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ODMH-ODADAS Consolidation Update

The process of creating a new state department from the Departments of Mental Health and Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services continues to progress on several fronts. The [Consolidation Survey](#), which gathered input from 1,374 stakeholders, provided insight on priorities, concerns and expectations for the new department and the work of the next 10 months. Overall feedback found general agreement with the consolidation goals to: improve access to more timely, effective services; support better client outcomes; reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on behavioral health providers and local administration, while improving overall accountability; implement a combined agency culture rooted in transparency, communication, inclusion and employee buy-in.

Workgroups being overseen by the Office of Health Transformation will undertake the lion's share of the work over the next few months leading up to budget submission to the Ohio Office of Budget and Management. Participation in the workgroups is open to consumer and family groups, state departments, county ADAMH boards, service providers, and numerous partner organizations, both state and local. The nine workgroups are: Evaluation, External Relations/Client Involvement, Fiscal Operations, Prevention, Provider Regulation, State-Local Relationships, Treatment and Community Supports, Workforce Development and Parking Lot/Implementation Teams. Visit www.adamh.ohio.gov for a calendar of meetings and contact information for group leads. To comment on the work underway, please send your feedback to: consolidationquestions@mh.ohio.gov.

SFY 2012 Annual Reports Available

The Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and Mental Health (ODMH) have released their State Fiscal Year 2012 Annual Reports. The documents contain a wealth of information related to Ohio's publicly-funded behavioral health care services systems and present a record of past-year accomplishments.

To view/download the reports, visit:

ODADAS: <http://goo.gl/2s50I> (main report)
<http://goo.gl/qNQF8> (special opiate insert)

ODMH: <http://goo.gl/bj2tU>

2012 Ohio Rally for Recovery — Sept. 12

The [Rally for Recovery](#) returns to the Ohio Statehouse this year with a full complement of speakers, entertainment, food and fellowship. Join the faces and voices of recovery as we celebrate [National Recovery Month](#) Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the South Plaza of the Ohio Statehouse. This year's theme is "Recovery Voices Count." The Rally is co-sponsored by ODADAS, Ohio Citizen Advocates (OCA), OSU-Talbot Hall and Parkside Behavioral Health. To RSVP, email Donna Conley at OCA at advocate@oca-ohio.org or call [614-486-2430](tel:614-486-2430).

A State Fair to Remember...



ODADAS staff teamed up with colleagues from ODMH to sponsor an exhibit at the 2012 Ohio State Fair. Staff answered questions and distributed educational materials. Pictured above (l-r): ODMH Chief of Standards Development and Administrative Rules Janel Pequignot and ODADAS Labor Relations Officer Stephanie Kamer interact with Fair patrons.

Kasich Administration Announces Next Steps to Modernize Medicaid Plans Underway to Make Ohio Medicaid a Stand-Alone Cabinet Agency

The Kasich Administration recently announced plans to transform Ohio Medicaid into its own state agency, eliminating it as a division of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Ohio Medicaid, also known as the Office of Ohio Health Plans, would become its own department July 1, 2014. The move is aimed at furthering the administration's work to improve the performance of the \$18.8 billion program. For complete details, view the press release from the Office of Health Transformation: <http://goo.gl/qnXLo>.

Ohio Announces New Tool to Help Fight Rx Painkiller Diversion, Abuse and Addiction "Biometric Enrollment and Verification Rx System Pilot Project" Unveiled at Gallipolis Medical Center

The Governor's Office of Health Transformation and ODADAS joined with State Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabina) and State Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) on July 26 to announce the Biometric Enrollment and Verification Rx System pilot program designed to reduce the diversion and misuse of prescription medications. Other partners in the project include Holzer Health Systems and CrossChx located in Gallia County.

Holzer Health Systems patients receive a fingerprint scan before seeing doctors, and several pharmacies are using the scans for patients filling prescriptions. Once the fingerprint is scanned, the data is instantly uploaded to the patient's electronic medical record. The information records how many times the patient has visited the doctor and pharmacy, and how many pills the patient has been prescribed. For complete details, view the press announcement at: <http://goo.gl/N5pjC>.



ODADAS Signs on as Strategic Partner for National Medicine Abuse Project

ODADAS has joined the growing list of strategic partners to support "The Medicine Abuse Project," a multi-year effort to raise awareness and curb the abuse of medicine coordinated by The Partnership at Drugfree.org. The Medicine Abuse Project, which launches the week of Sept. 23-29, brings the public and private sectors together in a national education initiative and call to action to stop teen medicine abuse. The Office of National Drug Control Policy, Drug Enforcement Administration, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Bureau of Justice Assistance are the campaign's federal partners.



The Project will both encourage and help parents and the public-at-large to take action: first, by talking with the young people in their lives about the dangers of abusing prescription and over-the-counter medicines, and second, by safeguarding and properly disposing of unused medications. The launch week will culminate with the DEA-facilitated [National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on September 29](http://goo.gl/6T6Gr), where consumers can safely dispose of their unused medications at sites around the country operated by local law-enforcement partners. For more on The Medicine Abuse Project, visit: <http://goo.gl/6T6Gr>.



(l-r) ODADAS Director Orman Hall, Portsmouth City Health Department nurse Lisa Roberts and former Portsmouth Police Chief Charles Horner participate in an Aug. 3 ribbon cutting ceremony for the new SOLACE (Surviving Our Loss and Continuing Everyday) headquarters in Portsmouth. SOLACE helps to promote public awareness about addiction and recovery and provides support to individuals and families grieving a loved one who died as a result of addiction. The headquarters is located in a building that once operated as a pill mill.

ODMH Patient Medication Assistance Guide Updated

The Office of Community Planning, Client Rights and Recovery Initiatives within the Ohio Department of Mental Health recently updated the comprehensive listing of available Prescription Assistance Programs from drug companies throughout the U.S. This guide is designed to assist those who may be unable to pay for their medications. To view the updated version, visit <http://goo.gl/LZdOM>. For questions or comments, contact Kathryn Remer at [614-644-5297](tel:614-644-5297) or Kathryn.Remer@mh.ohio.gov.

Collegiate Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Conference



More than 100 students and faculty members from 27 campuses, including about a dozen Ohio schools, participated in the inaugural Collegiate Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Conference hosted by The Ohio State University's College of Pharmacy in partnership with Cardinal Health Foundation, Drug-Free Action Alliance, The BACCHUS Network, National Council on Patient Information and Education, ODADAS, Ohio Department of Health and the NOPE Task Force. Teams of 3-5 representatives from colleges/universities gathered to learn more about prescription drug abuse among college students and resources for prevention. Teams developed "take-home plans" for an educational prevention strategy. Pictured above (l-r): participants engage in a lively Q&A session, ODADAS Director Orman Hall addresses attendees, and a recent college graduate shares her thoughts on what colleges and universities can do to fight prescription drug abuse.

Ohio Wins Federal Recovery Supports for Behavioral Health Grant

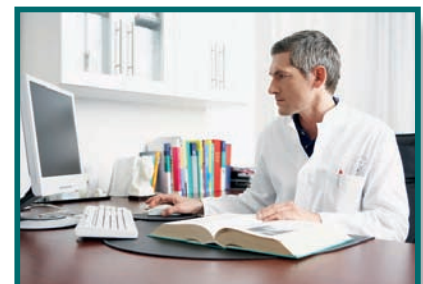
Ohio will receive a \$50,000 grant to grow the state's Peer Support/Recovery Coaching services, as well as to receive technical assistance through participation at a 2012 Policy Academy. The grant is a Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Center Strategy (BRSS TACS) award from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) with the goal of promoting the implementation of recovery-oriented supports, services, and systems. ODMH and ODADAS collaborated with Ohio Citizen Advocates, Ohio Empowerment Coalition, ODJFS (Medicaid), and Rehabilitation Services Commission on this grant. Ohio was one of only eight states to receive the award. The grant will allow the two departments to work collaboratively through a Policy Academy to develop and implement strategies to improve the accessibility, quality, and cost-effectiveness of Peer/Recovery Services within the behavioral health system. For more information, view the [BRSS TACS press announcement](#).

Expedited Social Security Income (SSI) Project

Are you working with a consumer who could benefit from having a steady income, or a consumer who has been diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness that causes deficits in activities of daily living such as self-care, performing household chores or other routine daily activities? If so, he or she may be eligible to participate in the **Expedited Social Security Income (SSI) Project**. The Expedited SSI Project was developed as a collaborative effort to reduce the processing time for Supplemental Security Income/Social Security Disability Insurance (SSI/SSDI) and Medicaid benefits. For more information about the SSI project and a list of qualifying diagnoses, visit <http://goo.gl/y3t1o>.

New Ohio ED Prescriber Guidelines Available Online

The Ohio Department of Health is pleased to present new Ohio Emergency and Acute Care Facility Opioid and Other Controlled Substances Prescribing Guidelines (ED Guidelines). The ED Guidelines were developed through the technical assistance of the multi-disciplinary Professional Education Workgroup of the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team (GCOAT). ODADAS, as well as eight other key stakeholder organizations, helped to develop the ED Guidelines and have officially endorsed them. Full-size versions of the ED Guidelines as well as an accompanying background document and patient handout are available for your use at: <http://www.healthyohiprogram.org/ed/guidelines.aspx>.



Ohio BWC Working to Reduce Painkiller Use Among Injured Workers

Agency Reports 12 Percent Drop in Narcotic Painkiller Use from February to April

Nearly one-third of prescriptions paid for by Ohio's insurance fund for injured workers last year were for painkillers. The state has seen a 37 percent increase in the use of such drugs among injured employees over the past 10 years. But that is starting to change for the better after the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) implemented policy changes restricting the drugs that doctors can prescribe after treatment for the initial pain that stems from an injury. In fact, from February to April this year, BWC reports a 12 percent decrease in patients who receive the most powerful narcotic painkillers. Read the full [Associated Press](#) story for more information.

Ohio AG Announces Plan to Fight Prescription Drug Thefts in Nursing Homes

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is intensifying state efforts to stop pharmaceutical drug thefts in long-term care facilities by offering investigative assistance to every nursing home, assisted living agency, and residential care facility in Ohio. The effort is in response to growing concerns over prescription drug abuse, including drug diversion (theft), by care facility employees. In many cases employees steal prescription drugs to feed their own addictions, the addictions of a loved one, or to sell the medication on the streets. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) of the Ohio Attorney General's Office is authorized to review and investigate complaints of elderly abuse, neglect, and drug diversion. Along with the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the Ohio Department of Health, the MFCU can also seek the prosecution of suspects. Anyone who suspects abuse, neglect or drug diversion in one of Ohio's care facilities can file a complaint by contacting the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at [614-466-0722](tel:614-466-0722), by calling the Attorney General's Help Desk at [800-282-0515](tel:800-282-0515), or by filing a complaint online at www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Enforcement/Report-Patient-Abuse-or-Neglect.

OASIS Men's Therapeutic Community to Celebrate 20 Years

The OASIS Men's Therapeutic Community at Pickaway Correctional Institute (PCI), a partnership between ODADAS and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections (ODRC), will celebrate 20 years of dedicated service with an anniversary open house and alumni reunion on Sept. 10. OASIS, which stands for "Our Awareness of Self Increases Success," provides intensive residential drug and alcohol treatment services to offenders incarcerated in the state prison system. The goal of the program is to address the substance abuse issues of each offender in the program, while addressing their personal issues and expectations for their successful reentry back into the community following their release from prison.

Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network Seeking Youth Council Members for 2012 -2013 School Year

The Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network (OYLPN) is seeking Youth Council members for the 2012 -2013 school year. Ideal candidates are actively involved in a substance abuse prevention program and possess a strong background in peer led prevention. Candidates should be between the ages of 15 and 18 and have the ability to travel throughout Ohio approximately one time per month. Some travel may be reimbursed. Selected applicants must be able to attend the OYLPN retreat Oct. 19-21, 2012. If you or someone you know is interested in being a part of this trend-setting group complete the three part [Ohio Youth-Led Prevention Network Youth Council application](#) and return it to Kim Workman via [email](#), fax to her attention at [614-540-9990](tel:614-540-9990) or mail to Drug-Free Action Alliance, 6155 Huntley Road, Suite H, Columbus, Ohio 43229 by **Sept. 17, 2012**.



Public Notice of Intent to Redesignate the Ohio P&A and CAP for People with Disabilities

The Governor has issued a [public notice](#) to redesignate the Ohio Protection and Advocacy System (P&A) and the Client Assistance Program (CAP) for people with disabilities. Each state and territory has a P&A program and a CAP. Ohio Legal Rights Service is the P&A and CAP for Ohio. Right now, Ohio Legal Rights Service is an independent state government agency. The Governor would like to change Ohio Legal Rights Service to a non-profit corporation. This change will happen on **October 1, 2012**. The agency's new name will be **Disability Rights Ohio** and will continue to provide client-directed advocacy to people with disabilities. Also, Disability Rights Ohio will be able to: work more closely with people with disabilities to decide the kind of work Disability Rights Ohio should do; be more involved in individual and systemic advocacy issues; and better meet federal requirements required by the P&A and CAP.

A [public hearing](#) will be on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at: Rhodes State Office Tower, First Floor Hearing Room, 30 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43215. Comments may also be sent to Ohio Legal Rights Service by Friday, August 31, 2012. Click the link for details: <http://www.olrs.ohio.gov/publicnotice>.



(l-r) Becky Vaughn, CEO of SAAS, Darryl Anderson, Executive Director YUMADAOP and Dave Gustafson, Director of NIATx.

Youngstown UMADAOP Receives National Award

ODADAS salutes the Youngstown Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Program (YUMADAOP) which received an honorable mention NIATx i-Award from the University of Wisconsin-Madison at the 2012 State Association of Addiction Services National Conference/NIATx Summit.

NIATx (Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment) is a process improvement model developed through Center for Health Enhancement System Studies, College of Engineering to improve outcomes, including cost savings and revenue using existing resources. YUMADAOP has utilized the NIATx model since the spring of 2010, resulting in a cost savings of slightly more than \$75,000 and increased revenue of \$39,000. It has also increased opportunities to provide mentoring and prevention services for students of the Youngstown City School District. YUMADAOP has served an additional 102 persons since adopting NIATx.

Wright State University, ODMH, DODD Partner to Expand Services for Children with Disabilities and Mental Illness

In an effort to address the current gap in services for Ohio children, the Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD) has developed an ongoing collaboration with the Department of Mental Health (ODMH) and Dr. Julie Gentile at Wright State University's Coordinating Center of Excellence (CCOE) to expand high quality services to people who experience both mental illness and developmental disabilities. The CCOE has secured the services of two additional psychiatrists who are able to accept patients with cooccurring issues under the age of 18 in addition to the current psychiatric services available to adults. Children can receive care at Wright State University's Consumer Advocacy Model (CAM) offices and, for those counties who are currently eligible for [Ohio's Telepsychiatry Project](#), remote appointments will also be available. For more information, or to request a referral packet, contact Nicole Duff at [937-222-2400 x228](tel:937-222-2400) or Nicole.duff@wright.edu.



Warren County Provider Hosting 2nd Annual Golf Benefit — Sept. 14

Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Center of Lebanon, OH, will host its "2nd Annual Golf Scramble to Benefit Kids and Families" Sept. 14 at Bel-Wood Country Club in Morrow, OH. Proceeds benefit the needs of Warren County children. For complete details, download the [event flyer](#).

Dublin Springs Hospital to Showcase New Facilities During Aug. 28 Open House

Dublin Springs, a new behavioral health treatment hospital specializing in treating adults suffering from the devastating effects of mental illness or addiction, invites the public to tour its state-of-the-art facilities from 4-7 p.m. on Aug. 28. Dublin Springs is located at 7625 Hospital Drive, Dublin, OH 43016. For more information, call [614-717-1800](tel:614-717-1800) or visit www.dublinsprings.com.



ED Visits for Misuse or Abuse of Pharmaceuticals More Than Doubles from 2004 to 2010

The estimated number of drug-related emergency department (ED) visits involving the misuse or abuse of pharmaceuticals increased significantly from 2004 to 2010, according to data from the Drug Abuse Warning Network (DAWN). More than 626,000 ED visits in 2004 were related to the misuse or abuse of pharmaceuticals, compared to more than 1.3 million in 2010. In 2010, approximately one-half (49%) of these pharmaceutical misuse or abuse visits involved pain relievers (both opioid and non-opioid) and more than one-third (35%) involved drugs to treat insomnia and anxiety. In contrast, the number of ED visits involving illicit drug use was relatively stable from

2004 to 2009, and then increased by 20% from 2009 to 2010. For more information, download the latest [Center for Substance Abuse Research \(CESAR\) Fax](#).

National Treatment Admissions for Opiates Other than Heroin Surpass Cocaine, Methamphetamine

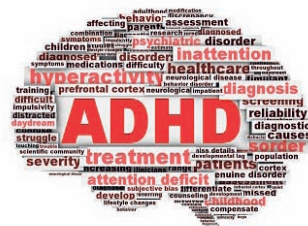
The percentage of admissions to state-funded substance abuse treatment facilities citing opiates other than heroin as a primary substance of abuse continue to increase, according to recently released data from the national Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). Admissions for the primary abuse of other opiates, such as oxycodone, hydrocodone, and codeine, have increased steadily since 1997, from 1.0 percent to 8.6 percent in 2010 (the most recent year data are available). Opiates other than heroin are now more likely than either cocaine (8.1%) or methamphetamine (5.7%) to be cited as a primary substance of abuse by treatment clients. For more information, visit <http://goo.gl/mCcJC>.

CDC: Almost 8 Percent of Pregnant Women Report Using Alcohol

Almost 8 percent of pregnant women report alcohol use, according to a [new study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#). The study analyzed data from almost 14,000 pregnant women and more than 330,000 non-pregnant women ages 18 to 44. About one in 13 pregnant women, or 7.6 percent, said they drank alcohol within the past month, compared with 51.5 percent of non-pregnant women. The researchers found 1.4 percent of pregnant women reported binge drinking. Alcohol use among pregnant women was highest among those ages 35 to 44. The study authors note there is no safe level of alcohol use during pregnancy, which is the leading preventable cause of birth defects and developmental disabilities. Drinking during pregnancy can result in fetal alcohol syndrome and other fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD), which can cause neurological problems and lifelong disabilities. Find out what Ohio is doing to address this issue at www.notasingledrop.org.

Rapid Rise Seen in Antipsychotic Prescriptions for Children and Teens with ADHD

Antipsychotic treatment has increased rapidly among young people in the United States, with much of the increase coming from prescriptions for disruptive behavior disorders such as attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), Reuters reported. In the [Archives of General Psychiatry](#), the researchers report that antipsychotic drugs are prescribed during almost one in three visits children and teenagers make to psychiatrists in the United States, an increase from one in 11 in the 1990s. Most of the antipsychotics are not prescribed for conditions approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In children and teenagers, antipsychotics are indicated for irritability associated with autistic disorder, tics and vocal utterances of Tourette syndrome and bipolar mania, and schizophrenia. Researcher Dr. Mark Olfson, of Columbia University in New York, found that about 90 percent of antipsychotic prescriptions written during office visits between 2005 and 2009 were "off label," or prescribed for a condition that has not been approved by the FDA.



Tobacco Sales to Minors Reach All-Time Low in 2011

Tobacco sales to minors reached an all-time low last year, under a government inspection program aimed at reducing underage tobacco use. Last year, 8.5 percent of retailers were willing to sell tobacco to minors, compared with 40 percent in 1997. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) announced the rate is based on the results of random, unannounced checks to see if retailers would sell tobacco products to minors. The retailer checks are part of the Synar Regulations program, a federal mandate that requires states to document that the rate of tobacco sales to minors is no more than 20 percent, or risk losing millions of dollars in federal funds for alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment services. For the sixth year in a row, no state was out of compliance. Last year, 34 states — including Ohio (9.9%) reported less than 10 percent of retailers sold tobacco to minors. For complete details, visit: <http://goo.gl/mQkDW>.

Web-Based "What is Recovery" Study Seeks Participants

A study funded by the National Institutes of Health is seeking people in recovery from an alcohol or drug problem to participate in a [web-based survey](#). The researchers hope the study will help dispel the stigma that those in recovery face. The goal of the "What is Recovery" study is to develop a definition of recovery that reflects the wide range of people who say they are in recovery, or recovered, or used to have a problem but do not now, or are in medication-assisted recovery. Researchers hope to answer questions such as whether recovery requires abstinence, whether someone can be "in recovery" if they are still drinking or using, and if recovery is more than achieving sobriety. People participating in the study, conducted by the Alcohol Research Group, do not have to provide any personal identifying information. Answers to the web survey are confidential. Participants must be at least 18, and consider themselves as being in recovery from an alcohol or other drug addiction.

ODMH Announces Recipients of \$1 Million Grant for Repairs at Adult Care Facilities

More than 100 Adult Care Facilities (ACF), which house people with various disabilities throughout the state, recently were awarded funds from a grant administered by the Ohio Department of Mental Health to make critical repairs to maintain and improve the habitability and safety of their facility. These facilities provide room, board and personal care for individuals who reside in the community, but need assistance with daily living. ODMH received 184 pre-applications from eligible ACFs, and 115 have met all the requirements and will be receiving funding for one or more of their identified priorities. Eligible ACF owners applied for amounts ranging from \$2,000 to \$10,000 for each eligible facility.

In February 2012, the Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) approved ODMH to administer the \$1 million Adult Care Facility Critical Repair Grant from Ohio Housing Trust Fund to pay for health and safety repairs at Adult Care Facilities (ACFs) throughout the state. For a list of funded ACFs, view the [ODMH press release](#).

Training Opportunities

OSMA Hosting CME Events on Prescribing Controlled Substances

In an effort to combat the growing epidemic of prescription drug abuse and diversion in Ohio while helping to protect physicians and their patients, the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) is hosting a series of events across Ohio titled "Prescribing Controlled Substances in Ohio during a Prescription Drug Abuse Crisis." These events are aimed at improving medical care for patients with chronic pain while giving physicians the tools to do so safely. There are two events scheduled, the first in Toledo (Thursday, Aug. 23 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Hospital) and the second in Cincinnati (Thursday, Aug. 30 from 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. at The Christ Hospital). More information on the Toledo event is available [here](#) or click [here](#) to register. Click [here](#) for more information on the Cincinnati event or [here](#) to register.

"Achieving Recovery and Well-being through Collaboration" — Sept. 5-6

The Main Place, in partnership with P.E.E.R. Center, Safe Harbor Peer Support Services will host "Achieving Recovery and Well-being through Collaboration" Sept. 5-6 at the Embassy Suites, 2700 Corporate Exchange Drive, Columbus, OH 43231. For more information, contact Glenn Hopkins at ghopkins@themainplace.org.

Deadly Cocktails: Alcohol, Prescription and Over the Counter Medications — Sept. 7

Columbus Area Inc., in partnership with the National Pharmacy Association, will host "Deadly Cocktails: Alcohol, Prescription and Over the Counter Medications" Sept. 7 at the Student Union on the campus of The Ohio State University. Featured speakers include ODADAS Director Orman Hall, Dr. Alvin Pelt, Medical Director, Maryhaven and CompDrug, Dr. Darrell Bryant, Managing Consultant, Columbus Area Pharmacy and a special presentation from Operation Street Smart. The training offers six (6) CEUs and RCHs. Cost, which includes parking and lunch, is \$55 professionals/\$25 students before Aug. 15; \$65/\$35 after Aug. 16. Register online at: www.columbus-area.com.

10th Annual State of Ohio MI/DD Conference — Sept. 18-19

Save the date! ODMH is partnering with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD) to host the 10th annual State of Ohio MI/DD Conference "Mental Health Aspects - Treatment and Support: 10 Years of Progress" Sept. 18-19 at the DoubleTree Hotel Columbus/Worthington. Visit www.thenadd.org/stateofohio/ for complete details.

Successful Transition and Integration of Veterans and Service Members Symposium — Sept. 22

The Adena Health System is partnering with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Ohio National Guard, Paint Valley ADAMH Board and the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine to host "Keys to Successful Integration and Treatment of Veterans and Service Members: A Community Symposium" from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22 at the PACCAR Medical Education Center in Chillicothe. Participants will gain increased awareness of the transitional needs of returning service personnel and fresh, new diagnostic perspectives and clinical skills. Cost is \$40. For complete details, visit: <http://goo.gl/ERcQ2>.

Training Opportunities, cont.

Register Today! 2012 Ohio Women's Symposium — Sept. 25-26

ODADAS and the Ohio Women's Network will partner to host the 2012 Ohio Women's Symposium: "Recovery Through the Lifespan" Sept. 25-26 at the Embassy Suites Columbus Airport Hotel. View the registration booklet at: <http://goo.gl/w5ABR>.

2012 CeTREAD UC Health Addiction Update — Sept. 28

The University of Cincinnati College of Medicine's Center for Treatment, Research and Education in Addictive Disorders (CeTREAD) will host its 3rd annual UC Health Addiction Update "Treatment of Women and Adolescents with Addiction" Sept. 28 in Cincinnati. For complete details and to register, visit: <http://goo.gl/8zb5w>.

EBP Conference 2012 — Oct. 22-23

The Case Western Reserve University Center for Evidenced-Based Practices will host its annual conference Oct. 22-23 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott. This year's conference will feature keynote addresses and numerous workshops exploring introductory, intermediate, and advanced topics about implementing and integrating EBPs, emerging best practices, and other health care and behavioral health care innovations that improve outcomes for people with mental illness or co-occurring mental illness and substance use disorders. For complete details, visit: <http://www.centerforebp.case.edu/events/conference-2012>

Save the Date! Annual Forensic Focus Conference — Nov. 1

ODMH's Office of Forensic Services will host its *Annual Forensic Focus Conference* Nov. 1 at the Ohio Department of Agriculture 8995 East Main St., in Reynoldsburg. Watch this space for registration information in coming months.

Mark Your Calendar: 2012 Ohio Prevention and Education Conference — Dec. 4-6

The Ohio Departments of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services and Education will team up to host the 2012 Ohio Prevention and Education Conference (OPEC) Dec. 4-6 in Columbus. Please direct questions to Kristie Rampe, ODADAS Training Officer, at Kristie.Rampe@ada.ohio.gov.

Funding Opportunities

Verizon Foundation Grants

WHAT: The Verizon Foundation awards grants to charitable and nonprofit agencies that focus on helping people across the country increase their literacy and educational achievement, avoid being an abuser or a victim of domestic violence, and achieve and sustain their health and safety. To be eligible for funding consideration, organizations must focus on one or more of the following priority areas: literacy, education, domestic violence prevention, health and accessibility and internet safety.

WHO: Eligible tax-exempt organizations may apply. See Grant Guidelines at the link below for more details.

AMOUNT: There is no set grant amount. However, the average grant size ranged between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

DEADLINE: Grant proposals are reviewed continuously on an annual basis from Jan. 1 through Oct. 14.

For more information, visit: <http://verizonfoundation.org/grants>

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