

*A Message from Director Plouck...*

## 2016: A Year of Innovation, Partnership and Building on Momentum

**A**t the end of 2016, we celebrate our work to keep Ohioans healthy and safe and look forward to continuing our many partnerships in the new year. We address very serious challenges related to addiction and mental illness. That seriousness must not lead us to be pessimistic. Instead we should recognize that many lives have been turned around and saved because of all of our efforts. Let's accept that we have further to go and keep that momentum toward greater progress.

Overall, Ohio invested nearly \$1 billion to help communities battle the scourge of drug abuse and addiction at the local level. Governor Kasich's FY 2016-17 budget included \$1 million to provide all 88 Ohio counties access to the life-saving opiate overdose reversal drug naloxone, which directly led to more than 2,300 lives saved.

With many specialized docket drug courts now up and running in Ohio counties, offenders are being linked with treatment. Ohio also joined the national Stepping Up initiative, which is taking action to help counties reduce the number of criminal offenders with untreated mental illness and/or substance use disorders who continually cycle through county jails. In 2016, 23 counties, representing 52 percent of the state's population, passed resolutions in support of the initiative.

In addition, 2016 was the year of our growing partnerships with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. As part of Gov. Kasich's operating budget, OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (DRC) are leveraging the combined expertise of each agency to provide increased treatment within the prisons and ensure a better chance for continued recovery upon release. Through this partnership, prison-based recovery services staff has increased 50 percent.

In July, OhioMHAS implemented a Community Transition Program (CTP) through a contract with CareSource to offer individuals returning home from prison a transitional benefit for drug and alcohol treatment and assistance with recovery support services such as housing, transportation, work and education. Investments in community behavioral health services and stable housing are helping Ohioans who are addicted or who have mental illness to achieve recovery. We are also helping providers put more people with lived experience into jobs as peer recovery supporters, where they can make a personal connection to give someone a hand up. Our workforce development efforts have resulted in more than 300 people being trained, and nearly 120 achieving certification, as peer recovery supporters during 2016.

As part of the Kasich Administration's continued effort to help Ohioans with mental illness, OhioMHAS and its partners unveiled a comprehensive suicide prevention initiative supported by a \$2 million investment in the budget. Ohio's initiative brings together the departments of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Health and Medicaid with a variety of stakeholders to focus on a shared goal of reducing suicides. By April 2017, more than 300 Ohio counselors will receive intensive training for reducing/preventing suicide deaths in Ohio.



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Two notable launches during 2016 include the website at [suicideprevention.ohio.gov](http://suicideprevention.ohio.gov) to assist public colleges and universities with prevention awareness on campus, and the unveiling of an Ohio-specific keyword to access a free, confidential, statewide [Crisis Text Line](#). Any Ohio resident who needs help coping with a crisis can now text the keyword "4hope" to 741741 to be connected to a crisis counselor.

During 2016, OhioMHAS and the Ohio Department of Medicaid have been modernizing the Medicaid behavioral health benefit to align services with physical managed care so that providers and their patients can celebrate better overall health outcomes. A new Specialized Recovery Services program is now available for eligible people with high intensity needs related to a serious and persistent mental illness. And beginning on the first day of this new year, providers should note the changes to the Opioid Treatment Program.

Overall our investments have enhanced ongoing programs and promoted innovative new proposals that support prevention, treatment and recovery services. Thank you for your past and future help to make Ohio stronger.





A brief recap of some of Dir. Plouck's public activities this month:

- 12.2 Met with officials in Lucas County to discuss strategies for combatting the opioid epidemic.
- 12.9 Provided remarks at annual NAMI Ohio Board meeting in Dublin.
- 12.15 Provided testimony on behavioral health redesign before members of the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.
- 12.22 Met with Bill Denihan, David Royer and Patrick Tribbe, executive directors of Cuyahoga, Franklin and Hamilton counties Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Boards respectively, to discuss areas of collaboration around the opiate epidemic.

### Saturday Before Thanksgiving Holiday Designated as "Ohio Survivors of Suicide Day"

Gov. John R. Kasich signed [House Bill 440](#) into law this month, which designates the Saturday before Thanksgiving as "Ohio Survivors of Suicide Loss Day" to promote awareness for suicide loss and all who are affected by the tragedy. H.B. 440 was sponsored by Rep. Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) who commented on its passage, "This legislation is a step to acknowledge and to assist those families, friends and loved ones who have been affected by suicide in their lives."

## OhioMHAS Preparing Application for Federal Cures Act Funding, Seeking Suggestions/Feedback from Field

Ohio could see an influx of more than \$50 million in federal funding to help fight the opioid epidemic after President Obama signed the [21st Century Cures Act](#) into law earlier this month. In all, the bipartisan measure authorized \$1 billion over two years to supplement existing grant programs for addiction treatment and prevention, recovery supports and workforce development. It also included the final version of the [Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act](#), which was introduced by Congress in response to the December 2012 Sandy Hook tragedy.

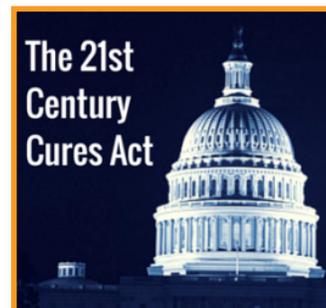
To secure up to \$26 million a year for the next two years, OhioMHAS must submit a grant application through the [State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis Grants](#) program.

These grants will help address the opioid crisis by providing support to states for increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid-related overdose deaths. States and territories will be awarded funds through a formula based on unmet need for opioid use disorder treatment and drug poisoning deaths.

Ohio's application is due Feb. 17, 2017. OhioMHAS leadership has elected to focus on several core principles, including: Medication-Assisted Treatment; prevention; Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT); recovery supports; workforce development; and addressing secondary trauma among first responders (law enforcement, EMTs, fire personnel, etc.).

Stakeholder input will be critical to Ohio's successful grant application. In an effort to gauge needs and guide the Department's grant submission, OhioMHAS is developing a [survey](#) and making arrangements to engage a variety of statewide associations and stakeholders in early January. This feedback will be utilized to help the Department identify current data sources and gaps in services, and develop specific strategies. The Department is also setting up a dedicated section on the [Funding Opportunities webpage](#) to help the field stay informed and abreast of progress.

Please watch your inbox in the coming days and weeks for more information related to the Department's application, and your opportunity to help shape Ohio's grant application.



## “Big Bowl Vote” to Measure Impact of Alcohol Advertising

This February, Drug-Free Action Alliance will once again sponsor the “Big Bowl Vote” to measure the impact of alcohol-related advertising on youth. An estimated 111 million viewers — 18 percent of whom are under age 21 — will be tuned in to watch the Super Bowl as well as the ever-popular commercials.

Middle and high school students nationwide are invited to vote on their favorite commercials and share the product brands they recall being advertised. Without fail, alcohol ads consistently rank in the top three each year, among both age groups, as either favorites or most memorable advertisements.

Many youth take cues from the media to help define who they are and what they want to become. They often see the characters depicted in ads or their behaviors as glamorous or even normal and feel those lifestyle choices



will give them their desired outcomes of acceptance and inclusion, or maybe excitement and fun.

Studies show that an increase in exposure to alcohol advertising contributes to an increase in drinking among underage youth. Research also shows underage drinking negatively affects developing brains, increases risk for addiction later in life, impacts decision-making and puts youth in danger.

Alcohol contributes to youth suicides, homicides and fatal injuries — the leading cause of death among youth following auto crashes. Alcohol abuse can also be linked to as many as two-thirds of all sexual assaults and date rapes of teens and college students. Students who use alcohol are five times more likely to drop out of school or believe that earning good grades is not important.

More information about how to participate in the Big Bowl Vote will be available soon on [DFAA's website](#).

## Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital Employees Help Bring Holiday Cheer to Area Needy Children Through Toy Drive

Northwest Ohio Psychiatric Hospital (NOPH) employees helped to bring a little extra holiday cheer to needy children throughout the Toledo region. NOPH employees, in collaboration with the local Morrison vendor, collected nearly 300 toys for the [Toys for Tots](#) program.

Created by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve in 1947, Toys for Tots provides joy and a message of hope to less fortunate children through the gift of a new toy or book during the Christmas holiday season.

“Toys for Tots is a generous and respected charitable campaign and we are proud to be able to participate,” said Tamara Junge, NOPH chief executive officer.

“NOPH is an active participant in the communities we serve,” Junge added. “This is one small way we can help to make a difference.”



**NOPH CEO Tamara Junge and Gil Evans, director of food and nutrition for Morrison, pose with more than 300 toys donated by NOPH employees to support Toys for Tots.**

## Trainings Boost Competency, Help Interpreters Better Serve BH Needs of Deaf Community

Good communication in any medical setting is critical. The behavioral health setting is no different. On Dec. 1-2, the second OhioMHAS-sponsored workshop on *Interpreting American Sign Language (ASL) in the Behavioral Health System* was held at Wright State University with 50 in attendance. The first training was held in October at Kent State University with 36 attendees and a third session is scheduled at Columbus State Community College's Delaware campus on [March 2-3, 2017](#).

Participants included professional ASL interpreters and students enrolled in an ASL interpreter program who came to learn from



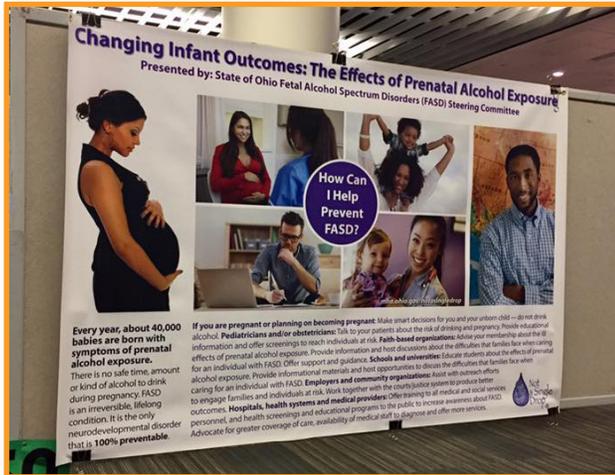
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Steve Hamerdinger, director of the Office of Deaf Services at the Alabama Department of Mental Health.

The training focused on ways behavioral health interpreting differs from general community interpreting, techniques to meet the demands of specific behavioral health environments, secondary trauma stress and self care, and methods to differentiate between developmental and acquired dysfluency.

These workshops were planned with Ohio's Community Centers for the Deaf to enhance ASL interpreter competency related to behavioral health terminology and Deaf culture. In addition, the collaboration with universities and colleges promotes student dual career pathways into interpreting and a behavioral health discipline such as social work.

Click [HERE](#) to view more photos from the Wright State training.



## State FASD Steering Committee Utilizes Infant Mortality Summit to Educate

To increase awareness about the impact of Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD), Ohio's FASD Steering Committee participated in a poster session at Ohio's Infant Mortality Summit held Dec. 5-6 in Cleveland. The Committee's poster (pictured) focused on what individuals can do in their communities to help prevent FASD, which is the only birth defect that is 100 percent preventable. The Summit drew about 1,500 professionals from throughout the state.



Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Ohio's efforts to prevent FASD.

## Lorain County Board of Mental Health and Partners Host Internationally Acclaimed Trauma Expert

Françoise Mathieu, an expert in high-stress workplaces and author of *The Compassion Fatigue Workbook*, shared resilience techniques with a Lorain County audience of close to 100 mental health crisis professionals and first responders on Dec. 16. She addressed compassion fatigue, which is often described as the "cost of caring" for others.

"I think that developing compassion fatigue is a normal consequence of doing a good job," Mathieu said. "You don't get it because you messed up; you get it because you're exposed to repeated challenges, trauma, difficult stories."

The *Resilience in Trauma-Exposed Workplaces* training emphasized collaboration between the Lorain County mental health network and local law enforcement and safety departments.

"Safety forces are trained to help those in crisis, but often lack the training and resources to help themselves cope with the tragedy and trauma experienced on the job," said City of Elyria Police Lt. Deena Baker, a member of the local Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

Lt. Baker noted the importance of crisis professionals assessing their own reactions to trauma so that they are not overwhelmed by the stresses of the job.

"It's a matter of 'help yourself and your fellow responder, so you can help others,'" said the 20-year veteran officer.

More than 200 law enforcement personnel from 15 different departments have received crisis intervention training in the last 14 years to better assist Lorain County residents who are experiencing a mental health emergency.

"We need to be just as dedicated to the wellness and resilience of the police officers, medical professionals, social workers and other professionals who see and experience trauma in people's lives every day," said Holly Cundiff, forensic and special projects coordinator for the Lorain County Board of Mental Health.

Mathieu is co-executive director of TEND, which offers consulting and training to professionals on topics related to self-care, burnout, compassion fatigue, and trauma. Since 2001, Mathieu has presented hundreds of seminars on compassion fatigue and self-care throughout North America to tens of thousands of professionals in the fields of health care, social services, child welfare, law enforcement, behavioral health, criminal justice and others.

The training was sponsored by a grant from the Nord Family Foundation.



Mathieu

## Summit ADM Board Honors Trailblazers at Luncheon

The County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADM) Services Board *recently recognized* four individuals as being trailblazers and advocates in the mental health and addiction services field. The awards were presented during the Board's annual appreciation luncheon, attended by approximately 300 professionals.

**TESTA Companies** was honored with the *Maggie Carroll Smith Award* for its innovative work in developing recovery housing.

**Summit County Municipal Court Judge Annalisa Stubbs Williams** received the *Drs. Fred and Penny Frese Award* for her pioneering work in the Mental Health Court to create programs that reduce recidivism and promote recovery in lieu of incarceration.

**Dr. Nicole Labor**, associate director of medicine at Summa Health, was awarded the *Sister Ignatia Trailblazer Award* for her "leadership, dedication and compassion shown to people struggling with addiction."

Recovery Coach **Reba McCray**, who operates a local sober living facility and ministry, was honored with the *Dr. Bob Smith Trailblazer Award* for "offering hope and inspiring change in others."

OhioMHAS congratulates all of the award winners.

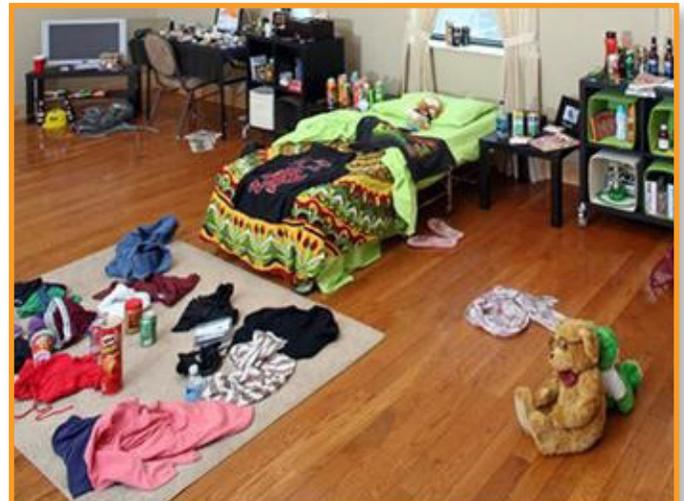
## Start Talking: Ohio Youth Getting Involved to Help Teens Stay Drug Free

Drug-free youth from all corners of the state are making a difference at the local level by joining with Start Talking! to take a stand against substance abuse and addiction. Here's a sampling of some recent activities:



### Union County

This month, a group of students from Marysville High School distributed information about Start Talking! at a basketball game to help increase awareness among their fellow students about the dangers of drug abuse.



### Hamilton/Clermont Counties

Loveland City Schools and the Loveland Drug Task Force partnered with Start Talking! to host a drug awareness and prevention event called "Right Under Your Nose." This unique program features a realistic exhibit designed to resemble a teenager's bedroom and contains several items that would indicate potential high-risk behaviors.



### Ross County

Student voices are key to drug prevention talks. On Nov. 18, more than 1,500 students from schools throughout Ross County gathered in Chillicothe to make their voices heard at a Drug-Free Clubs of America rally.



### Cuyahoga County

Start Talking! was invited by Students Against Destructive Decisions and Westshore Young Leaders Network to participate in the Ohio SADD Day at Quicken Loans Arena in Cleveland. Hundreds of students took part in the event to promote positive decisions and make better choices for young lives, especially when it comes to driving safety.

## Opiate MBR Strengthens Prescription Drug Oversight, Encourages Responsible Treatment

As part of Ohio's continuing effort to find new strategies to fight opiate abuse, Gov. John R. Kasich signed the 2016 Opiate Mid-Biennium Review (Senate Bill 319) into law this month. Sponsored by Sen. John Eklund (R-Munson Township), the bill includes additional reforms that strengthen oversight by the Ohio Board of Pharmacy, encourage responsible treatment and prevent overdoses.

The Opiate MBR builds on previous measures that increased access to the life-saving overdose reversal drug naloxone by allowing facilities such as homeless shelters, halfway houses, schools and treatment centers to keep a supply of the antidote on hand.

It also includes language that expands treatment capacity by making it easier for new methadone clinics



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to open. The bill waives the current statutory requirement that a provider be certified in Ohio for two years prior to becoming a methadone clinic and lifts the ban on for-profit methadone clinics. These changes will allow new operations with quality track records in other states to open for business in Ohio, increasing the availability of treatment options while ensuring new clinics are under state regulatory control.

Meanwhile, in an effort to ensure responsible opiate addiction treatment, providers who treat 30 or more individuals with buprenorphine will be subject

to licensure by the Ohio State Board of Pharmacy — unless the facility is a licensed hospital or already certified by the state. This reform also requires physician ownership of office-based opiate treatment clinics along with mandatory background checks for the owners and employees of these facilities.

Other measures in the bill require Ohio's 42,000 pharmacy technicians to register with the Board of Pharmacy; place a 90-day cap on the total days' supply for any opiate prescription and invalidate any prescription that has not been filled within 14 days; and require greater oversight of healthcare providers who store, administer and dispense highly addictive prescription opioids.

Click [HERE](#) to see what stakeholders are saying about the Opiate MBR.

## News & Research Roundup

### New SAMHDA Data Available

The enhanced [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Data Archive](#) (SAMHDA) has added several new data files to its archive. The new files include the data sets below. Files for these data sets are available for download in SAS, SPSS, STATA, and ASCII formats.

- **2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) Public-Use Files:** A major source of statistical information on the use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco and on mental health issues among members of the U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population aged 12 or older.
- **2012 National Mental Health Services Survey (N-MHSS):** Data on mental health treatment facilities in the United States and its jurisdictions.
- **2013 and 2014 Treatment Episode Data Sets for Admissions (TEDS-A):** Information on the demographic and substance abuse characteristics of individuals aged 12 or older admitted to treatment for abuse of alcohol and/or drugs in facilities that reported to individual state administrative data systems.
- **2012 and 2013 Treatment Episode Data Sets for Discharges (TEDS-D):** Information on treatment completion, length of stay in treatment, and demographic and substance abuse characteristics of individuals discharged from alcohol or drug treatment in facilities that reported to individual state administrative data systems.
- **2014 National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS):** Data on the location, characteristics, and use of alcohol and drug abuse treatment facilities and services throughout the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and other U.S. jurisdictions.



### CDC: Heroin Tops List of Drugs Most Frequently Involved in Overdose Deaths

A [new study](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows heroin was the drug most often involved in fatal overdoses between 2010 and 2014. Other drugs commonly involved in overdoses included oxycodone, methadone, morphine, hydrocodone, fentanyl, cocaine, methamphetamine, alprazolam (Xanax) and diazepam (Valium). More than 47,000 people in the United States died from drug overdoses in 2014, up from more than 38,000 in 2010.



## News & Research Roundup, cont.

### Monitoring the Future Study: Drug and Alcohol Use Among Teens at Lowest Rate Since 1990s

American teens' use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco has declined to the lowest rate since the 1990s, according to the University of Michigan's latest [Monitoring the Future study](#). The study found marijuana use declined among 8th- and 10th-graders, but remained flat among 12th-grade students. This year, 37.3 percent of 12th graders said they had been drunk at least once, down from 53.2 percent in 2001. Only 1.8 percent of 12th graders said they smoke a half pack of cigarettes or more daily, down from almost 11 percent in 1991. E-cigarette use decreased from 16 percent last year to 12 percent this year among high school seniors. Use of prescription opioid painkillers fell among high school seniors, as did use of illicit drugs other than marijuana, [USA Today reported](#).



### Interactive Opioid Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Tool

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released an online, interactive, shared decisionmaking tool for people with, or seeking recovery from, opioid use disorder. The [Decisions in Recovery web-based tool](#) and its [accompanying handbook](#) are designed to help people learn about treatment options for opioid use disorder so they can work with their health care providers in deciding what might work best for them. These resources can also be used by health officials, providers, policymakers and others.

### National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week — Jan. 23-29

Prevention partners are once again invited to participate in [National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week](#), sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. This week-long health observance (Jan. 23-29) is an opportunity for teens to learn the facts about drugs, alcohol, and addiction from scientists and other experts. Register your event and receive support from NIDA staff to plan a successful activity. NIDA staff can help you order free science-based materials to complement your event, brainstorm activity ideas, and partner with other organizations. Get your event nationally recognized by adding it to the [official 2017 map of activities](#) for National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week.



### NIAAA and HBO Partner to Produce "Risky Drinking" Documentary

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and HBO Documentary Films have released [Risky Drinking](#), a new documentary that showcases the intimate stories of four individuals whose drinking dramatically affects their relationships. This 85-minute film offers a new perspective on alcohol use and misuse as it falls along a broad spectrum of risk and includes life-saving information about how to help people dial back or stop drinking. The film premiered Dec. 19 on HBO.

### SAMHSA PSAs Support Mental Health in Our Communities

SAMHSA, along with its partner [Give an Hour](#), has released a new collection of public service announcements (PSAs) for the [Campaign to Change Direction](#). These PSAs aim to change the culture of mental health in America by raising awareness about the signs of emotional distress and addressing common barriers to understanding these conditions. The PSAs are designed to promote public education and awareness about mental health, educate viewers about the [Five Signs](#) of emotional suffering, identify resources so those in need can access help and encourage compassion and support for individuals with mental health challenges. Click [HERE](#) to watch the PSAs.

### Mental Health America Release Smoking Cessation Infographic

Mental Health America has released [Smoking and Mental Illness - Stop Smoking, Start Quitting](#) — a new infographic that offers tips on how to stop smoking and an overview of smoking cessation apps and aides.



### MHA Partners With Be Vocal for New Mental Illness Photography Campaign

Imagery related to mental illness found in media and through search engines can often be harmful or inaccurate. Mental Health America has teamed up with Getty Images and Be Vocal, a partnership between Demi Lovato, DBSA, The JED Foundation, NAMI, The National Council, Sunovion Pharmaceuticals, and MHA, to change the way mental health is portrayed. The [Be Vocal Collection](#) is a photography collection that highlights 10 real people living with mental health conditions, to show that mental health conditions are common and treatable.

# Training Opportunities

## 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. 12 — [Foundations of Motivational Interviewing, Part 2 \(Columbus\)](#)

## 2017 SBIRT Implementation and Training of Trainers

Ohio SBIRT will host free, six-hour Training-of-Trainers courses to become a Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) trainer in 2017. These trainings are intended for individuals who have previously been trained in Ohio SBIRT Implementation. Both the Training-of-Trainers and the SBIRT Implementation trainings are free and will be offered monthly, beginning in January. Trainings will be held at various locations throughout the state including: Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo. Click [HERE](#) for a schedule of upcoming trainings.

## Peer Support Trainings for Survivors of Human Trafficking

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addictions Services and the Ohio Department of Public Safety are pleased to announce a unique opportunity for survivors of [human trafficking](#) to take the OhioMHAS Peer Supporter training. Peer Supporters use their lived experiences to help others move forward in their recovery. This training is specifically for human trafficking survivors who also have a lived experience of a mental health and/or substance use disorder. The training will be held in Columbus, Ohio during five consecutive Saturdays beginning Feb. 4, 2017. For participants who will be traveling more than 50 miles, OhioMHAS has [Community and Family Partnership Team funds](#) available to reimburse mileage to and from the training, and to pay for lodging in advance. Anyone interested in participating in the training should contact Sharon Fitzpatrick at [Sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:Sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov) by Jan. 6th, 2017.

## COHHIO Interactive Trainings for Permanent Supportive Housing Professionals

The Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio ([COHHIO](#)) has developed an interactive training to bring together housing providers, case managers, service coordinators, property managers and other housing specialists in a forum to discuss and utilize best practices for serving individuals in Permanent Supportive Housing settings. [Survey Says - An Interactive Training for Permanent Supportive Housing Professionals](#), a training inspired by the *Family Feud* Game Show, will be held in [Columbus](#) (Jan. 10), [Cleveland](#) (Feb. 7), [Stark County](#) (Feb. 28) and [Butler County](#) (March 7).

## AAP 2017 FASD Educational Webinar Series

The American Academy of Pediatrics is offering a series of three, 30-minute educational webinars focusing on enhancing the education of pediatric primary care physicians regarding Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. The webinars will feature clinical practices including identification, diagnosis and care planning for children affected by FASD. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## 2017 Behavioral Health Conference — Jan. 10-11

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with OhioMHAS, is hosting [Ohio's 2017 Behavioral Health Conference: Moving Forward in Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care](#) Jan. 10-11 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. This training features nearly 60 breakout sessions on topics covering prevention, trauma-informed care, recovery-oriented systems of care, reentry and criminal justice, medication management, sustaining/maintaining wellness, working with specialty populations, model programs and more. Register [HERE](#).

## Community Corrections Public Policy Forum & Hill Day — Feb. 27-28

The International Community Corrections Association (ICCA) will host its annual [Community Corrections Public Policy Forum](#) in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 27 and Hill Day on Feb. 28. This forum will feature criminal justice leaders from the private and public sectors in order to highlight current trends, pending legislation and relevant updates for those working within community corrections.

## Save the Date! 2017 Ohio Recovery Housing Conference — March 1-2

[Ohio Recovery Housing](#) will present the 2017 Ohio Recovery Housing Conference March 1-2 at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus. Registration materials will be available soon. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



## Training Opportunities, cont.

### Registration Coming Soon! 2017 Ohio Problem Gambling Conference — March 2-3

Ohio for Responsible Gambling will partner with Drug-Free Action Alliance to host the 2017 Ohio Problem Gambling Conference March 2-3 at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. The conference will feature Bruce S. Liese, Ph.D., Professor of Family Medicine and Psychiatry at the University of Kansas Medical Center, on the topic "The Addiction Syndrome." On prevention of problem gambling, attendees will hear from Julie Hynes, MA, RD, CPS, of Prevention Lane, Lake County, Oregon, and member of the Board of Directors of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Other conference topics will include integrating problem gambling programming into existing behavioral health programming, cultural competence, community readiness, family member treatment, facilitating a GamAnon/Gamblers Anonymous meeting, best practices in problem gambling prevention and treatment and ethics. Registration will go live in early January. Questions? Please contact Tristan Hall at 614.540.9985, ext. 21 or [thall@drugfreeactionalliance.org](mailto:thall@drugfreeactionalliance.org).

### OPPA Annual Psychiatric Update — March 12

The Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association will present the [\*OPPA Annual Psychiatric Update "Mental Illness — Helping Ourselves, Our Colleagues and Our Patients"\*](#) March 12 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. This program is designed specifically for psychiatrists, residents, medical students and other physicians, including primary care and pediatricians, as well as psychologists, nurses, social workers, counselors and other mental health professionals. Click the link for more information, including speaker bios and information on a free March 11 pre-conference session.

### Call for Presenters: 13th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry — March 24-25

OhioMHAS, in partnership with Northeast Ohio Medical University and University Hospitals — Case Medical Center, will present the 13th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry March 24-25, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus-Dublin. Continuing education credits will be provided for psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, nurses and counselors. Registration information will be available in January 2017. For more information, call 330.325.6460 or email [cpd@neomed.edu](mailto:cpd@neomed.edu). Abstracts are being sought for workshops and poster presentations. View the [\*solicitation letter\*](#) from Co-Chairs Kathleen Clegg, M.D., and Mark Hurst, M.D. View the [\*submission form\*](#). Proposals will be accepted until Dec. 9.

### WRAP Seminar II Facilitator Training — April 3-7

The Copeland Center will host a [\*WRAP \(Wellness Recovery Action Plan\) Seminar II Facilitator Training\*](#) April 3-7 at the Recovery Center of Hamilton County in Cincinnati. Cost is \$1,500 and includes lunches, materials, training and two-year listing in the WRAP Facilitator registry. Click [HERE](#) to complete the 2017 training application.

### Save the Date! 2017 We Are The Majority Rally — April 20

The Ohio Youth Led Prevention Network will host its sixth annual *We Are the Majority Concert, Resiliency Ring, and Rally* on April 20, 2017, at Genoa Park in downtown Columbus. Students will have opportunities to learn the importance of living a positive, healthy lifestyle and to march to the Ohio Statehouse to let their voices on this important issue be heard. This event is open to all Ohio middle and high school students. Online registration will open in January.

### Save the Date! ADAPAO Conference — May 11

ADAPAO will host its annual conference on May 11, 2017, in Columbus. The conference will focus on state of the art prevention content for and dialogue with Ohio's prevention professionals and advocates. Specific conference content and registration information will be available in early 2017. Click [HERE](#) for updates.

### Mental Health America 2017 Annual Conference — June 14-16

Mental Health America will host its 2017 Annual Conference "Sex, Drugs and Rock & Roll" June 14-16, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register online.



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