

Behavioral Health e-Update

November/December 2012



John R. Kasich, Governor
Orman Hall, Director, ODADAS
Tracy Plouck, Director, ODMH

ODADAS Announces Community Prevention Award Winners 2012 Youth PSA Contest Winners Also Honored at Annual Prevention Conference

The Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) presented its annual "Community Prevention Awards" this week during the 24th Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC), the largest alcohol and other drug prevention workforce development event of its kind in the state. The awards are given annually to service providers and/or individuals who exemplify Ohio's best in terms of prevention programming, advocacy and leadership.

Additionally, the Department honored winners of its second annual youth-led public service announcement (PSA) contest. Teams of high-school aged youth from across the state were challenged to create 60-second PSAs that highlight the fact that a majority of teens do not use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. Voting occurred via the ODADAS Facebook page, with the lead vote-getter earning the "Fan Favorite" award. ODADAS Senior Staff and Prevention programming specialists also evaluated the PSAs, naming a "Critic's Choice" award winner based on message content and production quality. In all, the Department received 10 entries, which can be viewed on the video tab on the ODADAS Facebook page: <http://goo.gl/gEjJg>

This year's award winners are:

Prevention Innovator of the Year: Ty Sells, OCPS II, Youth to Youth International (Franklin County)

Ty Sells is a dynamic trainer and public speaker who has dedicated his career to helping to motivate youth to live a drug-free life. Over the course of 27 years, he has developed numerous evidence-based programs and initiatives that help young people develop assets that lead them to success. (Pictured below, photo 1, with ODADAS Prevention Specialist Karen Kimbrough)

Prevention Innovator of the Year: John Richey, MBA, RHIA, The University of Findlay (Hancock County)

John Richey, director of the Health Informatics Program at The University of Findlay, was honored for his efforts to lead the local Opiate/Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force in developing a database to gather and manipulate information related to substance abuse trends that could be used to make data-informed decisions around local prevention and education efforts. (Pictured below, photo 2, with ODADAS Prevention Services Manager Molly Stone)

Community Champion for Prevention: Aaron Haslam (Adams County)

Aaron Haslam, co-coordinator of the Ohio Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit and special assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Ohio, was recognized for his leadership role in working with local and state drug task forces to fight prescription drug abuse and addiction. (Pictured below, photo 3, with ODADAS Chief of Prevention Services Tammy Collins, Ph.D.)

2012 Youth-Led PSA Contest Winners:

"Fan Favorite" – The LINK, (Sandusky County Health Department) — Pictured below, photo 4

"Critic's Choice" – Youth to Youth, International (Franklin County) — Pictured below, photo 5



December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month



December has been designated National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs. **MADD** has these tips to help ensure everyone's safety this holiday season: designate a sober driver before celebrations begin; never serve alcohol to those under the age of 21; plan safe parties, including providing non-alcoholic drink options to guests and not serving alcohol the last hour of the gathering and be prepared to get everyone home safe in case your plans or individual circumstances change. Show your support for law

enforcement and for MADD's Campaign to Eliminate Drunk Driving. Tie a red ribbon on your antenna or affix your window decal as a pledge to drive safe, sober and buckled up during the holidays and throughout the year. Red ribbons and red ribbon window decals are available by [contacting your local MADD affiliate](#).

Rise in Medicaid Costs Slows; Spending \$121 Million Less Than Projected in Ohio

The Columbus Dispatch reported in late November that reforms of the tax-funded Medicaid program under Gov. John Kasich's administration might be helping rein in costs for the health care program that insures 2.4 million poor and disabled Ohioans. Total Medicaid spending is up 2 percent in the fiscal year that began July 1, but that is 2.4 percent less than projected. Medicaid spending in this fiscal year has been \$5 billion, nearly \$121 million less than anticipated. "We're starting to see some of the reforms into the program, started last year and coming through this year, coming to fruition," Ohio Medicaid Director John McCarthy told *The Dispatch*. "We're seeing the savings we were hoping to see." Read the rest of the *Dispatch* report [HERE](#).

CWRU-CEBP Analysis: Employment Reaches 36 Percent for People with Mental Illness in Ohio

A Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices analysis of employment data from 23 behavioral healthcare organizations in Ohio shows that 36 percent of people with serious mental illness who received evidence-based Supported Employment/Individual Placement and Support (SE/IPS) services were competitively employed in full-time or part-time jobs in September 2011. Debra R. Hrouda, MSSA, LISW-S, director of quality improvement at the CEBP, says the number is significant, because the national average was 37 percent in that same month for similar services delivered at multiple organizations in 12 states as part of the Johnson & Johnson-Dartmouth Community Mental Health Program. The evaluation of Ohio services also shows that some organizations are consistently achieving job-placement rates of 50 to 60 percent. Read more [HERE](#).

Youth to Youth International Tapped to Participate in SAMHSA's "Service to Science" Initiative

Youth to Youth International has been selected to participate in this year's (FY 2013) SAMHSA Service to Science initiative. The Columbus-based organization will receive nearly \$29,800 to evaluate its capacity-building efforts around evidence-based interventions. [Service to Science](#) is a national initiative for locally-developed and innovative prevention programs interested in demonstrating more credible evidence of effectiveness. The program consists of a combination of training events, customized technical assistance, and financial incentives for evaluation capacity enhancement.



>>> Housing Conference

Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH) Director Tracy J. Plouck (left) participated in the 2012 Ohio Housing Conference, Nov. 27-29, in Columbus. She joined Christiane Schmenk (center), director, Ohio Development Services Agency, and other panelists for the State Housing Plenary session moderated by Doug Garner (right), executive director of the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA). Panelists discussed the housing needs within Ohio communities. ODMH and OHFA are collaborating on two programs: the Permanent Supportive Housing Capital Investment Pilot Program and the Adult Care Facility Critical Repair Grant. Both programs fund maintenance and upgrades in current housing locations for people with mental illness.

BRSS TACS Update



Definition of “Recovery” Considered First Step Toward Enhanced Peer Supports

Goal one of Ohio’s efforts under the federal grant to grow the state’s Certified Peer Support (CPS) and Peer Recovery Coaching (PRC) services has been achieved and the progress toward the remaining three goals is moving forward. The grant titled *Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS)* has established a definition of “recovery” to be shared across four state entities: the Ohio Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the Ohio Empowerment Coalition and Ohio Citizen Advocates. The definition was posted on the websites of these organizations for feedback in October. That feedback is now under review.

Other strategies within the grant include bringing stakeholders and providers from both mental health and alcohol and other drug addiction fields together through a Policy Academy to promote access, quality and integration of peer support services to Ohio citizens. This timely work will support an enhanced continuum of care as ODMH and ODADAS move toward consolidation. It will also address the inclusion of peer services in [Ohio Medicaid Health Homes](#), a new benefit that is being implemented across the state to serve beneficiaries with multiple chronic health conditions.

Ohio was one of only eight states to receive the award from the Center for Social Innovation, a contractor of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The grant originally was intended to be for six months. However, because of the extensive amount of work, ODMH requested a “No Cost Extension” on behalf of the member organizations, and it was approved. The grant now continues through March 9.

To learn more, contact BRSS TACS Project Manager Liz Gitter at ODMH, 614-466-9963, Liz.Gitter@mh.ohio.gov.

MHAC and CCS Release By the Numbers 2

On Dec. 4, the Mental Health Advocacy Coalition (MHAC) and The Center for Community Solutions (CCS) released [By the Numbers 2: Analysis of Ohio’s Mental Health Non-Medicaid Spending](#). The report analyzes Ohio’s mental health non-Medicaid spending, focusing on vital support services that individuals with mental illnesses need to live in and contribute to our communities. The MHAC and CCS undertook this project to collect, consolidate and disseminate data from county boards on support services for individuals with mental illnesses that are not reimbursable by Medicaid. Prior to this report, no such analysis or collection of data existed. This report describes support services and analyzes statewide spending on these services for State Fiscal Year 2011. Click the link to download the full report.



Presenters Showcase ODMH Focus on Cultural Competency

As part of the Ohio Department of Mental Health’s cultural competency initiative, Tyrone Smith II from the Native American Center of Central Ohio (NAICCO) presented to ODMH employees on Nov. 15 during National Native American Heritage Month.



Tyrone Smith II

Smith, who serves as NAICCO’s director for the Circles of Care Project, described the three-year, prevention-focused planning grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration designed to help Native American tribes and urban organizations systemically identify and analyze needs within their communities. For more information about NAICCO, visit <http://naicco1975.org/>.

ODMH invites several speakers each year to present to employees on various topics related to cultural competency. For more information about ODMH’s cultural competency initiative, visit the ODMH cultural competency page or contact Jamoya Cox, ODMH cultural competency lead, at jamoya.cox@mh.ohio.gov.

VA, ODMH “Hot Spot” Funding to Assist Homeless Veterans in Trumbull County

Family and Community Services, Inc., parent company of Valley Counseling of Warren, Ohio, recently received a Veterans Administration grant to secure housing for homeless veterans in Trumbull County. The Trumbull County Mental Health and Recovery Board is contributing \$25,000 in Ohio Department of Mental Health hot spot funding to partially fund a full time coordinator to work with the veterans.

According to the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, one in three homeless men are veterans, and almost 60 percent of homeless veterans are minorities. The unemployment rate for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan is 40 percent greater than that of the general population. The Veterans Administration website estimates more than 70 percent of homeless veterans are dealing with addiction disorders, 45 percent with mental health disorders and a considerable percentage with co-occurring disorders.

The VA estimates more than 300,000 Vets are homeless on any given night

According to April Caraway, executive director of the county board, Trumbull County currently has no emergency, transitional or permanent beds dedicated for housing homeless veterans. However, there is a great need, particularly in the City of Warren. Using the grant, the Veterans Haven Team will develop 20 “transition in place beds” specifically for homeless veterans, and also provide case management that will coordinate community services among various entities to meet the multiple issues faced by veterans.

Matthew Slater and Mark Frisone of Family and Community Services of Portage County were instrumental in getting the project funded and programming in place. Valley Counseling of Trumbull County will provide case management, medication and counseling as needed.

Consolidation Beat Goes On

Work continues on the planned consolidation of the Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Mental Health. In the past month:

- ODADAS IT staffers co-located with MH colleagues at the Rhodes Tower,
- Legal team continues work on statutory revisions with the Legislative Services Commission,
- State/Local relationship Committee set a baseline of budget understanding and is working to set principles around allocations.

Visit the consolidation website for the latest details and documents: <http://www.adamh.ohio.gov>

SAMHSA: Mental Illness Affects 1 in 5 U.S. Adults

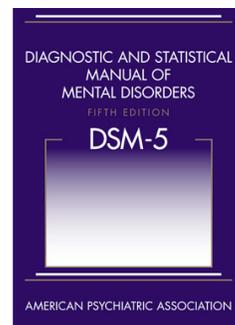
HealthDay News recently reported that one in five adults in the United States, or 45.6 million people, had a mental illness in the past year, according to a new analysis of the 2011 National Survey on Drug use and Health (NSDUH). The rate of mental illness was twice as high among people aged 18 to 25 (nearly 30 percent) than among those 50 and older (about 14 percent), and women were more likely than men to have had a mental illness in the previous year, 23 percent versus just under 16 percent, the findings showed. The survey included more than 65,000 people aged 12 and older in the United States. The [report](#) on the survey was released by the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Among other key findings:

- About 11.5 million adults (5 percent of the adult population) had serious mental illness in the past year.
- About 38 percent of all adults with mental illness received mental health services during that time. The rate of treatment for those with serious mental illness was nearly 60 percent.
- An estimated 8.5 million adults (3.7 percent) had serious thoughts of suicide in the previous year. This included 2.4 million who made suicide plans and 1.1 million who attempted suicide.
- Adults who had a mental illness were much more likely to have met the criteria for substance dependence or abuse than those who did not have a mental illness (17.5 percent versus 5.8 percent). The rate was even higher for those with serious mental illness (more than 22 percent).

APA Finalizes Revisions to DSM

The American Psychiatric Association (APA) has approved the final diagnostic criteria for the fifth edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5)*. The latest edition combines substance abuse and dependence into a single category of “substance use and addictive disorders.” The new spectrum of substance use and addictive disorders includes 11 specific symptoms. These include the inability to cut down or meet obligations at home or at work. The spectrum’s severity will be judged based on how many criteria a patient meets. A person with two or three will be diagnosed with a mild disorder, while someone who meets six or more will be diagnosed with a more severe disorder. The manual also creates a new diagnosis of disruptive mood dysregulation disorder, for children with frequent behavioral outbursts. The new edition of the manual will be published next spring.



Ohio Awarded Grant for Smoking Cessation

Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) has been awarded a \$100,000 grant by Pfizer to train healthcare professionals in Ohio to deliver smoking cessation services to people with behavioral health conditions. In partnership with the Ohio



Departments of Mental Health, and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services, the CWRU initiative will target services to people with serious and persistent mental illness and/or

substance use disorders with the goal of reducing death and disability from smoking-related chronic diseases.

The Smoking Cessation Leadership Center (SCLC) and the Pfizer Medical Education Group (MEG) collaborated to award more than \$4.5 million in grants focused on smoking cessation to 39 organizations nationwide. The grants were divided into three categories. Ohio received two of the 12 grants in Category 3 that includes a healthcare provider training component related to smoking cessation. The other Ohio grant went to Mental Health America of Licking County. The grant began Dec. 3 and runs through Dec. 31, 2014. Information about this grant is available at: <http://goo.gl/UonQY>.

National Council Infographics Now Available in Printable Formats

The National Council for Behavioral Health has a number of free, high-impact infographics available for download and printing. Titles include: "Recipe for a Healthy Community", "How to Manage Trauma," "Suicide in America: Not Another Life to Lose," "Addiction is a Disease" and "Health is Mental." Visit: <http://goo.gl/WQpuR> for details.

Senate Calls on Pentagon to Create Suicide Prevention Program for Veterans

The U.S. Senate has approved adding an amendment to a defense authorization bill to require the Pentagon to create a comprehensive and standardized suicide prevention program, according to a recent report in [The Washington Post](#). The amendment was offered by Senate Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Patty Murray (D-WA). The legislation would also expand eligibility for some Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) mental health services to family members and strengthen oversight of the Pentagon's mental health programs and the Integrated Disability Evaluation System established by the Department of Defense and VA. It would also promote the use of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans to provide peer counseling for fellow veterans and require the VA to establish accurate and reliable measures for mental health services.

New Motivational Interviewing E-Course

The National Institute of Corrections (NIC) is pleased to announce "Motivational Interviewing: Overview," a new e-course now available in the NIC Learning Center. The course provides an overview of motivational interviewing as it may be applied in a correctional setting. By using specific techniques and applying motivational interviewing, corrections professionals can help increase offenders' motivation to make changes in their lives that will reduce their likelihood of re-offending. The design of the course makes it optimal for self-study, for use as an orientation to motivational interviewing, and as a classroom aid for supervisors and trainers. Like all other NIC training, "Motivational Interviewing: Overview" is free and open to corrections professionals working in all disciplines of the field. Sign up for an account in the NIC Learning Center and register for the course at <http://nic.learn.com/>.

New Resource on Jail Diversion for Serious Mentally Ill, Co-Occurring Offenders

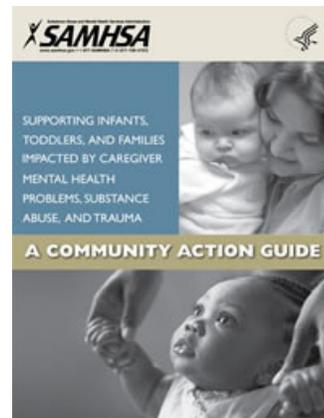
The GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation has released a new, [web-based primer](#) on jail diversion for serious mentally ill offenders (often with co-occurring substance abuse disorders). There are three web pages comprising this resource: what jail diversion is — background, definition, and differing perceptions of diversion; types of jail diversion programs — pre-booking diversion, post-booking diversion, and six key features essential to the creation and implementation of successful jail diversion programs; and resources available from the GAINS Center regarding diversion.

SAMHSA Unveils New Community Action Guide To Support Infants and Young Children

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has released *Supporting Infants, Toddlers, and Families Impacted*

by Caregiver Mental Health Problems, Substance Abuse, and Trauma: A Community Action Guide — a resource that service providers, advocates, and practitioners can use to better understand and respond to young children whose caregivers are negatively affected by these issues. The Guide offers information, resources, and tips useful for engaging the wider community to

come together for children and families in need of support. Download a free copy at: <http://goo.gl/hT2bp>.



New Checklist for Implementing Evidence-Based Practices and Programs (EBPs) for Justice-Involved Adults with Behavioral Health Disorders

The GAINS Center for Behavioral Health and Justice Transformation in cooperation with the Council of State Governments has developed an [easy-to-use checklist](#) to help behavioral health agencies assess their utilization of Evidence-Based Practices (EBPs) associated with positive public safety and public health outcomes. The checklist is divided into two sections. Section One: questions regarding whether an organization has the components in place to build a cross-collaborative system to support the implementation of EBPs. This checklist is divided into columns noting steps (elements in place), rationale, actions, and progress (no progress, in progress, or completed). Section Two: assessing and implementing effective programs — a collection of EBPs determined to be extremely useful in the care and treatment of this special population. These are evidence-based programs, evidence-based practices, promising programs, and promising practices for mental health treatment and for substance abuse and dependence treatment. This checklist is divided into four columns — domains, description, implementation and access status (fully, partially, or not at all), and agency capacity to implement EBP.

SAMHSA Underage Drinking Analysis: One Quarter of Persons Ages 12 to 20 Consumed Alcohol in the Past Month

One-quarter of 12-to-20-year-olds say they drank alcohol in the past month, according to a new report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The report found 26.6 percent of persons ages 12 to 20 drank alcohol in the past month. Rates of underage drinking were highest in Vermont (37 percent). Utah had the lowest rate, at 14.3 percent, *HealthDay News* reported. “Underage drinking should not be a normal part of growing up. It’s a serious and persistent public health problem that puts our young people and our communities in danger,” SAMHSA Administrator Pamela Hyde said in a [news release](#).



NIH Won't Pursue Single Institute Devoted to Addiction

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has announced it will not pursue the proposed creation of a single institute devoted to substance use, abuse and addictions. The proposal would have dissolved the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), and replaced it with a single body. NIH Director Francis Collins said in a [statement](#) that instead of dissolving the two institutes, he will seek their “functional integration,” along with related research in the NIH’s other institutes.

Rural Telehealth, SBIRT Among Focus Areas in New Specialty ATTCs

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s (SAMHSA’s) Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) has made the next round of five-year awards for the education- and training-focused Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs). For the first time, in addition to the traditional regional ATTCs there are specialty ATTCs with their own subject area of focus. Also for the first time, the ATTC regions now mirror federal Health and Human Services (HHS) regions. There are 15 ATTCs in all, and the form of the funding is neither grant nor contract. As always, these are “cooperative agreements” in which the ATTCs work closely with SAMHSA. The ATTCs’ purpose is to provide education and training to the addiction treatment workforce in their respective geographic and — in the case of four new agreements — subject matter areas. The four new specialty ATTCs cover American Indian/Alaskan Native, Hispanic/Latino, rural telehealth, and Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT). Read more at: <http://goo.gl/Pqh1a>.

Report: Synthetic Marijuana Sent 11,000 to ERs in 2010 — Two-Thirds Under Age 25

More than 11,000 people ended up in emergency rooms after using synthetic marijuana in 2010, according to a [new report](#) from the federal government’s Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN). Synthetic marijuana, commonly known as K2 or Spice, is a mixture of herbs, spices or shredded plant material that is typically sprayed with a synthetic compound chemically similar to THC, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana. K2 is typically sold in small, silvery plastic bags of dried leaves and marketed as incense that can be smoked. Short term effects include loss of control, lack of pain response, increased agitation, pale skin, seizures, vomiting, profuse sweating, uncontrolled spastic body movements, elevated blood pressure, heart rate and palpitations. In addition to physical signs of use, users may experience severe paranoia, delusions, hallucinations and increased agitation. The DAWN report found 12-to-17-year-olds accounted for one-third of the emergency room visits, while young adults ages 18 to 24 accounted for an additional 35 percent.



Nominate Your Agency for the 2013 NIATx iAwards

The Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment (NIATx) is seeking nominees for its [2013 iAwards](#). The iAwards provide national recognition for agencies that are using innovative approaches and provide a venue for them to share how they have adapted to meet the changing needs of clients, staff and the addiction healthcare field. Provider organizations, coalitions, or state, county or local government payors/agencies engaged in substance abuse services who have introduced an innovative practice within the past three years are eligible for self-nomination. Winning applicants will provide a strong description of their innovation as well as a clearly outlined sustainability plan. In addition to an all-expense paid trip to the SAAS Annual Conference/NIATx Summit in San Diego, CA, July 14-16, 2013, the top two applicants will be eligible to receive a \$5000 mini-grant to assist the winning organization with sustaining and sharing their innovation. Honorable mentions will receive free registration to the SAAS Conference and NIATx Summit.



Training Opportunities

Call for Presenters: 2013 National Conference on Addiction Disorders and the Behavioral Healthcare Leadership Summit

Presentation proposals are being sought for both the 2013 National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD) and the 2013 Behavioral Healthcare Leadership Summit, slated for next September in Anaheim, CA. Presentations should be interactive and feature a clinical strategy, treatment, or initiative that is practical, replicable, and demonstrates measurable outcomes. The National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD) mission is to provide a diverse educational curriculum on the prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery management of addictions that affect various genders, generations, and cultures. The Behavioral Healthcare Leadership Summit, held in conjunction with NCAD, is specifically designed for the executive, operational, and strategic leadership of behavioral healthcare provider organizations, addiction treatment centers, and community mental health centers. Educational content will delve deep into the strategies and tools that drive organizational and service delivery excellence. Proposals must be received by **Friday, January 11, 2013**. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to submit a proposal.

Transforming Case Managers to Care Managers Trainings

The Ohio Council of Behavioral Health & Family Services Providers in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health is pleased to offer six regional one-day training workshops to prepare existing case managers and CPST workers to understand and begin developing core competencies in becoming effective care managers. Two workshops will focus exclusively on care management targeted to children, youth and families. These trainings are being facilitated by The National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare. All trainings are from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Click [HERE](#) for more details, including dates and locations.

CEBP Training Series for Housing Staff Focuses on Motivational Interviewing, Benefits Education

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidence-Based Practices is hosting a series of trainings designed for staff members and supervisors of housing services for people with severe mental illness and/or substance use disorders (e.g., permanent supportive and independent, transitional, adult care, emergency shelters, YMCA/YWCA). The trainings take place from December 2012 to April 2013 and are free for individuals who work in Ohio. This series introduces participants to Motivational Interviewing, benefits information and education (SSI, SSDI, Medicaid and Medicare). Learn more and register online: <http://www.centerforebp.case.edu/stories/training-series-for-housing-staff>.

Mark Your Calendar: 11th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry 2013 — March 1-2

The Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry will host the ["11th All-Ohio Institute on Community Psychiatry: Health Homes, Integrated Care and the Future of Community Psychiatry"](#) March 1-2 in Beachwood, OH. The Institute will feature presentations from programs nationally and around the state and include new research and educational programs, model curricula, demonstration projects, and other topics of interest for hospital-based and community-based psychiatrists and behavioral healthcare professionals in the public sector.

Training Opportunities, cont.

Save the Dates! 2013 FASD Diagnostic Capacity Trainings — April 10 & 11

The Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and Mental Health (ODMH) are cosponsoring [training sessions](#) in April for healthcare practitioners who can diagnose the Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FAS, pFAS, ARND, ARBD), or those who would like to gain the skills needed to diagnose. Dr. David Wargowski from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health will lead the trainings on April 10 (Appalachian Behavioral Healthcare in Athens) and April 11 (Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare in Columbus). CMEs have been approved. The trainings will be limited to 35 individuals per four-hour session on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact FASD Statewide Coordinator Melinda Norman at [614-644-8318](tel:614-644-8318) or melinda.norman@ada.ohio.gov for more information.

2013 Ohio Opiate Summit — April 29-30

Save the Date! The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities is partnering with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission to host the 2013 Ohio Opiate Summit "Turning the Tide Together" on April 29-30 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in downtown Columbus. Watch www.oacbha.org for more details in coming months.

Mental Health America's 2013 Annual Conference — June 5-8

Mental Health America's 2013 Annual Conference, *Why Wellness Works: Breakthroughs and Pathways to Whole Health* — June 5-8, 2013, at the National Harbor in Maryland — will examine where we stand and where we are headed in implementing wellness strategies for society at large. The conference will look at cutting edge approaches, new policy initiatives, programs, and tools that are working in communities across the country to address this important topic. Building on Mental Health America's evidence-based "Live Your Life Well" program, the conference will engage and educate attendees on research and scientific developments, management of mental health conditions and other accompanying chronic conditions, strategies for recovery, and a deeper understanding of why wellness is important for everyone. It will empower and equip consumers, MHA affiliates, healthcare providers, community gatekeepers and the general public so that they can advance wellness strategies in their work and communities. Learn more at: <http://goo.gl/Cx178>.

Funding Opportunities

ODADAS SFY 2013 Problem Gambling Treatment GFA — Hamilton County Providers-Only

Certified treatment programs addressing the treatment needs of those individuals experiencing problem/pathological gambling can apply for no more than \$25,000 dollars for the funding period January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013. The Department will issue one award. Applications will only be accepted from public and private non-profit organizations located in the Hamilton County area that provide alcohol and other drug treatment services that were awarded Treatment and Recovery grants during SFY 2012. **Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 28, 2013.** Click [HERE](#) to view the complete Guidance for Applicants document.

Behavioral Health e-Update is published monthly by the ODADAS Office of Communications, in cooperation with the Ohio Department of Mental Health, and distributed through the Department's eNews listserv. To subscribe to eNews, click [HERE](#). For an archive of previous issues, visit the ODADAS website at www.odadas.ohio.gov. Click on News>e-Updates.

We welcome your feedback and suggestions. If you have a news item, funding opportunity or training announcement for a future issue of *Behavioral Health e-Update*, please send an email to Eric.Wandersleben@ada.ohio.gov.

Find us on:

