

Governor Kasich: Full Steam Ahead on Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid expansion is one step closer to becoming reality in Ohio. The Kasich Administration has received approval from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of a State Plan Amendment

(SPA) to extend Medicaid coverage to Ohioans with incomes up to 138 percent of the poverty level, beginning Jan. 1, 2014.

A day later, on Oct. 11, the Administration announced that it will seek Controlling Board authority to spend about \$2.5 billion in federal-only funds over the next two years to expand the state's Medicaid program to cover Ohio's working poor and helping thousands of individuals with mental illness and addiction.

"On behalf of all Ohioans touched by mental illness and addiction, I thank Governor Kasich for moving forward to provide health coverage which will help people live more meaningful and productive lives," said Tracy Plouck, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). Click the links below for full details of this latest development:

- [Ohio's authority to extend coverage State Plan Amendment Controlling Board Request](#)
- [Benefits of extending coverage Support for extending coverage](#)
- [Recent Medicaid reforms](#)
- [More details](#)



Gov. Kasich, shown at a Medicaid expansion rally held earlier this year, never wavered in his commitment to extend health benefits to Ohio's working poor.

October is Substance Abuse, Bullying Prevention Month

October is *National Substance Abuse Prevention Month*, a month-long observance that focuses on the role substance abuse prevention plays in promoting safe and healthy communities. Substance use, including underage drinking and the non-medical use of prescription and over-the-counter medications, significantly affects the health and well-being of our nation's youth and people of all ages. Stopping substance abuse before it begins can increase a person's chances of living a longer, healthier, and more productive life. Everyone can play a role in prevention. Take SAMHSA's [Prevention Pledge](#), download a [list of ideas](#) to observe the month or share some of the facts above on your social media page, blog, or website. Get more resources on SAMHSA's [Prevention Month webpage](#). The month culminates with [Red Ribbon Week](#) Oct. 23-31.

October is also *National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month*, a time when communities can unite to raise awareness of bullying prevention through events, activities, outreach, and education. Learn how your community or organization can get involved at: <http://www.stopbullying.gov/> or <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/>.

Ohio Rolls Out New Guidelines Intended to Curb Misuse, Abuse of Prescription Pain Medications

As part of Ohio's ongoing effort to curb the misuse and abuse of prescription pain medications and unintentional overdoses, Gov. John R. Kasich recently **announced** new opioid prescribing guidelines for treating patients with chronic, non-terminal pain.

Developed by the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team (GCOAT), and in conjunction with more than 40 professional groups, state licensing boards and state agencies, the opioid prescribing guidelines encourage Ohio's clinicians to fully evaluate a patient's situation before prescribing high levels of opioids for long-term use. Research shows that patients who receive higher doses of prescribed pain medications are at increased risk for overdose and need close supervision and periodic reevaluation.

The new guidelines recommend that 80 milligrams Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose (MED) should trigger the prescriber to "press pause" and reevaluate the effectiveness and safety of the patient's pain management plan. The guidelines are intended to supplement, and not replace, the prescriber's clinical judgment. The guidelines also strongly advise prescribers to talk with their patients about managing their chronic pain, the risks of an unintentional overdose from their prescription pain medication, the potential for pain medication abuse, and secure storage of their pain medications to prevent misuse by others.

Read the press release. Learn more at: opioidprescribing.ohio.gov.



Joint-County Board Focuses on Suicide Prevention

The Mental Health & Recovery Board of Wayne and Holmes Counties has made suicide prevention a top priority. One of the programs that has provided the most interest over the past year has been the use of QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer), which is considered a best practice by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center.

QPR is used to train individuals who are identified as suicide prevention Gatekeepers to recognize the signs of suicide, persuade a suicidal individual to seek help and refer persons in need to the appropriate services.

Through grants provided by the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation (MCMF), the Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health, and the Wayne County Community Foundation, the Wayne/Holmes MHRB has been able to partner with many health service providers in the community to offer QPR trainings for medical professionals,

school personnel, local college students and community members.

Based on the premise that suicide is our most preventable form of death, the Wayne/Holmes MHRB is using QPR to mobilize community members from different backgrounds to save lives.

QPR was first brought to Wayne/Holmes through a collaborative grant with Ashland and Richland counties that was sponsored by MCMF. This initial grant, which had a goal of training 50 primary medical care Gatekeepers and increasing medical staff referral to mental health services by 10 percent, allowed for 333 medical care personnel and 520 persons not affiliated with primary medical care to be trained, increasing referrals by 11 percent. A continuation grant from MCMF will allow the four-county area to focus next on training school personnel.

A third grant, provided by the Ohio Program for Campus Safety and Mental Health (SAM-HSA funds), is currently being implemented. Students at the University of Akron: Wayne College have become certified QPR trainers and will be conducting peer-to-peer QPR trainings on local college campuses.

One of the strengths of the QPR training is that it emphasizes the fact that anyone could have the opportunity to intervene in the life of someone who is suicidal, and encourages all to consider becoming a Gatekeeper. A fourth grant, through

the Wayne County Community Foundation, is providing the Wayne/Holmes Board and Suicide Prevention Coalition

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Wayne-Holmes MHRB Board

with the chance to focus specifically on other high-risk populations. In Wayne/Holmes counties, the demographic most prone to suicide is middle-aged men. So far, in 2013, seven of the reported suicides in Wayne County were middle-aged or elderly men. This is a unique, challenging group to target for suicide prevention and education, but the statistics alone indicate that these men cannot be ignored. This grant will be used to train prominent male community members as QPR instructors who can then provide community trainings and outreach to other middle-aged men, corporations, and relevant entities.

"Suicide prevention is a necessary element in working with communities in our time," Board Director Judy Wortham-Wood said. "While QPR is not the only method of suicide prevention that the Wayne/Holmes MHRB offers, it has proven incredibly successful and far-reaching in its effects."

Deputy Director Robert Smedley also emphasized this point, noting, "It is clear that the community recognizes suicide prevention as a necessary service, one which leads to a greater understanding of mental illness and the need to prevent one of its many consequences in an effective way."

For more information about QPR or suicide prevention in Wayne and Holmes counties, please contact the Wayne/Holmes MHRB at (330) 264-2527 or visit www.qprinstitute.com.



Mark Weaver, a trained QPR instructor, leads a presentation on suicide prevention.

Mental Illness, Developmental Disabilities Efforts Take Center Stage During This Fall's 11th Annual Ohio NADD Conference

Robert J. Fletcher, founder and CEO of the National Association of the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), traveled to Ohio to welcome a crowd of nearly 250 to the 11th annual Ohio NADD conference in Columbus, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. NADD is a not-for-profit membership association established for professionals, care providers and families to promote understanding of and services for individuals who have developmental disabilities and mental health needs. This month, OhioMHAS' Clinical Safety Director Michael Schroeder (photo inset) will complete an eight-year term as a member of the NADD board of directors. He and Fletcher served as emcees for the two-day conference that was jointly sponsored by OhioMHAS, the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council and the Ohio's Coordinating Center of Excellence in Mental Illness/Intellectual Disability (MI/ID CCOE).

Julie P. Gentile, M.D., principal investigator for Ohio's MI/ID CCOE and director of the Division of Intellectual Disability Psychiatry at the Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine provided keynote remarks. Dr. Gentile was recently announced as the recipient of the prestigious Dr. Frank J. Menolascino Award from the National Association of Developmental Disabilities for her outstanding leadership in establishing a national model for services for this patient population, and contributions to improving the quality of life for individuals with both intellectual disabilities and mental health disorders. She has now received both national Menolascino Awards, the first coming from the American Psychiatric Association as the highest form of recognition that a psychiatrist can receive for contributions to the psychiatric care, education and leadership in the field of psychiatry.

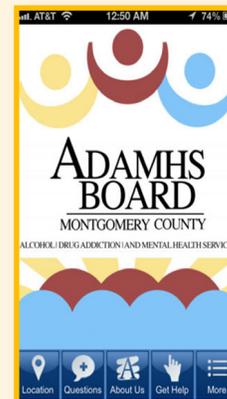


Mike Schroeder

Need Mental Health or Addiction Treatment? Montgomery County Has an App for That

A majority of Americans now own a smartphone of some kind. Not wanting to miss out on an opportunity to connect an increasingly tech-savvy public with vital mental health and addiction prevention, treatment and recovery services, the Montgomery County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS)

Board has developed a smartphone app. Users can find information such as a list of area agencies providing mental health or addiction services and contact information, overdose symptoms and prevention information, the location of unused medication drop boxes, as well as links to the Board's website and Facebook page. The mobile app for Apple and Android devices can be accessed by searching for "adamhs," through the Apple [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).



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New Brochure, Localizable Press Release for Problem Gambling Services

Has your agency or county board added prevention and/or treatment of problem gambling as a new line of business? If so, OhioMHAS has developed a new [brochure](#) and a fill-in-the-blank [press release](#) that is easily adapted to build awareness and to spread the news that an agency or county board area now provides problem gambling services.



Above left, Robert J. Fletcher, founder and CEO of the National Association of the Dually Diagnosed (NADD), listens as Principal Investigator Julie P. Gentile, M.D. (in photo at right) speaks at the 11th annual Ohio NADD conference Sept. 30 in Columbus. Dr. Gentile emphasized the importance of working across biological, psychological and social developmental systems to take the necessary time to get an accurate diagnosis of the root cause of a behavior before treatment with antipsychotics. Fletcher said that Ohio is an example of a state that is committed to coordination and excellence in services across multiple agencies, and also fortunate to have such a distinguished psychiatrist in dual diagnosis.



Cuyahoga ATR Recovery Run/Walk

In observance of Recovery Month, four of the county board areas served by the Access to Recovery (ATR) grant — Cuyahoga, Lorain, Stark and Summit Counties — held local run/walk events, picnics and health screenings to promote a message of wellness. ATR is a client choice-based grant program funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and coordinated by OhioMHAS that issues treatment recovery support service vouchers for at-risk populations in five Ohio counties.

Pictured clockwise) — TOP: Daryl D. Jackson, program coordinator for the Greater Cleveland Drug Court; Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Anita Laster Mays; Karen Butler, director of the Cleveland Department of Public Health; and Martina and Brian Moore of Moore Counseling and Mediation Services, Inc. display an event banner for the first "Celebrating Recovery 5K Run/Walk" held Sept. 14 in downtown Cleveland; BOTTOM RIGHT: Race participants run in support of Recovery Month; BOTTOM LEFT: WOIO-TV 19 news anchor Harry Boomer addresses racers.

Athens, Hocking, Vinton Board Provides Funding for Integrated BH, Primary Care

The *Osteopathic Heritage Foundation of Nelsonville* and the Athens, Hocking and Vinton Counties *317 Board* have awarded \$242,800 to support the integration of behavioral health and primary care services for vulnerable populations in southeastern Ohio. **Hopewell Health Centers** will implement a fully integrated model offering comprehensive behavioral health and primary care services within Hopewell sites. **Health Recovery Services** has developed the Health Priority Alliance to enhance referral services among providers while they develop a co-location model, whereby behavioral health services will be available within existing primary care facilities. Learn more [here](http://mha.ohio.gov).

Lorain County Taking Action to Prevent Heroin, Rx Painkiller Overdose Deaths

In response to an increasing number of opioid-related overdose deaths, Lorain County **announced** that it will equip emergency responders with naloxone hydrochloride — a life-saving medication that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose in minutes. The program is modeled after successful **Project DAWN** (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) pilot programs in Cuyahoga and Scioto counties. As part of Lorain County's efforts to implement Project DAWN locally, emergency responders (including law enforcement personnel) will be trained in recognizing and responding to an opioid overdose. Officers will learn how to appropriately administer the intranasal medication to reverse the lethal impact of an overdose and stabilize a patient until medical help arrives. In addition, naloxone kits (which cost about \$35 each) will be given to clients in pre-treatment at Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc. In 2012, at least 60 deaths in Lorain County were attributed to prescription opiate and/or heroin overdoses. Officials say the county is on pace to eclipse that total in 2013.

"Emergency responders in Lorain County are often the first to see the overdoses. This pilot will give responders a tool to save lives," said Dr. Stephen Evans, Lorain County Coroner.

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"These clients are at one of their most vulnerable stages where they are beginning to withdraw from their opioid use and their bodies' chemical balances are just starting to re-align back to a somewhat-normal phase. These kits will be a safety-net while these clients go home daily from treatment," added Elaine Georgas, executive director of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services Board (pictured below, far right, along with [l-r] Det. Michael Gidich (Lorain Police Department) Lorain Mayor Chase Ritenauer, Lorain Police Chief Cel Rivera, Det. Dennis Cavanaugh of the Lorain County Drug Task Force, State Sen. Gayle Manning (R - North Ridgeville) and Dr. Evans.





Mental Health First Aid Training of Trainers

With funding provided by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities ([OACBHA](#)) is providing three Training of Trainers (ToT) on the topic of [Mental Health First Aid](#).

Mental Health First Aid is a groundbreaking public education program that helps the public identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. Mental Health First Aid presents an overview of mental illness and substance use disorders and introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. Mental Health First Aid teaches a five-step action plan, *ALGEE*, for individuals to provide help to someone who may be in crisis.

- Assess for risk of suicide or harm
- Listen nonjudgmentally
- Give reassurance and information
- Encourage appropriate professional help
- Encourage self-help and other support strategies

The first training of certified instructors was held in early October with 30 individuals completing the week-long course (several pictured at left). Following the completion of the three trainings, a cadre of trainers will be available to lead Mental Health First Aid trainings in communities across the state.



News & Research Round Up

VA Opiate Overdose Rate Almost Double the National Average

The death rate from opiate overdoses among Veterans Affairs (VA) patients is almost double the national average, according to a report by the Center for Investigative Reporting ([CIR](#)). Prescriptions for hydrocodone, oxycodone, methadone and morphine have jumped 270 percent in the past 12 years among VA patients, the report found. The agency has issued, on average, more than one opiate prescription per patient for the past two years, according to the report. Experts and advocates told CIR the VA is overmedicating patients as it tries to meet the demand for more complex treatment. The VA said in a statement it is "engaged in multiple, ongoing efforts to address prescription drug abuse among veterans seen in our healthcare system." [Regulations](#) issued by the agency in 2009 required doctors to follow an integrated approach to helping veterans in pain. The regulations call for a stronger focus on treating the causes of pain, instead of using narcotics to reduce symptoms, the article notes. A [study published last year](#) found veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder were more than twice as likely to receive opiates compared with veterans without mental health problems. These patients are at greater risk of overdose and suicide.

FBI Shuts Down "Silk Road" Online Drug Marketplace

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has shut down [Silk Road](#), an online marketplace that sold illegal drugs including heroin, cocaine, opioid pills, Ecstasy and LSD. They arrested the operator in San Francisco on narcotics and money-laundering charges, according to [The New York Times](#). Silk Road could only be accessed by using encryption software called Tor, which shields computers' IP addresses, allowing people to make purchases anonymously. The site did not use credit cards, instead relying on "Bitcoins," an untraceable digital currency that is available through online currency exchange services. Silk Road facilitated more than \$30 million in sales annually. It had been online since February 2011.



News & Research Round Up, cont.

Mark Your Calendar! NIH-led *National Drug Facts Week* Begins January 27, 2014

As the school year begins, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) encourages educators, community groups and parents to begin planning events for the fourth annual *National Drug Facts Week* in the last week of January. Hundreds of educational events are expected around the country to connect teens with scientific experts in the drug abuse field. The observance coordinated by NIDA, part of the National Institutes of Health, begins Jan. 27 and ends Feb. 2, 2014. National Drug Facts Week encourages and stimulates community-based events where teens ask questions of addiction scientists or health experts. Events can be sponsored by a variety of organizations, including schools, community groups, sports clubs and hospitals. Topics for discussion include the science behind illicit drug use, prescription drug abuse and use of alcohol and tobacco. Event holders who register will receive free booklets with science-based facts about drugs, designed specifically for teens. Download a free [planning toolkit](#).

Study: Psychotropic Drug Prescriptions for Young Children Have Levelled Off

The number of prescriptions for psychotropic drugs written for young children appears to have leveled off, according to a [Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center study](#). These drugs are prescribed to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), mood disorders, anxiety and other mental health conditions. Researchers studied data from a national sample of more than 43,000 children ages 2 to 5. They found prescriptions for psychotropic drugs in these children peaked between 2002 and 2005, and leveled off from 2006 to 2009. Warnings about the potential risks of these drugs in children likely played a role in the change in medication use, the article notes. Changes to guidelines about diagnosing mood and behavior disorders in children also may have played a role. According to [American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines](#), children ages 4 and 5 with ADHD should first be treated with behavioral interventions, such as group or individual parent training in behavior management techniques, before drugs are prescribed. The study is published in the journal [Pediatrics](#). [Read](#) about Ohio's "Minds Matter" Psychotropic Medication Quality Improvement Collaborative.

Flesh-rotting Drug "Krokodil" Discovered in U.S.

Krokodil, a powerful heroin-like drug that rots flesh and bone, has made its first reported appearance in the United States, according to Arizona health officials. Krokodil, known chemically as [desomorphine](#), is made from codeine mixed with gasoline, paint thinner, alcohol or iodine. When a person injects the drug, it destroys tissue, and turns the skin scaly and green, giving it a crocodile-like appearance. The drug can also cause blood poisoning, festering sores and abscesses. The drug became popular in Russia more than a decade ago as a cheap alternative to heroin. The average life expectancy among krokodil users in Russia is two to three years. Users often have compromised immune systems, and are susceptible to HIV, hepatitis C and other blood-borne diseases.

APA Releases "Five Things Physicians and Patients Should Question"

The American Psychiatric Association has released a new list of recommendations to help physicians and their patients choose wisely when considering antipsychotic medications. Click [here](#) to view.

SAMHSA: Emergency Rooms Reported 23,000 Bath Salts-Related Visits in 2011

U.S. emergency rooms reported almost 23,000 visits for synthetic drugs known as "bath salts" in 2011, according to a new [report](#) from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The report found 33 percent of these visits involved bath salts only, 15 percent involved bath salts combined with marijuana or synthetic marijuana and 52 percent involved bath salts in combination with other drugs. Bath salts can be taken by mouth, inhaled, or injected. Adverse effects of bath salts include heart and blood vessel problems, depression, suicidal thoughts, psychosis and death, according to SAMHSA.

STOP Act 2012 Report to Congress

The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act (STOP Act) calls for the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to submit an annual report to Congress reviewing the consequences of underage drinking, along with federal and state policies aimed at preventing and reducing the problem behavior. The 2012 report marks the fourth comprehensive report on underage drinking submitted to Congress under the provisions of the STOP Act, and highlights findings from prevention research, initiatives, and collaborations conducted across the country. Click [here](#) to access the 2012 Report to Congress, including each state report and policy summary.



Training Opportunities

Health Home, Integrated Care Learning Communities

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and the National Council for Behavioral Health are pleased to announce their continued collaboration to support learning and implementation needs for Ohio providers that are progressing toward Ohio Medicaid Health Home status. The Ohio Training and Technical Assistance Center (OHIO-TTAC) is entering its second year with a new approach for offered services, which focuses on creation of two Learning Communities, briefly summarized below.

Health Home Learning Community – Participation in this group is required of certified Health Homes and organizations pending certification or application review. In addition, organizations pursuing Health Home status which have implemented onsite, integrated services are invited to participate.

Integrated Care Learning Community – Organizations are invited to participate in a group focused on progress toward co-located or fully integrated care models.

Organizations should apply to participate in the Learning Community by completing a [form and a brief questionnaire](#). The National Council will review responses and confirm participation in the appropriate track on a first-come, first-served basis. The application site will remain open until **Friday, October 18**. Please note that space is limited to 60 organizations in this initiative, so early application is strongly encouraged. Questions? Please email: OHIO-TTAC@thenationalcouncil.org.

2013-14 Regional Problem Gambling Training Series

OhioMHAS will partner with Cleveland-based Recovery Resources to present the 2013-14 Regional Problem Gambling training series. Participants will receive CEUs for social workers, counselors and gambling counselors and RCHs for chemical dependency and prevention professionals. **Stage 1: Foundations in Disordered Gambling** trainings are scheduled for [Athens](#) (Oct. 21-22), [Dayton](#) (Oct. 24-25) and [Akron](#) (Nov. 14-15). **Stage 2: Treating the Disordered Gambler** trainings are scheduled for [Dayton](#) (Dec. 4-5), [Akron](#) (Feb. 13-14) and [Athens](#) (March 24-25). **Advanced Disordered Gambling** trainings are scheduled for [Cleveland](#) (May 5-6) and [Columbus](#) (May 8-9). Click the links for complete details.

Franklin County Peer Supporter Trainings

Ohio Citizen Advocates ([OCA](#)) and the Ohio Empowerment Coalition ([OEC](#)) will sponsor two Peer Supporter Certification trainings for residents/professionals who work in Franklin County Oct. 28-Nov. 1 and Dec. 2-8. Peer Supporters are individuals with the lived experience of recovery from addiction to alcohol or other drugs, mental illness, or both. Peer Supporters draw from this experience and the skills learned in the training to provide support, encouragement, hope, and guidance to a person seeking or in early recovery to assist them in maintaining their recovery. This training requires completion of a 52-hour program consisting of 12 hours of recorded coursework which must be completed at the participant's convenience prior to the start of the formal classroom training and a classroom portion of the training (40 hours). Each class is limited to 20 participants. For more information, contact OCA at 614-486-2430 or OEC at 614-310-8054.

Innovative Approaches to Reducing Opioid Misuse and Caring for Chronic Pain Webinar — Oct. 16

The National Council for Behavioral Health will host a free *Innovative Approaches to Reducing Opioid Misuse and Caring for Chronic Pain* webinar Weds., Oct. 16 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The webinar will provide an overview of the range of options available for treating chronic pain and how to detect and prevent inappropriate use of opioids. Learn about different approaches to addressing opioid misuse from an integrated community mental health and health center, a local pre-paid inpatient health plan, and a Medicare Advantage Health Plan. Explore how each addresses early behavioral intervention in the treatment of pain and how they detect and prevent inappropriate use of opioids. Register [here](#).

Smoking & Addiction Treatment: Debunking the Myths and Becoming Tobacco-Free — Oct. 17

The National Council will host a free *Smoking & Addiction Treatment: Debunking the Myths and Becoming Tobacco-Free* webinar Thurs., Oct. 17 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This webinar will debunk common myths that exist in addiction treatment settings and discuss how tobacco cessation efforts can improve overall health. Presenter Laura Martin from the University of Colorado's Behavioral Health and Wellness Program will discuss tobacco use among people with addictions, examine the effects of untreated tobacco use, and explore the ways addiction treatment providers have successfully implemented interventions. Register [here](#).



Training Opportunities, cont.

2013 OAADAC Conference — Oct. 17-18

The Ohio Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors will host its 2013 conference “Honoring the Past & Looking Into the Future” Oct. 17-18 at the Holiday Inn, Westlake. Featured speakers include: Cynthia Morena Tuohy, executive director of the National Association of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, Tracy Plouck, director of the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Mary Woods, CEO, of Woodbrige and John Lisy, executive director of the Shaker Heights Youth Center. Get complete details [here](#).

SBH to Host 7th Annual Recovery and Wellness Fair — Oct. 24

Summit Behavioral Healthcare (SBH) will host its 7th Annual Recovery and Wellness Fair “Partners in Recovery: Empowering People to Build Better Lives” Oct. 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Click [here](#) for complete details or to register.

Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference - Oct. 25

Registration is now available for the 2013 Private Psychiatric Inpatient Provider Conference. The conference, which is sponsored by OhioMHAS and the Ohio Hospital Association, will be held Oct. 25 at the Embassy Suites Columbus – Dublin. Private and public psychiatric inpatient providers, community providers and community boards are invited to attend. Register [here](#).

Ohio Symposium on Integrative Care for Children — Oct. 30

The Ohio Association of Child Caring Agencies (OACCA) is sponsoring the “Ohio Symposium on Integrative Care for Children” Oct. 30 at the Columbus Foundation in downtown Columbus. The event features presentations by Ohio providers of Health Home and integrative care services, including Harbor, Shawnee Mental Health Center and South Community. One of the nation’s first Health Home providers, Burrell Behavioral Health from the State of Missouri, will also present on best practices and lessons learned. Afet Kilinc of OhioMHAS will report on Health Home data for children and Maureen Corcoran of Vorys Health Care Advisors will report on Medicaid opportunities for integrative care. Learn more [here](#).

2013 Ohio Psychological Association Convention — Oct. 31-Nov. 1

The Ohio Psychological Association will host its annual convention “Psychology’s Role in Integrated Healthcare” Oct. 31 - Nov. 1 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. Get complete details [here](#).

Joint Commission’s 2014 Behavioral Health Care Standards Webinar — Nov. 6

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will sponsor a free webinar on the changes to the Joint Commission’s 2014 Behavioral Health Care Standards manual Nov. 6 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A significant portion of the presentation will focus on TJC’s new Health Home certification standards. Behavioral Health Home Certification will become available to TJC Behavioral Health Care accredited providers in 2014. Get complete details and register [here](#).

Partial Hospitalization and Intensive Outpatient 101 — Nov. 12

The Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare ([AABH](#)) and Ohio Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare Association (OABHA) will host “Partial Hospitalization and Intensive Outpatient 101 Nov. 12 at University Hospital East in Columbus.

Trauma-Informed Care Training — Nov. 22

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

Register Today! 2013 Mental Health & Addictions Conference — Dec. 16-17

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, in partnership with OhioMHAS, will host the 2013 Mental Health & Addictions Conference “Coming Together for a Healthy Ohio” Dec. 16-17. Click [here](#) for conference details and registration information.



Training Opportunities, cont.

OPPA: DSM-5: What You Need to Know - A Master Workshop From the Experts

The Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association is hosting a number of regional "DSM-5: What You Need to Know - A Master Workshop from the Experts" trainings through the end of 2013. The workshops are approved for 5.5 hours of CME for physicians and 5.5 hours of CE for psychologists, counselors, social workers and marriage and family therapists. Click [here](#) for dates and locations.

Drug Free Action Alliance Program Webinar Series

Drug Free Action Alliance has launched a new series of webinars highlighting its evidence-based prevention programming. Each webinar is scheduled from 1:00-2:00 p.m. EST, and includes program overviews, tips for implementing and Q&A. Upcoming webinars include:

Parents Who Host, Lose the Most: Don't be a party to teenage drinking — Nov. 12 [Register](#)

BUZZKILL: Serve Under 21 and the Party's Over — Dec. 10 [Register](#)



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