor of psychiatry in the Department of Psychiatry at the School of Medicine, attributes it to efforts and programs in the [Ohio Suicide Plan](#), written by the [Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation](#). Timmons-Mitchell serves as an evaluator of the program that has been adopted as a national model for suicide prevention.



Jane Timmons-Mitchell, Ph.D.

Update on Ohio Safe Schools, Healthy Students Initiative

OhioMHAS and the Safe Schools/Healthy Students (SS/HS) Local Education Authorities (LEAs) recently attended the [SS/HS](#) State Grant Program new grantee conference in Rockville, Maryland. At the conference the Ohio team was able to share its innovative approach to the project and engage in peer-to-peer dialogue to identify challenges, opportunities and strategies for addressing the prevention of mental, emotional and behavioral disorder in children and adolescents by taking a public-health approach to create safe and supportive schools and communities.

The goal of the SS/HS Partnership is to build statewide and local capacity to develop integrated, comprehensive, data-driven strategic plans to prevent, delay the onset or mitigate the seriousness of behavioral health problems. A key aspect in the success of this goal will be engaging youth, families and schools as agents of community change. The project will enhance system capacity and strengthen partnerships at the state and local levels by providing documented, effective community-based models and mentors for other communities wishing to adopt comprehensive, integrated plans to provide effective behavioral health services and prevent youth violence. Activities will promote healthy social/emotional development and build safe and healthy family, school and community environments.

The project will be a partnership between OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Education, other state agencies, training, technical assistance and evaluation partners; and three LEAs, including: Greene County Educational Service Center, Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center and Harrison Hills City Schools.



CGM Respite Center Opens

The newly-renovated farmhouse on the campus of Oesterlen Services for Youth opened June 1 to provide respite services for families from Clark, Greene and Madison Counties. The CGM Respite Center represents the combined efforts of state and local entities, including OhioMHAS, the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Clark, Greene and Madison Counties (MHRB), the Clark County Family and Children First Council, the Greene County Family and Children First Council, the Madison County Family Council and Oesterlen Services for Youth. Funding for the operation of the CGM Respite Center comes from the ***Strong Families, Safe Communities*** initiative with facility renovation funds from OhioMHAS.

Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO of the MHRB, remarked that the effort represents the best of government, stating that “when state funding combines with local planning efforts, the partnership almost always creates the best for the people being served.”

For more information about CGM Respite Center, contact Dr. Kate LeVesconte at Oesterlen Services for Youth: klevesconte@oesterlen.org or 937-398-0233.

PICTURED: (l-r) Dr. LeVesconte, director of Clinical and Community Services at Oesterlen, Don Warner, executive director of Oesterlen Services for Youth, Dr. Kent Youngman, CEO, MHRB Board Clark, Greene and Madison Counties and Doug Bailey, OhioMHAS Community Capital Project Manager, participate in a June 1 ribbon cutting ceremony.

News & Research Roundup

New SAMHSA Crisis Services Publication

The federal Substance Abuse and mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released a new crisis services publication. *Crisis Services: Effectiveness, Cost-Effectiveness and Funding Strategies* summarizes the evidence base on the clinical and cost effectiveness of different types of crisis services, and presents case studies of different approaches states are using to coordinate and blend funding services to provide robust crisis services. [Download](#) the free digital version.

Participants Sought for Study on Alcoholism and Text Messaging

Researchers at Columbia University and the New York State Psychiatric Institute are looking for participants for a new study on alcoholism and text messaging. The study, called AAIMS (Adaptive Alcohol Intervention Messaging Systems), is designed to test the effectiveness of different types of text messages and assessments in helping people reduce their drinking. The study is for people who want to cut down on their drinking, but not entirely stop, and have text messaging capabilities on their phone. For more information on the study, contact the principle investigator, Fred Muench at fm2148@columbia.edu, or complete a screening on www.alcoholscreening.org to see if you meet initial eligibility requirements.

Research on Marijuana's Role in Car Crashes Expands as Drug Availability Grows

As marijuana becomes more readily available, a growing number of researchers are studying the possible link between marijuana and fatal car crashes, *USA Today* reported. A ***study published earlier this year*** by Columbia University researchers found marijuana contributed to 12 percent of traffic deaths in 2010. The study of almost 24,000 fatal car accidents found marijuana was linked to three times as many traffic deaths compared with a decade earlier. According to a 2010 survey by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), one in eight high school seniors said they drove after smoking marijuana. Almost one-quarter of drivers killed in ***drug-related crashes*** were younger than 25, the article notes. In addition, almost half of fatally injured drivers who tested positive for marijuana were under age 25. The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and NHTSA have been conducting a three-year study to determine how inhaled marijuana impacts driving performance.





News & Research Roundup, cont.

Report: Xanax Misuse Sent 123,000 People to Emergency Room in 2011

More than 123,000 people ended up in hospital emergency rooms in 2011 after misusing the sedative alprazolam, sold under brand names including Xanax, according to [a new report](#) from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The number of ER visits associated with Xanax in 2011 was slightly less than the previous year, but more than double the number in 2005. The drug is also sold as Xanax XR and Niravam. Alprazolam, which is prescribed to treat anxiety, insomnia and depression, was the most commonly prescribed psychiatric drug in 2011. Misuse of alprazolam can lead to physical dependence, causing withdrawal symptoms such as tremors and seizures, according to a [SAMHSA news release](#). The effects of alprazolam can be dangerously enhanced if it is combined with alcohol or other drugs that depress the central nervous system, such as narcotic pain relievers.

More Than 10,000 Toddlers Get ADHD Medication Outside Guidelines

A new government study finds more than 10,000 toddlers in the United States are receiving medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) outside established guidelines. The report found children covered by Medicaid are most likely to receive drugs such as Ritalin or Adderall. The American Academy of Pediatrics does not have guidelines for use of ADHD medications in children ages 3 and younger, because their safety and effectiveness in that age group has not been established, *The New York Times* [reported](#). Adderall is the only drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for treating children below age 6 for ADHD. A [study published in 2012](#) found use of drugs for ADHD in children jumped 46 percent from 2002 to 2010. Ritalin was the top drug prescribed for teenagers, with more than four million prescriptions filled in 2010.

Training Opportunities

Register to Attend 2014 Opiate Conference — July 1

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with OhioMHAS and the Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Agency will host "Ohio's 2014 Opiate Conference: Don't Get Me Started" on July 1 in Columbus, Ohio. This fifth annual conference will bring together a variety of professionals from across Ohio to learn about Ohio's opiate epidemic and continue developing solutions in practices and communities. The event will offer more than 20 breakout sessions that cover an assortment of areas that are all impacted by opiate usage in Ohio. A pre-conference offering DATA 2000 training to qualified physicians will take place June 30. Registration information is available [here](#).

Generation Rx University Conference — Aug. 5-7

Registration is now open for the [2014 Generation Rx University Conference](#) to be held Aug. 5-7 at The Ohio State University Blackwell Inn & Conference Center. Cost is \$250 for general attendees and \$150 for current students.

2014 Addiction Studies Institute — Aug. 6-8

The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Talbot Hall will host the 2014 Addiction Studies Institute Aug. 6-8 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. The Institute is the largest midwest conference of its kind, providing an array of dynamic educational choices for the chemical dependency counselor, social worker, prevention specialist, criminal justice professional, clergy, physician, marriage and family therapist, nurse and other health care specialists. Sessions range from entry-level to advanced. See complete details and register online at the [Institute website](#).

MACC 2014 Training Conference — Sept. 4-5

Multicultural Advocates for Cultural Competence (MACC) will host its 2014 Training Conference "Heading Downstream: ACA Meets Cultural Competence" Sept. 4-5 at the Quest Conference Center, 8405 Pulsar Place, Columbus. The conference will focus on health and behavioral health integration and in eliminating disparities across communities and systems. The audience mainly consists of behavioral health and social services providers and administrators, advocates, consumers and family members. Conference registration and more information is coming soon at www.maccinc.net.

Save the Date! National Loss Team Conference — Sept. 9-10

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation, in partnership with the National Loss Team Committee, will host the [2014 National Loss Team Conference](#) "Postvention, It's About Time!" Sept. 9-10 at the Embassy Suites Hotel — Columbus Airport. Frank Campbell, Ph.D., will serve as keynote. For more details, contact Carolyn Givens at 614-429-1528 or carolyngivens@ohiospf.org.



Training Opportunities, cont.

Mental Health America Annual Conference — Sept. 10-12

Mental Health America (MHA) will host its 2014 Annual Conference at the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia, Sept. 10-12, 2014. This year's conference, *Parity and the Affordable Care Act: Bridging Gaps to Advance Mental Health*, will examine progress in implanting these two important pieces of legislation, assess gaps and challenges related to behavioral health, and identify the programs and policies needed fill them.

NAADAC 2014 Annual Conference and 40th Anniversary Celebration — Sept. 26-Oct. 1

NAADAC, the Association for Addiction Professionals, will host its *2014 Annual Conference and 40th Anniversary Celebration* Sept. 26-Oct.1 in Seattle, Wash. NAADAC will celebrate 40 years of advocacy, education, and service to the addiction-focused profession with six days of presentations, two days of exhibits, a new two-day gambling track, and a 40th Anniversary Celebration. [Register online.](#)

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:

June 19 — [Employment Approaches for Housing Providers \(Dayton\)](#)

June 23 — [Foundations of Integrated Mental Health and Substance Abuse Assessment](#)

June 25 — [Managing Chronic Pain in Patients with Opioid Use Disorders \(Video Conference\)](#)

June 26 — [A Breath of Fresh Air: Promoting Health-Behavior Change Among People with SPMI \(Columbus\)](#)

July 4 — [Professional Development and Continuing Education at the Mandel School](#)

Sept. 11 — [A Breath of Fresh Air: Promoting Health-Behavior Change Among People with SPMI \(Akron\)](#)

Oct. 14-15 — [2014 Evidence-Based Practices Conference](#)



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