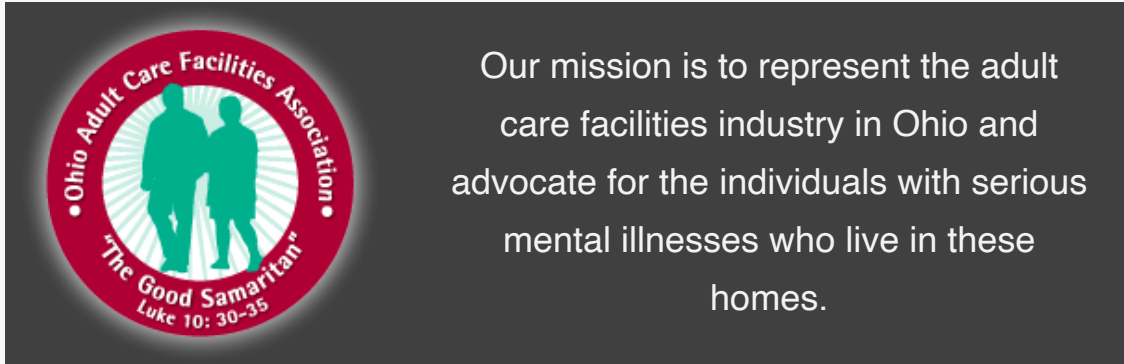


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COVID-19 Careline

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) joined with Governor Mike DeWine and RecoveryOhio to launch a new, toll-free Careline to provide emotional support for Ohioans who are experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, sadness, and loneliness amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohioans may call 1-800-720-9616 to connect with trained counselors for 24/7 support.

The Careline is staffed by credentialed counselors who have been trained to provide free, confidential support for a wide range of needs, including mental health concerns, substance use, problem gambling, and more. Individuals experiencing an acute crisis can still reach out to the Ohio Crisis Text Line (keyword 4HOPE to 741 741) or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-8255).

To read more about the Careline, click [HERE](#).

OhioMHAS Licensure and Certification Waiver Process

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is considering waivers for many licensure and certification requirements found in the Ohio Administrative Code. In order to expedite the process, the Department has set up the following process for all certified providers, residential facilities, and private psychiatric facilities to follow. This process is for COVID-19 related waivers only. Any waiver related to normal operations should be addressed directly with the surveyor the licensee or certified

provider typically works with. Issues related to actual license or certification expiration dates or timelines were addressed in recently enacted HB 197 and should not be submitted via waiver request. Please address any questions regarding license or certification dates to LicCert@mha.ohio.gov.

To read more about the Waiver process, click [HERE](#)

To get the Waiver request form, click [HERE](#)

Governor DeWine's COVID-19 Minority Health Strick Force

Because COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting minority groups in Ohio and across the country, Governor DeWine announced today that he has formed a new Minority Health Strike Force.

According to data from the Ohio Department of Health, 21 percent of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Ohio are African American, although they only make up approximately 14 percent of Ohio's population.

"We must recognize that there are many Ohioans who have an increased risk of being disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, and we must do everything we can to protect all Ohioans from this pandemic," said Governor DeWine.

To read more about Governor DeWine's COVID-19 Minority Health Strick Force, please click [HERE](#).

Ohio Supportive Housing Providers COVID-19 Discussion Group

Join the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) for a biweekly discussion group where they will provide updates on national and state COVID-19 issues relevant to Ohio supportive housing partners and offer peer-to-peer sharing of resources and responses to the pandemic.

The next meeting is **Friday, April 24th from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM**. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Upcoming meetings:

May 8th, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

May 22nd, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

June 5th, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

OhioMHAS's COVID-19 Telecom Resources

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) is committed to supporting a full continuum of mental health and addiction treatment services for all Ohioans during the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to maintain critical access to prevention, treatment, and recovery services, OhioMHAS has expanded telehealth rules to reduce barriers experienced due to recommended physical distancing. However, not all Ohioans have equal access to a phone, internet, or cell service. OhioMHAS has compiled this reference sheet to assist the behavioral health community in removing barriers to individuals accessing successful telehealth services.

[PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW THOSE RESOURCES](#)

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