

Up to the Minute

OACBHA UPDATE

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CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK MAY 4-10

Children's Mental Health Week is celebrated May 4 through May 10. Children's Mental Health Week provides an opportunity to promote positive youth development, resilience, recovery, and the transformation of mental health services delivery for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families. In Ohio, The Ohio Federation for Children's Mental Health is celebrating with their Fourth Annual Ohio Resiliency Ring at the Statehouse in Columbus from 11:00 – 12:15 on Tuesday, May 6. The event will be marked by the wearing of green ribbons. In the 1800s the color green was used to brand people who were labeled "insane." The children's mental health community decided to continue using the color green, but with a completely different focus. Green signifies new life, new growth, and new beginnings. Therefore, participants will wear green ribbons to raise public awareness, better the lives of children with serious emotional disorders and show support of these children and their families. The National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health will be hosting a celebration in Washington, D.C. on May 8. To learn more about Children's Mental Health Week, visit : www.ohiofederation.org or <http://systemsofcare.stamhsa.gov/nationalawareness/materials.aspx>.

BUCKEYE COMMUNITY HEALTH DROPPING ABD MEDICAID IN NORTHWEST OHIO

Buckeye Community Health Plan has notified the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) that it is terminating its contract to provide Medicaid benefits to Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) consumers in the Northwest region effective July 1. This termination will affect 4,730 ABD consumers in the Northwest region, but it will not affect the Covered Families and Children or those in other regions of the state enrolled with Buckeye. ODJFS will soon begin sending out notifications of the change, allowing enrollees to select from the remaining Anthem or CareSource managed care plans. If enrollees do not choose another plan they will be automatically assigned the plan closest to their current plan.

SECOND CHANCE ACT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

The *Reducing Recidivism and Second Chance Act of 2007* easily passed through both houses of Congress and was signed by the President on April 9, 2008. This program will be used by states to create programs focused on housing, jobs, addiction treatment, mental health treatment, and services for families and children of incarcerated people. Although the Act has been signed into law, Congress has yet to vote to allocate funding for its programs. To read the language of the bill in its entirety, please visit: <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/D?c110:5:./temp/~c110p81RQO::>.

GRANT AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION

The [Ohio Office of Budget and Management](#), the [Supreme Court of Ohio](#), and the [Foundation Center](#) offer information about state and federal grants and funding opportunities. To search for state and federal grants or to get information on grant writing and funding opportunities please visit these websites.

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