



Governor Mike DeWine Unveils STRONG Ohio Bill

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine this month **unveiled** a series of legislative proposals to better protect Ohio citizens and law enforcement officers from those with a tendency toward violence and to provide help to individuals who are a danger to themselves or others.

The **STRONG Ohio bill**, which is sponsored by Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) and is part of Governor DeWine's broader STRONG Ohio violence prevention plan, will preserve constitutional rights, expand

treatment options, and prevent violence.

Key components of the bill include:

- Creating a "pink slip" process for persons who are legally declared to be a danger to themselves or others due to drug dependency or chronic alcoholism.
- Ensuring that those legally declared to be a danger to themselves or others do not have access to firearms.
- Giving family members of those who may be a danger to themselves or others because of drug dependency

or chronic alcoholism the ability to more easily petition the probate court for court-ordered treatment.

Other important elements of Governor DeWine's overall STRONG Ohio plan are already underway, including the creation of the Ohio School Safety Center; the expansion of Ohio's school safety tip line; new technology for background checks; and work to provide wraparound services for schools and supports to parents to manage children's lifelong wellness.

2019 Crisis Intervention Team Awards

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Director Lori Criss and Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton (retired) had the honor recently of **presenting** Ohio's 2019 Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Awards. The event was sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Ohio and the Ohio Criminal Justice Coordinating Center at Northeast Ohio Medical University. The goal of a CIT is to train emergency personnel on how to address mental health crises and direct people in need to treatment. Awards recognized exceptional service in CITs. Pictured at near right, Officer Dawn Roberts of the Akron Children's Hospital Police Department was presented the *CIT Youth Officer of the Year* award by Justice Stratton. Far right, Director Criss presents the *CIT Program of the Year* award to Wooster Police Department Officer Jerome Fatzinger and NAMI Wayne & Holmes Counties Executive Director Helen Walkerly.

Click [HERE](#) to view more photos.





On the Road with Dir. Criss



A brief recap of some of Dir. Criss' recent activities:

- 10.1 Provided remarks at the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Ashland County's annual dinner.
- 10.4 Inducted into The Ohio State University's College of Social Work Alumni Hall of Fame.
- 10.7 Spoke at the Appalachian Mental Health and Housing Conference in Athens; attended Governor DeWine's STRONG Ohio press conference.
- 10.10 Spoke at the 33rd Annual Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections Conference; spoke at the National Assisted Outpatient Treatment Symposium.
- 10.11 Spoke at the Ohio Women's Network Symposium.
- 10.15 Spoke at the annual Ohio Recovery Conference.
- 10.17 Provided remarks at the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers annual conference; along with Ohio Department of Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran, testified before the Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee.
- 10.18 Provided opening remarks at the OhioMHAS Private Psychiatric Inpatient Conference; presented awards with Justice Evelyn Lundberg Stratton (retired) at the Crisis Intervention Team Advanced Training Conference.
- 10.21 Spoke at the Ohio Family and Children First Coordinators Association Conference.
- 10.22 Spoke at the opening of the Mount Carmel Behavioral Health Center in Columbus.
- 10.28 Spoke at the OhioMHAS Crisis Academy.
- 10.30 Spoke at the Portage County Substance Abuse and Mental Health Conference in Rootstown; met with staff from Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED) to discuss areas of collaboration.

Governor DeWine Announces \$7.5M in Grant Funding for Specialized Docket Programs

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine recently announced that Ohio is offering \$7.5 million in grant funding for the development or expansion of specialized court programs focused on recovery from substance use or mental health disorders. The governor proposed the grants in March as part of his RecoveryOhio initiative.

The grants will be awarded through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and are funded through Ohio's 2020-2021 operating budget. Any court that is not currently receiving specialized docket or drug court grant funding can apply. The grant funding can be used for payroll costs, clinical services provided by state-certified addiction and/or mental health providers, medication-assisted treatment (MAT) medications, urinalysis, and recovery supports. Applications will be accepted in two categories:

- Specialty courts receiving final certification after July 1, 2019, and not previously certified;
- Specialty courts that received final certification before July 1, 2019, or operational specialized dockets seeking re-certification.

More information is available on the [OhioMHAS Funding Opportunities web page](#).

Attorney General Announces \$1.3M to Support Quick Response Teams

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost recently announced \$1.3 million to expand Drug Abuse Response Team efforts in Ohio. Awards range from \$8,000-62,000 have been distributed to 30 communities throughout Ohio. The funds provide reimbursement for personnel and other costs incurred by local law enforcement or government agency teams that deploy in response to overdoses and other consequences of the opioid epidemic.

"When an overdose tears the fabric of our communities, these are the people that begin the mending," said Yost. "They bring the first principle of compassion to the first response."

The grant program was built to replicate programs such as the Lucas County Sheriff's Office Drug Abuse Response Team (DART), and Quick Response Teams (QRTs) in Summit County and in Hamilton County's Colerain Township. These teams are made up of law enforcement, counselors, paramedics, prosecutors, treatment providers, and others. They aim to reduce repeat drug overdoses and deaths through outreach to individuals affected by addiction and their families.

Click [HERE](#) to view a map of grantees.



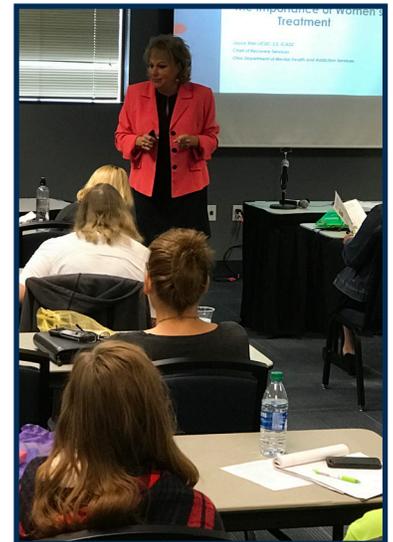
Dayton Motorcycle Club Supports Trauma Efforts for First Responders

Members of the Dayton Chapter of the Knights of Inferno — a motorcycle club for firefighters — recently donated \$5,500 to help support **Ohio ASSIST** post-critical incident seminars for first responders who have experienced trauma in the line of duty. The donation came from proceeds from the No One Left Behind charity motorcycle ride in September. Lisa Taylor, president of Ohio ASSIST (pictured center) and Steve Click, first responder liaison for OhioMHAS (far right), participated in the ride.

To date, Ohio ASSIST has hosted eight post-critical incident seminars. More than 220 first responders and support personnel have participated. The seminars help first responders get to their “new normal” following a traumatic event, or, in some cases, a career’s worth of events. The seminars are open to law enforcement, fire/EMS, dispatch, and anyone working for a public safety agency. Four seminars are planned for 2020.

2019 Ohio Women's Symposium Focuses on Hope, Health, Healing

The Ohio Women’s Network, in partnership with OhioMHAS, hosted its 2019 training symposium Oct. 11 at Quest Conference Center in Columbus. The training featured remarks from several members of the OhioMHAS leadership team, including Director Lori Criss, Assistant Director of Community Planning and Collaboration Alisia Clark, Assistant Director for Community Treatment Services Lois Hochstetler, Treatment Chief Joyce Starr (pictured), and Trauma-Informed Care Coordinator Kim Kehl. Attendees also heard from Columbus Public Health Alcohol and Drug Services Administrator Andrea Boxill, and a provider panel, which focused on women’s treatment in corrections and the community, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, the inter-generational cycle of addiction, and building community partnerships to better serve families.



2019 Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference Emphasizes Prevention, Early Intervention

OhioMHAS hosted its biennial Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference on Oct. 18. This year’s theme, “Transforming Behavioral Health Care Through Prevention,” emphasized a proactive prevention and early intervention approach to many behavioral health care issues. The conference provided practical, evidence-based strategies that private providers can apply in their practice.

Keynote speaker Sharlene Graham Boltz discussed how to prevent violence through the use of threat assessments. During a lunch presentation, Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge discussed the city of Dayton’s approach and success related to combating the opiate crisis. The agenda also featured a dozen prevention-focused break-out sessions. Click [HERE](#) for more photos.



Pictured: At left, keynote presenter Sharlene Graham Boltz, professor of law at the Salmon P. Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University, delivers a message on violence prevention at the 2019 Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference. At right, OhioMHAS Director Lori Criss welcomes attendees and provides opening remarks. The one-day biennial conference also featured break-out sessions on suicide prevention, marijuana, kratom and vaping, stigma, seclusion/restraint, and more.

More Than 1200 Gather for Annual Recovery Conference

With the goal of strengthening and empowering the recovery community in Ohio, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), in partnership with OhioMHAS, hosted Ohio's 2019 Recovery Conference. With more than 1,200 individuals in recovery, family members and advocates in attendance, the fourth annual statewide

recovery conference provided a beacon of hope for the recovery community.

"All too often, we're hearing and

talking about the results of untreated mental illness and addiction," said OACBHA CEO Cheri L. Water. "The complex nature of effectively responding to mental illness and substance use disorders continues to drive policy conversations and media coverage. We spend too much time talking about the problems and the failures. We aren't spending enough time talking about the successes and what works. This conference provides a unique opportunity to highlight recovery and share the success stories, the positive outcomes. With events like this we spread a message of hope throughout Ohio and we empower individuals in recovery to share their stories in order to help others throughout our great state truly understand mental illness and addiction."

Throughout the conference, individuals in recovery from mental illness and/or addiction and their family members learned about advocacy, empowerment, wellness, and more, while celebrating recovery together.



More than 1,200 individuals in recovery, family members and advocates attended the 2019 Recovery Conference. The conference featured a variety of workshops focused on advocacy, empowerment, job skills development, peer supports, community involvement, cultural competency, self-care, wellness, and more. Attendees participate in a celebration of recovery dance (pictured top).

Peer Recovery Organizations in Ohio Form New Statewide Association



The Ohio Peer Recovery Organizations (OhioPRO) **launched** a new statewide network for Ohio-based organizations and programs that provide peer recovery mental health and substance use services and supports. OhioPRO membership will be open to peer-run services that are fully independent, separate and autonomous from other mental health or addiction treatment agencies. OhioPRO will be also open to non-peer organizations that operate peer-recovery programs, but such programs will not have voting rights.

For its members, OhioPRO will serve as a unifying force, to enable peer-recovery organizations and programs to have a consistent, unified approach to advocating for their services. Specifically, OhioPRO will:

- Educate state and local elected officials and community leaders to secure support and funding for peer-recovery organizations and programs.
- Promote anti-stigma education and peer-support.
- Provide best practices, technical assistance and training opportunities for members.
- Build relationships between peer-recovery organizations and other community partners.



Inaugural Ohio Crisis Academy

OhioMHAS hosted the inaugural Ohio Crisis Academy "Building on Our Strengths" on Oct. 28. Academy participants explored the array of services available in an effective state crisis-response model and received technical assistance in implementing a crisis continuum. Attendees were also given a copy of [*A Crisis Services Compendium*](#) developed by OhioMHAS research staff. *(Pictured l-r) Regina Hillman talks about her experiences with crisis services, while Aaron Foster teaches about peers working in crisis services. See [more photos](#).*

Recovery Requires a Community Expansion Changes Effective Nov. 1

OhioMHAS is pleased to announce that the Recovery Requires a Community program will be expanding to help individuals who have transitioned to the community from a nursing facility and are at immediate risk of re-admission. Effective Nov. 1, 2019, applications may be accepted from individuals who are planning to transition from a nursing facility and those who have transitioned from a nursing facility within the past 90 days and need assistance to continue living in the community. If you have questions or need technical assistance, please email Recovery@mha.ohio.gov or call 614.644.0617.



Silent Voices Speak: TVBH Cemetery Reclamation Committee Honors the Past

Members of the Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare Cemetery Reclamation Committee celebrated World Mental Health Day (Oct. 10) by sharing the biographies of several patients interred at the Columbus State Hospital Cemetery.

In all, about 900 individuals are buried at the cemetery. Many of the grave markers are simply inscribed with a patient number and a gender identifier of "m" or "f." In addition to beautifying the grounds, the reclamation committee has begun to research biographies for each patient, to provide respectful recognition of the faces and names of the past.

Eventually, the biographies will be linked to an electronic record of the cemetery plots. Attendees heard from Cemetery Reclamation Committee Chair Maureen Fahy (pictured above,

left), Columbus State Hospital Historian and former Ohio Department of Mental Health employee Gary Carter (pictured center) and TVBH CEO Veronica Lofton (pictured at right).

Chaplain Jack Schwarz provided the invocation, noting, "Each of the people interred here was more than merely a room number or a patient I.D. tag," he said. "They had their share of struggles and suffering; their lives were filled with difficult challenges at a time when the mental health field and its attendant therapies and pharmaceuticals were far less advanced than they are currently ... neither a diagnosis nor a single event ever fully defines or tells the whole story of a person ... these patients received the best care then available with the limited light of that day and age." View [more photos](#).

Ohio Wins Five Drug-Free Communities Federal Grants

Five Ohio communities have recently been awarded new Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants, totaling \$625,000 from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

The community organizations funded were: Northern Ohio Recovery Association, Inc., (Cleveland); Healthpath Foundation of Ohio (Cincinnati); Community Action for Capable Youth (Mansfield); Erie County Department of Health (Sandusky); and OneEighty, Inc., (Wooster).

Each grantee will receive \$125,000. These awards will support community-based coalitions and activities to prevent youth substance use and related issues of need.



Shoe Donation to Benefit Wellness, Exercise Programs at Summit Behavioral Healthcare

A Miami Valley business owner recently donated 30 pairs of athletic shoes to benefit patients at Summit Behavioral Healthcare (SBH). Susie Stein, who owns Up and Running retail shops in Dayton and Troy, donated the shoes to help support patient wellness and exercise activities.

"Patients will now be able to safely participate in exercise and wellness groups because they now have proper footwear," said SBH Volunteer Coordinator Micki Cole. "Trying to find shoes for almost 300 people is difficult, but with the support of local business owners like Ms. Stein, it makes life easier for our patients. You truly don't appreciate the comfort of a good pair of shoes until you don't have any."

NE Ohio Prevention Coalition Featured in National Newsletter

The Ashtabula County Prevention Coalition was recently **featured** by Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) in its *Coalitions in Action* publication. The Coalition was recognized for its school-based prevention efforts in light of the opioid epidemic, including implementation of the PAX Good Behavior Game with support from OhioMHAS and the Ashtabula County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. CADCA also applauded the Coalition's efforts to build relationships with hospitals, law enforcement, treatment providers and government agencies.

Senate Aides to Learn Mental Health First Aid

Prevention Action Alliance is teaming up with the Mental Health, Drug and Alcohol Services Board of Logan and Champaign Counties and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation to train Ohio Senate staff in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA). The first session was held Nov. 1 with two additional trainings planned for November. Senate staff participation in this training will improve staff responses to in-district mental health and substance use issues and will help increase capacity and understanding at the state level. MHFA is an eight-hour course that teaches participants how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. Like first aid, it provides the skills needed to support someone in a crisis or developing a mental health or substance use problem until specialized care is available. And like first aid, MHFA gives participants the skills and confidence they need to talk about mental health with those who might need help.

News & Research Roundup

American Society of Addiction Medicine Updates Definition of 'Addiction'

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) has updated its definition of addiction to explain more fully the complexity of this chronic disease. The updated definition reads: "Addiction is a treatable, chronic medical disease involving complex interactions among brain circuits, genetics, the environment, and an individual's life experiences. People with addiction use substances or engage in behaviors that become compulsive and often continue despite harmful consequences. Prevention efforts and treatment approaches for addiction are generally as successful as those for other chronic diseases."



News & Research Roundup, cont.

New SAMHSA Resources

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released a best practices and suggested guidelines document for recovery homes. Click [HERE](#) to view the document.

SAMHSA has released the [Communicating in a Crisis: Risk Communications Guidelines for Public Officials](#), a new guide that provides public officials, as well as others involved in disaster and emergency communications with information about effective communication, working with the media, using social media, and addressing errors and controlling rumors.

SAMHSA also released [First Episode Psychosis and Co-Occurring Substance Use Disorders](#), a new guide that supports health care providers, systems, and communities to address first episode psychosis and co-occurring substance use disorders. It describes relevant research, examines emerging and best practices, identifies knowledge gaps and implementation challenges, and offers resources.

SMI Adviser Releases Assisted Outpatient Treatment White Paper

SMI Adviser has released a [white paper](#), created by the Treatment Advocacy Center and Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), to serve as an informational starting point for anyone interested in establishing or improving a local “assisted outpatient treatment” (AOT) program. AOT is court-ordered, community-based treatment for individuals with severe mental illness who struggle to engage with treatment on a voluntary basis. When utilized appropriately and coupled with high-quality treatment services, AOT is a proven best practice to help its target population avoid repeat hospitalization and arrest. Drafted in consultation with a panel of AOT experts from across the nation, the white paper sets forth nine “Essential Elements” that define an AOT program, 10 “Building Blocks” for establishing and maintaining an AOT program, and eight “Tips” from AOT practitioners to improve outcomes.

Addiction Policy Forum Highlights 17 Innovative Ohio Programs in New Report

In response to the opioid crisis, the Addiction Policy Forum formed nearly five years ago to support families at their worst hour, to translate the science of addiction for widespread public understanding, and to promote innovative responses to addiction. The Innovation Now initiative identifies creative and effective programs working in every state to help those struggling with addiction. There are innovators in many sectors, from prevention, treatment, and recovery, to law enforcement, criminal justice, and child welfare. The [Ohio Innovations to Address Addiction report](#) features [17 programs](#) helping people impacted by addiction, saving lives, and changing society’s response to it.

SAMHSA Launches FindTreatment.gov

SAMHSA has announced the launch of [FindTreatment.gov](#), a new and improved website for helping to connect Americans throughout the U.S. who are looking for mental health and substance abuse treatment. Visitors can access information on treatment providers’ locations, treatment options, payment, and insurance information on more than 13,000 state-licensed facilities, based on data compiled by SAMHSA.

Sesame Street Introduces Character with Parent in SUD Treatment

The children’s television show *Sesame Street* has [introduced](#) a new character, Karli, whose mother is in addiction treatment. The storyline explains that Karli is in foster care because her mother is addicted to opioids. The character was joined in her debut episode by real children whose parents are in treatment in real life. Click [HERE](#) to view a video of Karli on YouTube.



FDA Says Don’t Use CBD, THC Products While Breastfeeding

The Food and Drug Administration put out a [warning](#) this month advising people against using marijuana of any kind — specifically products with cannabidiol (CBD) or tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) — during pregnancy or while breastfeeding. The FDA cautioned that using THC while pregnant might cause brain development issues. It can also increase the risk of low birth weight, premature birth, or stillbirth, the FDA stated. If a baby is exposed to THC via breast milk, he/she may experience issues in brain development resulting in hyperactivity and poor cognitive function. Furthermore, since many medications can be passed onto babies via the mother’s breast milk, the FDA worries that CBD can also be transferred to the baby via breast milk. The FDA also suspects many CBD products may be contaminated with harmful chemicals — such as pesticides, bacteria, fungus, and heavy metals — which can harm the fetus or baby.

News & Research Roundup, cont.

SPRC Launches Updated Strategic Planning Course

The Suicide Prevention Resource Center (SPRC) has released an updated and redesigned version of its online course, [A Strategic Planning Approach to Suicide Prevention](#). This free, self-paced training can help users identify issues and populations to focus on, select activities that can effectively prevent suicide, and prioritize efforts to achieve maximum impact. Regardless of the participant's experience with suicide prevention or strategic planning, using a strategic planning approach is a feasible way to improve an organization's prevention efforts. To bring that approach to life, this training presents a case study that illustrates how a community task force applies the [strategic planning process](#) to its work.

CDC: Teen Suicide is a Public Health Crisis

According to a new report released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide rates among teens and young adults have exponentially increased over the past 10 years — a 56 percent jump from 2007 to 2017. In the same time period, suicide overtook homicide to become the second-most common cause of death among people ages 10 to 24, after accidents. Researchers have puzzled over possible reasons for the increase; one study published in the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry* examined the impact of the controversial show *13 Reasons Why*, and found that suicide rates among boys ages 10 to 17 rose significantly after the show's release. Many studies have pointed to smartphones and omnipresent internet access as detrimental to teens' mental health, for instance, but experts urge caution before jumping to conclusions. Read [MORE](#).

NIMH: Schizophrenia Risk Gene Linked to Cognitive Deficits in Mice

Researchers have discovered in mice how one of the few genes definitively linked to schizophrenia, called SETD1A, likely confers risk for the illness. Mice genetically engineered to lack a functioning version of the enzyme-coding gene showed abnormalities in working memory, mimicking those commonly seen in schizophrenia patients. Restoring the gene's function corrected the working memory deficit. Counteracting the gene's deficiencies also repaired neuronal circuit deficits in adult mice — suggesting clues for potential treatment strategies. Read [MORE](#).

Training Opportunities

Star Behavioral Health Providers Trainings

Star Behavioral Health Providers is a training program that will help you better understand and serve veterans, service members and their families as clients. You can also join an online registry of providers that will help them find your organization. Trainings and CEUs are free. Upcoming Tier I trainings will be held in Mt. Orab (Nov. 13), Columbus (Dec. 4), Marion (Jan. 14, 2020), Athens (Feb. 12, 2020), Ironton (March 11, 2020), Toledo (May 14, 2020) and Dayton (June 24, 2020). Upcoming Tier II and III trainings have been planned for Akron (Nov. 14-15), Chillicothe (Jan. 29-30, 2020) and Dayton (Feb. 26-27, 2020). Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Peer Listening Sessions Planned

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Bureau of Recovery Supports is hosting four peer services listening sessions, starting in November. The sessions will feature facilitated discussions regarding the peer supporter training and certification process. Participants should be prepared to share experiences and brainstorm ideas about improvements that can be made. Seating is limited, and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Click the links below for hours, location and other information. For more information, contact peerservices@mha.ohio.gov.

Nov. 15 | [Hope Recovery Center — Medina](#)

Dec. 13 | [Recovery Center — Cincinnati](#)

Dec. 18 | [Sandusky Artisans Recovery Community Center — Sandusky](#)

Dec. 20 | [The P.E.E.R. Center — Columbus](#)

Northeast Ohio Forum to Build Understanding of State Health Policy — Nov. 18

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio, in partnership with the Center for Community Solutions, will host "Health policy basics: Understanding and influencing state health policy" on Nov. 18 at Cuyahoga Community College's Metro Campus. The forum will feature Patricia Boozang from Manatt Health who will speak about opportunities for states to address social drivers of health through Medicaid policy. Cost is \$25. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Training Opportunities, cont.

Coalitions Rising 2019 — Dec. 4

Prevention Action Alliance, in collaboration with OhioMHAS, will host Coalitions Rising 2019 on Dec. 4 at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville—Polaris Hotel. Coalitions Rising brings together community coalitions, behavioral health care providers, youth-led prevention groups, and others to equip them with best practices for prevention. Coalitions Rising will bring national and state leaders in prevention to present on a variety of topics, including how to put cultural competency at the core of your work in prevention, sustainable funding practices, and how to engage key partners such as Ohio's faith leaders and the Ohio National Guard, among other topics. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Prevention Action and Advocacy Summit on Vaping — Dec. 5

Prevention Action Alliance will host a Prevention Action and Advocacy Summit on Vaping on Dec. 5 at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville — Polaris Hotel. Cost is \$100. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Stage I: Foundations in Disordered Gambling (Chillicothe) — Dec. 5-6

OhioMHAS and Recovery Resources will host a [Stage I: Foundations in Disordered Gambling](#) training Dec. 5-6 at the Adena PACCAR Medical Education Center in Chillicothe. The training will provide 12 hours of gambling-specific education and increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of the disease of gambling disorder and prepare the practicing clinician to work with problem and disordered gamblers and their families. Other information discussed includes warning signs, at-risk populations, screening/assessment, prevention/outreach strategies, resources available, gambling expansion and how to partner with the gaming industry, Gambler's Anonymous and other organizations. Small group scenarios and videos will accompany the training. Cost is \$50.

2019 Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network Adult Allies Summit — Dec. 6

Prevention Action Alliance, in collaboration with OhioMHAS and the Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs at Ohio University, will host the Ohio Adult Allies Summit on Dec. 6 at the Renaissance Columbus Westerville — Polaris hotel. The Summit aims to inform the work of adult allies who, in turn, empower youth leaders in prevention. Cost is \$50. Registration includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

Ohio Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Model Staff Trainings

To support fidelity to the Ohio Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Model, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) will host a series of staff trainings. The "Ohio IECMH Model" will be required for staff seeking initial IECMH credentials and all renewals effective January 2020.

Upcoming trainings include:

Dec. 11-12 | Wood County (Bowling Green) — Registration contact(s): Carmen.wigal@hopewellhealth.org or rachaelt@crcwoodcounty.org

Jan. 7-8 | Summit County (Akron) — Registration contact(s): Carmen.wigal@hopewellhealth.org or Jflynn@pepcleve.org

March 11-12 | Fairfield County (Lancaster) — Registration contact(s): Carmen.wigal@hopewellhealth.org or Lynn.Belhorn@nationwidechildrens.org

Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler (Tiffin) — Jan. 9-10, 2020

OhioMHAS and Recovery Resources will host a [Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler](#) training on Jan. 9-10, 2020, at the North Central Ohio Educational Service Center in Tiffin. This phase of training is designed for the clinician preparing to treat disordered gamblers. During this training, clinicians will gain a better understanding of treating gambling addiction through cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing techniques. Participants will discuss case reviews, participate in role plays, and write treatment plans. Participants will also discuss disordered gambling as a co-occurring disorder. Cost is \$50.

17th Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference — Feb. 20-21, 2020

Save the Date! The 17th Annual Ohio Problem Gambling Conference has been scheduled for Feb. 20-21, 2020, at the Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. The conference will bring together national experts, state leaders, and local innovators in problem gambling prevention, intervention, treatment, recovery, research, administration and responsible



Training Opportunities, cont.

gambling. Those interested in prevention and treatment of gambling disorder should attend, as well as behavioral professionals who want to learn more about the high incidence of co-occurring risky behaviors among youth, and addiction and mental illness disorders across the lifespan that are often identified as co-morbid with gambling problems. In addition, gambling industry professionals interested in promoting responsible gambling and working with service providers should attend.

Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) Workshops

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation will offer two, free Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS) trainings in early 2020. CAMS is an evidenced-based treatment framework used to assess suicidality and specifically treat suicide risk. Upcoming trainings include **March 13** (Norwalk) and **April 15** (Zanesville).

Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler (Chillicothe) — March 19-20, 2020

OhioMHAS and Recovery Resources will host a **Stage II: Treating the Disordered Gambler** training on March 19-20, 2020, at the Adena PACCAR Medical Education Center in Chillicothe. This phase of training is designed for the clinician preparing to treat disordered gamblers. During this training, clinicians will gain a better understanding of treating gambling addiction through cognitive behavioral therapy and motivational interviewing techniques. Participants will discuss case reviews, participate in role plays, and write treatment plans. Participants will also discuss disordered gambling as a co-occurring disorder. Cost is \$50.

Call for Proposals: 2020 Ohio Prevention Conference

OhioMHAS and the College of Social Work at The Ohio State University will host the Ohio Prevention Conference (OPC) on June 29–July 1, 2020, at the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University. The goal of the OPC is to expand opportunities for prevention practitioners to receive knowledge on cutting-edge prevention science, increase competency in the selection and implementation of evidence-based practices, and provide opportunities for sharing and networking of prevention efforts across the state founded in cultural competency and equity. The **call for proposals** is now open and will close on Nov. 22.

Call for Presentations: 2020 Opiate and Other Drugs of Abuse Conference

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), in partnership with OhioMHAS, will host Ohio's 2020 Opiate and Other Drug Conference on June 8-9, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. The conference, which is expected to draw approximately 1,200 attendees, will focus on opiate and other substance use disorders, specifically on efforts related to prevention, education, intervention, treatment, recovery, family supports, community engagement, and more. The **call for presentations** is now available. OACBHA is requesting presentations from all categories of professionals, individuals in recovery, and family members. The deadline to submit proposals is Jan. 10, 2020.



Have a news story or training opportunity you'd like to share with colleagues?

Please forward submissions to Eric.Wandersleben@mha.ohio.gov for consideration.