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SFY 2014-15 Budget Update

Advocacy in Action: Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers CEO Hugh Wirtz, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities CEO Cheri L. Walter, NAMI Ohio Executive Director Terry Russell and Drug Free Action Alliance Executive Director Marcie Seidel prepare to testify March 7 in support of Medicaid extension.

Budget deliberations are in full swing as members of the Ohio Legislature consider Gov. Kasich's "[Jobs 2.0 Budget](#)." At stake for Ohio's behavioral health system is the extension of Medicaid benefits to adults up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level — a move that could pave the way for access to mental health and addiction services for an additional 275,000 Ohioans.

On Feb. 26, Director Plouck appeared before the Health and Human Services Subcommittee of the House Finance and Appropriations Committee to support the Governor's proposal as part of the inaugural Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) budget. During her [testimony](#), Director Plouck said Medicaid extension is "the single most important investment for individuals with mental health and addiction needs in a generation of Ohio public policy."

Calling All Advocates

Now more than ever, legislators need to hear from Boards, providers, consumers, family members and other advocates. It is not too late to contact your state representative to weigh in on Medicaid extension. The [Ohio House of Representatives website](#) provides convenient search tools to help users connect with their elected officials.

Join Medicaid expansion advocates and Gov. John R. Kasich on **Thursday, March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Riffe Center (2nd floor balcony area, 77 S. High St., Columbus 43215) for the **Medicaid Expansion Advocacy Extravaganza**. Sponsored by the [Ohio Coalition for Healthy Communities](#), Gov. Kasich will be honored for his commitment to helping Ohio citizens by extending Medicaid to people up to 138 percent of the federal poverty level. In addition, Ohioans from many backgrounds will share why extending coverage is the right thing to do.

Medicaid Extension: County-by-County Impact

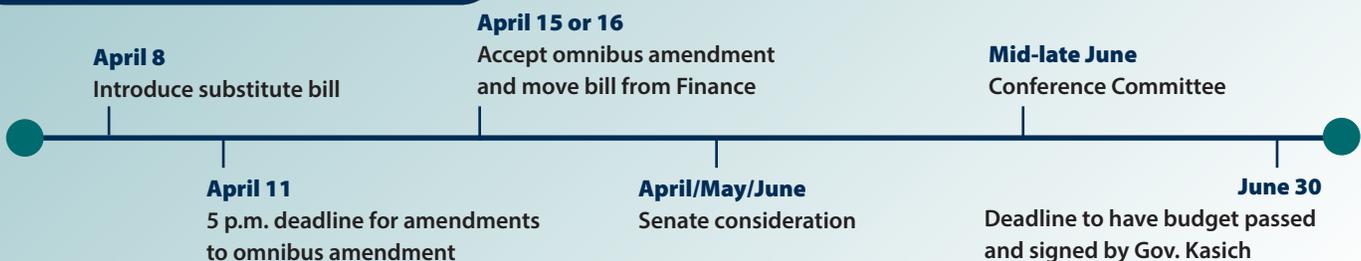
The extension of Medicaid benefits is complicated. What does it mean to your local community in terms of dollars and cents? We [broke down the numbers](#) so you can see how your local ADAMH, AOD, or MH board could benefit.

Helpful Budget Resources:

Discover a wealth of information related to Gov. Kasich's SFY 2014-15 budget at:

- <http://governor.ohio.gov/>
- <http://obm.ohio.gov/>
- <http://www.healthtransformation.ohio.gov/>
- <http://www.adamh.ohio.gov/budget.aspx>

SFY 2014-15 Budget Timeline



March is National Social Worker's Month

Directors Orman Hall and Tracy Plouck are pleased to recognize March as **National Social Work Month** and wish to thank the dedicated professional social workers employed by the Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Mental Health for their advocacy on behalf of individuals with mental illness and addiction.



The theme for Social Work Month 2013 is "Weaving Threads of Resilience and Advocacy: The Power of Social Work."

Social Work is the profession of hope — fueled by resilience and advocacy. Social Workers matter because they help millions of struggling people every day dream differently. In the United States, more than 650,000 of these highly trained professionals know how daunting and immobilizing life's tragedies and obstacles can be. But they also witness the sheer determination of countless individuals and families to achieve different lives. Sometimes, all it takes to help people get on the right path is guidance toward what is possible. Other times, social workers are an immediate lifeline in crisis—providing access to resources and new life options. Learn more at: <http://socialworkers.org/>



Pictured above are Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare Peer Support Specialists (front row, l-r) Andrea Wharton, Matt Morgan, Joe Fields, (back row, l-r) Kevin Butler, Jason McGill, Thomas Hayes and Michael Seymour.

ODMH Regional Psychiatric Hospital Hosts Peer Support Specialist Presentation

To share the success of its Peer Support Specialist Program with other behavioral health professionals, staff from Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare (TVBH) in Columbus, hosted an educational event on Feb. 15. TVBH is one of six regional psychiatric hospitals operated by the Ohio Department of Mental Health (ODMH). Its Peer Support Specialist Program is operated both in the hospital and in the Community Support Network (CSN) that provides community-based services. Currently, there are seven peer support staff members at TVBH. Each shared information about his or her specific duties to assist the patients or clients. Some spoke about how working with the staff after being a patient was an adjustment.

Peer support specialists meet patients at admission and provide them with information about their rights as partners in their own care. They also facilitate support groups, provide one-to-one support and escort hospital patients into the community for outings. The specialist at the CSN meets clients in their homes, assists them with independent living activities and offers support and a cultural connection. The main purpose of their interaction with patients and clients is to help them develop skills and find community resources that will support their long-term recovery and community integration. For more information about TVBH's Peer Support Specialist program, contact Clients Rights Specialist Susan Cross at (614) 752-0333 or visit: <http://1.usa.gov/ZVPrwy>.

The TVBH presentation was developed at the request of participants at last fall's Public/Private Inpatient Psychiatric Services Leadership Conference. For additional updates from the conference, [click here](#).



Medicaid Extension Focus of Ashland Visit

Gov. John R. Kasich joined several north-central Ohio sheriffs, ADAMHS Board officials, advocates and other elected officials for a Feb. 8 press conference at the Ashland County Courthouse to discuss the benefits of extending Medicaid coverage to Ohioans. ODMH Director Tracy J. Plouck (pictured above at podium) was also on hand to share details of how the Governor's Medicaid proposal could help to connect an additional 275,000 Ohioans to vital community-based mental health and addiction services.



2013 ODADAS Spring Conference Focuses on Future

More than 350 professionals from around the state attended the annual ODADAS Spring Conference held March 6-7 in Columbus. The theme of the conference was "Wellness and Addiction Services: Moving Forward," which captured the significant changes coming to Ohio's behavioral health field under health care reform, as well as the availability of new technologies designed to support wellness and recovery. Problem gambling was a featured topic at the conference, which coincided with National Problem Gambling Awareness Week. Photos (clockwise from top left): ODMH Director Tracy J. Plouck (left) and ODADAS Director Orman Hall share a light moment at the conference; Keith Whyte, executive director for the National Council on Problem Gambling, describes the implications of expanded gambling in Ohio; Thomas Hedrick, senior program advisor and founding member of The Partnership at Drugfree.org, discusses the importance of prevention.

Race to the Top Starts with Early Childhood Interventions

The Ohio Department of Mental Health has committed \$1.2 million for Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) initiatives as part of Ohio's Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant. These funds will be used to address the mental, social and emotional wellness of children birth to age six. Early childhood mental health specialists will consult with early child care providers and educators in each county throughout the state to target children who have disabilities or delays, are high-need or low-income, or are English language learners. Working directly with educators and child care providers, the consultants will make classroom observations, help assess children's social and emotional adjustment and provide professional development training and feedback on strategies for managing challenging behaviors. They will also facilitate linkages to area mental health providers for children and families in need of more specific services and supports.



Valerie Alloy, Ph.D.

In February, Valerie Alloy, Ph.D., joined the Ohio Department of Mental Health's Office of Children, Families and Prevention to lead its Early Childhood Mental Health (ECMH) initiatives. Prior to joining ODMH, she served in the Department of Youth Services as a member of the psychology department working with violent and dangerous youth offenders. Alloy has more than 20 years of clinical practice and senior management experience and has taught university courses in psychology, cultural diversity and sociology, and health sciences. For more information on ECMH Initiatives visit: www.earlychildhoodohio.org. View a funded ECMH program, in action "Toddler and Preschoolers Succeeding" (TAPS), at: www.cgfs.org

NE Ohio Student Designs Winning Logo for 2013 National Red Ribbon Week

ODADAS salutes Aly Falck, a seventh grader in Solon, Ohio, for creating the 2013 National Red Ribbon Theme. Aly's digital arts teacher, Cheryl Holsapfel, learned about the [National Family Partnership's](#) 2013 Red Ribbon Theme Contest from her school principal, Genie Green, at Solon Middle School and thought it would be a great opportunity for a "teachable moment" to talk to her students about drugs. Holsapfel turned the contest into an assignment for her students. She saw it as an opportunity to teach real-world skills, while infusing the drug prevention message.



Aly won \$500 in Red Ribbon themed merchandise for her school for [Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 23-31, 2013](#) courtesy of National Family Partnership, sponsors of the Red Ribbon Campaign® and Nimco, Inc., the official source of Red Ribbon materials. The winning slogan and design will be used throughout the year at thousands of schools and communities across America. In its 28th year as the nation's largest and oldest drug prevention campaign, Red Ribbon Week® reaches 80 million people each year throughout the United States.

USC Researcher: Emerging Young Adults "Adrift in the Perfect Storm of Health Risks"

The health status of young adults 18 to 25 years of age is a major concern facing the nation and is the focus of a new analysis from Lawrence Neinstein, M.D., professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at the University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine. *The New Adolescents: An Analysis of Health Conditions, Behaviors, Risks and Access to Services*

Among Emerging Young Adults white paper examines the health risks facing 34.6 million young adults.

Dr. Neinstein's analysis arms healthcare providers, networks, institutions and policy makers with the data they need to make informed decisions about broad health care coverage and health prevention interventions. He contends that the emerging young adults population faces many challenges, including: lower perception of risk, the highest uninsured rate and the least access to care. Read the white paper at: www.usc.edu/thenewadolescents.

National Center for Health Statistics: 11th Consecutive Year for Rise in Overdose Deaths

The number of deadly drug overdoses in the United States increased for the 11th consecutive year, according to new government data. In total, 38,329 people died of drug overdoses that year. Of the 57 percent whose deaths involved prescription drugs, three-quarters were due to painkillers such as OxyContin and Percocet, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. Opioids were found in 77 percent of overdoses involving benzodiazepines such as Valium, Xanax or Ativan. They were also involved in 65 percent of overdoses with antiepileptic or anti-Parkinsonian drugs, 47 percent of overdoses involving antidepressants, and 56 percent of overdoses with fever-reducing and anti-inflammatory medications. To read more, [click here](#). For Ohio-specific overdose data, visit the Ohio Department of Health [Violence & Injury Prevention Program webpage](#).



Study: Teens with ADHD More Likely to Also Experience Substance Abuse Issues

Teenagers with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) are significantly more likely to have substance abuse issues and to smoke cigarettes, compared with their peers without a history of the disorder, according to a nationwide study. The study found when teens were an average of 15 years old, 35 percent of those with ADHD said they used one or more substances, compared with 20 percent of teens without a history of the disorder, *Science Daily* reported. Ten percent of teens with ADHD experienced significant problems from their substance abuse, compared with 3 percent of those without ADHD.



The researchers found by age 17, about 13 percent of those with ADHD experienced marijuana abuse or dependence, compared with 7 percent of those without the disorder. Daily cigarette smoking was also higher among teens with the disorder in this age group—17 percent, compared with 8 percent among teens without ADHD. Both teens with and without ADHD had high rates of alcohol use, the study found. Teens who were treated with ADHD medication had similar substance abuse rates, compared with those who were not being treated for the disorder.

Busy Year Ahead for Health Homes

This year will be filled with training and technical assistance opportunities to help providers establish [Medicaid Health Homes](#) for people with serious and persistent mental illness, keeping Ohio in the forefront of creating integrated health care models. The first such event occurred Jan. 14 at the Ohio Department of Transportation auditorium in Columbus. At right, administrators from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NASMHPD) participated in a dialogue with Ohio's primary and behavioral health stakeholders. Read more about Ohio's Health Home activities at: <http://1.usa.gov/VQxUaA>

Pictured clockwise from top left: Chuck Ingoglia, SAMHSA, Robert Glover, NASMHPD, and Kathy Reynolds, National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare and Terry Conway, M.D., a consultant with Health Management Associates, provide perspectives at the Jan. 14 training in Columbus.



Bipartisan Group of Senators Introduce Federal Bill to Strengthen Mental Health Care

A bipartisan group of senators has introduced a bill that would strengthen the nation's mental health care system, and improve access in communities, according to [The Washington Post](#). The [Excellence in Mental Health Act](#), would



Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) speaks as David O. Russell, director of the film "Silver Linings Playbook," and Sen. Roy Blunt (R-MO) (right) look on during a news conference Feb. 7 on Capitol Hill.

require federally qualified community behavioral health centers to provide addiction treatment and 24-hour care.

Facilities that met federal criteria could bill Medicaid for their services, which would greatly expand access to treatment, at an estimated cost of \$1 billion over the next 10 years, the article notes.

According to the [National Council for Behavioral Health](#), the bill will allow greater access to services for people with mental illnesses and addictions, to keep them healthy and safe in their communities. "Behavioral health has long been left out of the federal dictionary," Linda Rosenberg, president and CEO of the National Council for Behavioral Health, said in a [news release](#). "As a result, mental health and addiction providers cannot receive the critical federal funds that support other safety net providers. They share the unique responsibilities of the safety-net — but none of the supports."

Increase in Non-institutional Housing Options is Goal of Multiple Efforts

ODMH's Office of Community Supports and Emergency Preparedness partnered with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Ohio through the Olmstead Initiative to develop a housing curriculum, which will be offered as a webinar to provide judges, magistrates, guardians and other court partners information related to housing options for individuals with mental illness, as well as introduce them to resources that can assist in locating housing.

The curriculum, titled "An Introduction to Housing Options for People with Mental Illness," developed in partnership with the Center for Systems Change, will be offered as an hour-long webinar by the Supreme Court of Ohio Judicial eCademy on April 12 and May 3. Continuing Legal Education credits are available. The course will highlight features of the new web-based supportive living mental health/housing locator, which was developed in partnership with the Ohio departments of Aging and Job and Family Services. The locator helps individuals who are currently in nursing homes and other institutional settings find appropriate residential housing options such as Adult Care Facilities where they can receive mental health and other community support services. The locator will be launched with the Long-term Consumer Guide in June.



Memo to Field Outlines Process for Community Medicaid Reconciliations for SFY 2000-2005

ODMH Director Tracy Plouck and ODADAS Director Orman Hall recently sent out a joint memo to communicate the state-wide process for completing community Medicaid reconciliations through State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005. Prior to the implementation of the community Medicaid fee schedules in October 2010, community Medicaid participating providers of alcohol and other drug treatment and mental health services were reimbursed for Medicaid services using a cost-based and subsequently reconciled methodology. Read the memo here: <http://1.usa.gov/10CUSES>. For questions related to the memo or the reconciliation process, contact Angie Bergefurd at Angie.Bergefurd@mh.ohio.gov or Doug Day at Douglas.Day@ada.ohio.gov.

2014 GFA Applications for Treatment and Recovery and Women's Treatment

REMINDER: The 2014 GFA Applications for Treatment and Recovery and Women's Treatment are now available via the Online Grants Application System (OLGA) and are due to ODADAS by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2013. The corresponding ADAMHS/ADAS Board Review/Comment Forms are due to ODADAS by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 12, 2013.

The 2014 GFA Application for Prevention Services will be available beginning April 5, 2013 and are due to ODADAS via the Proving Ohio's Prevention Success System (POPS) by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013 and the Prevention ADAMHS/ADAS Board Review/Comment Forms are due to ODADAS by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 10, 2013. This is a continuation year, meaning that providers can apply for SFY 2014 funds through the SFY 2014 GFA process only if they were awarded funds in SFY 2013. The GFA announcement letter was sent to all eligible applicants.

All forms pertaining to the SFY 2014 GFAs are available on the [ODADAS website](#).

Training Opportunities

ODMH, Partners to Host Regional Forensic Trainings

To provide an intermediate-level instruction about the forensic mental health system in Ohio, ODMH, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers and the Ohio Judicial Conference are sponsoring a series of six regional forensic trainings throughout the state beginning in April. This round of trainings will focus on case examples presented by ODMH hospital and community agency staff as well as a panel presentation by people who have been found by trial courts to be not guilty by reason of insanity. In addition, a presentation will be held about models of collaboration between the Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities systems. Application is being made for the following continuing education credits: Psychology, Social Work, Counselors, Nurses and Continuing Legal Education. For more information about the trainings, contact Bob Baker at Bob.Baker@mh.ohio.gov or 614-644-6996. To register, and to view the dates and locations for the trainings, visit: http://www.oacbha.org/regional_forensic_trainings.php.

Health Home Training Series Promotes Health-Behavior Change among People with SPMI

The Center for Evidence-Based Practices at Case Western Reserve University is presenting a free training series as part of the Ohio Medicaid Health Homes initiative sponsored by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. "A Breath of Fresh Air: Promoting Health-Behavior Change among People with SPMI," is designed for primary and behavioral health care organizations in Ohio that serve people with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI). The event will highlight Stages of Change, motivational interviewing and tobacco interventions. Learn how to support and motivate health-behavior change. Register online today: [Toledo: March 25](#) [Cincinnati/Fairfield: April 15](#) [Columbus: May 6](#) [Athens: May 15](#) [Akron: June 17](#)

Columbiana County Hosting "Operation Street Smart" Training — March 19

The Columbiana County MHRS Board, ADAPT Coalition and Columbiana County Drug Task Force are partnering to host *Operation Street Smart*, an award-winning educational program for parents and community leaders on how to reduce drug abuse among youth, March 19 at the East Liverpool Motor Lodge. The free program starts at 5 p.m. Registration is required. Contact the MHRS Board for more details at: 330/424-0195.

Free Deaf Cultural Competency in Mental Health Treatment — April 2 & May 8

St. Vincent Family Center and ODMH are teaming up to host free, one-day [Deaf Cultural Competency in Mental Health Treatment Trainings](#) on April 2 (Cuyahoga County) and May 8 (Hamilton and Clermont County.) These trainings will provide child and family mental health professionals with an introduction to deaf culture as it relates to providing counseling and mental health treatment to deaf and hard of hearing children and families. 6.0 Continuing Education Units are available for Ohio social workers, counselors and marriage and family therapists. Advance registration is required. For more information, contact Jennifer Paulus at 614/252-0731 ext. 1163 or email jpaulus@svfc.org.

Veteran and Family Healing: We're All in This Together — April 5-6

The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation will present [Veteran and Family Healing: We're All in This Together](#) April 5-6 at Kent State University's Stark campus in North Canton. This training will focus on the unique needs and adjustments of veterans and their families during active duty, deployment, return and reunification. It will explore recovery through an Indigenous Healing model emphasizing the importance of community support. For more information, contact Victoria Doepker at 330/655-1366.

COA Health Home Standards Webinar — April 12

ODMH is pleased to announce that the Council on Accreditation (COA) has agreed to provide a specialized training for Ohio providers on COA's Integrated Behavioral Health and Primary Care Supplement (INT) standards. Melissa Dury, associate director of Standards Development, will present this free, one-hour webinar on April 12 beginning at 10:30 a.m. ODMH staff will also be available to answer questions. Additional information and registration is available at: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/959376778>.

BWC 2013 Safety Congress and Expo — April 9-11

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) 2013 Safety Congress and Expo will take place April 9-11 at the Columbus Convention Center. In addition to 150 other workshops and exhibits, the Expo will feature six drug-free workplace (DFWP) sessions with approved chemical dependency (RCHs), counselor and social work education credits. On April 9, participants can learn about best practices in developing and implementing drug-free workplace programs for private and public employers (three hours each session). On April 10, four, one-hour sessions include: *Drug Diversion in Healthcare*; *Ohio Substance Abuse Monitoring (OSAM) Network*; *Blending DOT and Non-DOT Drug-Free Workplace Programs*; and *Drug Concealment- How to Identify, Control and Take Action*. Admission is free, though registration is required. Please have your organization's BWC policy number available when registering. Visit <http://www.ohiobwc.com/employer/programs/safety/safetycongress.asp> for more information or contact Karen Kimbrough, ODADAS Program Specialist, at 614/752-8355 or Karen.Kimbrough@ada.ohio.gov.

Follow the Majority: A How-To for Effective Youth-Led Prevention Regional Trainings

Drug Free Action Alliance and the Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network are partnering to host a series of regional "Follow the Majority: A How-To for Effective Youth-Led Prevention" trainings this spring. Upcoming dates include: April 13 (Bowling Green), April 20 (Akron) and May 11 (Middletown). Trainings are geared toward adults and youth. Cost is \$10. Visit <https://www.drug-freeactionalliance.org/> for complete details.

COHHIO Annual Conference — April 15-16

The Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) Housing Ohio 2013 Annual Conference will be held April 15-16. For program and registration visit: http://www.cohhio.org/news_events/conference.

Medication-Assisted Treatment: Understanding How MAT Saves Lives and Cuts Costs — April 19

Community Health Center in collaboration with Summa Health System will present a special training opportunity for professionals to learn more about Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) and its benefits to patients April 19 at St. Joseph's Family Center in Akron. ODADAS Director Orman Hall will provide an in-depth look at opiate addiction, current initiatives, the effects on women and their children, as well as the cost of untreated addiction and mental health issues to families and the state. This will be followed by a panel discussion featuring local addiction medical practitioners. Cost is \$50. For more information, or to register, contact Maggie McElroy at: 330/315-3747 or maggie.mcelroy@commhealthcenter.org.



Summit County Mental Health and Criminal Justice Symposium — April 19

The Summit County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board is partnering with the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation to host the Summit County Mental Health and Criminal Justice Symposium April 19 at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Cuyahoga Falls. Author and mental health advocate, Pete Earley, will serve as keynote speaker. Cost is \$25. For more information, visit: <http://summitctymentalhealthandcriminaljusticesymposium.eventbrite.com>.

Register Now for Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference: Turning the Tide Together — April 29-30

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (OACBHA), in partnership with the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, is pleased to present Ohio's 2013 Opiate Conference: Turning the Tide Together. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in one of three Pre-Conference Workshops on the afternoon of April 29, as well as the full Conference on April 30. OACBHA is excited to announce that U.S. Senator Rob Portman and Chris Jones, a health scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will be the keynote speakers on April 30. Ohio's state and local leaders will share their efforts and plans to address Ohio's opiate epidemic, while a cross-section of professionals dealing with the health, legal and community implications will share how they are working to address the issues. This year's conference promises to be bigger and better than ever and we hope to see you there! To learn more and to register for this year's conference, click [here](#).

2nd Annual "We are the Majority" Conference & Rally — May 2

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) will host the second annual We are the Majority Conference & Rally on May 2 at the Columbus Convention Center. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Columbus Convention Center where students will receive a t-shirt and take part in fun, energetic pre-rally activities. Attendees will then march to the Ohio Statehouse to let others know that the majority of students do not use alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. After the Ohio Statehouse rally, attendees will return to the Convention Center for lunch and afternoon activities. Participants will be provided with easy suggestions and fun ideas of how they can further promote the We are the Majority message in their communities. Travel stipends of up to \$500 are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Space is limited, so register your group today at www.DrugFreeActionAlliance.org

19th Annual National TASC Conference on Drugs, Crime and Reentry — May 8-10

The 19th Annual National TASC (Treatment Accountability for Safer Communities) Conference on Drugs, Crime and Reentry is coming to the Greater Columbus Convention Center May 8-10. The National TASC Conference brings hundreds of individuals from around the country together to explore the latest advancements and issues in the treatment and recovery of justice-involved individuals with behavioral health needs. For complete details, including registration links, visit: <http://www.nation-altasc.org/2013conference/>.

Save the Date! Ohio Employment First Conference — June 4-5

The Ohio Departments of Developmental Disabilities, Education, Mental Health and the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission will host "Employment First: Changing Expectations — Every Person. Every Talent. Every Opportunity." June 4-5 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus-Dublin. Session topics include: interagency collaboration, school to work transition, employer engagement and changing culture, among others. The conference will feature keynote remarks from Dale DiLeo, president, Training Resource Network and David Hoff, program director, Institute for Community Inclusion. Registration opens March 18 on the new Ohio Employment First web site at: www.ohioemploymentfirst.org.

Mental Health America (MHA) 2013 Annual Conference — June 5-8

Mental Health America (MHA) will host its 2013 Annual Conference, *Why Wellness Works: Breakthroughs and Pathways to Whole Health*, at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, June 5-8. Learn about the latest developments in the whole health and wellness fields. Extraordinary speakers, including keynote presenters Geoffrey Canada, President & CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone, and Dr. James O. Prochaska, Director of the Cancer Prevention Research Center and Professor of Clinical and Health Psychology at the University of Rhode Island, will share their insights and successes. For more information, or to register, visit: <http://www.mentalhealthamerica.net/go/annualconference>.

**2013 Ohio Addiction Studies Institute — July 31-August 2**

Make your plans now to attend The Addiction Studies Institute sponsored by Talbot Hall, at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. The Institute will be held July 31 - August 2, 2013 at the Columbus Convention Center. This year's keynote presenters include Scott D. Miller, Ph.D., and Joan Borysenko, Ph.D., along with more than 50 breakout sessions to choose from. The Institute will provide 20+ hours of CEU credit. Learn more at www.addictionstudiesinstitute.com.

Generation Rx University Conference for Rx Drug Abuse Prevention & Recovery — Aug. 7-8

The second "Generation Rx University Conference for Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention & Recovery" will be held Aug. 7-8 at the Blackwell Inn & Conference Center at The Ohio State University. Plenary and break-out sessions will include speakers from various associations and institutions. Colleges and universities are encouraged to send teams including students, staff and faculty members to develop take-home strategies for the implementation of prescription drug abuse prevention programs or collegiate recovery communities. Space is limited, so those wishing to attend are encouraged to register early. The registration fee for the two-day conference is \$100 (\$75 for students). For registration and more information, visit the conference website at www.go.osu.edu/rxabuseconference.

Save the Date! National Loss Team Conference — September 10-11

The Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation in partnership with the National Loss Team Committee will host "In the Journey of Loss, We Can Find Meaning Again — The National Loss Team Conference" at the Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus Airport. Frank Campbell, Ph.D., will provide keynote remarks. Watch www.ohiospf.org for more details in the coming months.

Mark Your Calendar! 2013 National Conference on Addiction Disorders — September 21-25

The 2013 National Conference on Addiction Disorders will take place in September 21-25, in Anaheim, CA. This year's conference will be a combined program featuring both traditional NCAD Conference content and content from the Annual IC&RC Training Conference. The National Conference on Addiction Disorders is the premier national conference for professional and personal networking, featuring more than 65 educational sessions. Visit <http://bit.ly/W3rqny> for complete details.

Coming Soon! 2013 CARF BH Update Webinar — TBA

The annual 2013 CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities) BH Update training will be a webinar. CARF has also agreed to include a comprehensive review of CARF's Integrated Behavioral Health/Primary Care and Health Home core program standards. ODMH is working with CARF on an April/May date, which will be announced when available. Please note this year's training will not include a presentation on frequently missed standards. Presenter: Michael Johnson, Managing Director, CARF Behavioral Health Unit.

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