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ODH VIPS Announces Recipients of New Grant Program

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Violence and Injury Prevention Section (VIPS) is pleased to announce the recipients for a new grant program titled Integrated Naloxone Access and Infrastructure. These projects kicked off July 1, 2019 and are focused on integrating naloxone into existing service delivery methods to reach Ohio's highest risk population for drug overdose. Additionally, these projects were made available to support infrastructure for existing community naloxone distribution efforts. Some of the proposed strategies include naloxone distribution integrated into: emergency departments, homeless shelters, mobile outreach, recovery services including recovery housing, drug courts, syringe access programs, and jails.

Please welcome the following agencies:

AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland	Marion Public Health
Allen County Public Health	McKinley Hall
Ashtabula County Health Dept	Miami County Public Health
Belmont County Health Department	Ohio State University
Butler County General Health District	Ottawa County Health Dept
Canton City Public Health	Portage County Combined
Champaign Health District	General Health District
Columbus Public Health	ProMedica Toledo Hospital
Equitas Health	Ross County Health District
Erie County Health Dept	Seneca County Health Dept
Franklin County Public Health	Southern Ohio Medical Center
Gallia County Health Dept	Summit County Combined Health District
Geauga Public Health	Toledo-Lucas Regional Health District
Greene County Combined Health District	Tuscarawas Co. Health Dept
Hamilton County Public Health	Union County Health Dept
Hancock Public Health	Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Dept
Harm Reduction Ohio	
Jackson County Health Dept	
Lake County General Health District	
Licking County Health Dept	
Logan County Health District	
Lorain County Public Health	
Mahoning County District Board of Health	

This program is funded through Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services with State Opiate Response funds from SAMHSA. These agencies will be receiving resources for infrastructure and naloxone kits to support their efforts.

CDC's New Clinical Tools Help Prevent Older Adult Falls

Coordinated Care Plan to Prevent Older Adults Falls

STEADI
Stopping Elderly Accidents
Deaths & Injuries



CDC released two new complimentary clinical tools to help healthcare providers reduce older adult falls. The [Coordinated Care Plan to Prevent Older Adult Falls](#) offers primary care providers, practices, and healthcare systems a framework for implementing a Stopping Elderly Accidents, Deaths, and Injuries, or STEADI-based clinical fall prevention program in primary care settings to manage older patients' fall risk. Complementing the Coordinated Care Plan, the [STEADI: Evaluation Guide for Older Adult Clinical Fall Prevention Programs](#) describes key steps to measuring and reporting on the success of implementing a STEADI-based clinical fall prevention program. CDC recommends using both the Coordinated Care Plan and the Evaluation Guide simultaneously to ensure the team is able to collect the data needed to report on the clinical fall prevention program's overall success.

Older adult falls are the leading cause of all fatal and nonfatal injuries among adults age 65 and over in the United States, accounting for over 3 million emergency department visits, 962,000 hospitalizations, and approximately 30,000 deaths in 2016. Additionally, the economic impact of falls and fall deaths is nearly \$50 billion in direct medical costs each year.

Although falls are costly, they are preventable. CDC's [STEADI initiative](#) offers a coordinated approach to implementing the American and British Geriatrics Societies' clinical practice guideline for fall prevention. STEADI consists of three core elements: Screen, Assess, and Intervene to reduce fall risk by offering tailored interventions to reduce fall risk.

For successful implementation of fall prevention activities in primary care settings, the Coordinated Care Plan outlines 12 steps incorporating practical

suggestions. These recommendations include how to assess the clinic's readiness to address older adult falls, identify a fall prevention champion, train staff, and work within the existing clinic workflow to incorporate the fall prevention program, thereby reducing falls among community-dwelling older adults.

More than 90% of older adults see a medical provider at least once a year, giving clinicians the opportunity to inform and empower older adults to address one or more specific fall risk factors. Reducing falls improves health, fosters independence, and reduces healthcare spending. Help keep your older adult patients safe, independent, and STEADI. ODH VIPS recently received a three year sustainability grant from the Administration for Community living, and will continue to support STEADI implementation efforts.

To learn more visit www.cdc.gov/steady

Ohio Violent Death Reporting System



Congratulations to the OH-VDRS team Kelli Redd, Researcher 3, and Luke Werhan, Research Administrator 1, pictured above (center) with the CDC staff accepting the “Top State in Data Collection: Large State Category Award” for the most recent data year. This award is given to the state that has the best timeliness and data quality measures in this national surveillance system. Outstanding work! Congratulations to all the members of the OH-VDR Team!

Message from the ODH Medical Director, Mark Hurst, MD

I am very excited and honored to be able to work with the Violence and Injury Prevention Section as we collaborate to protect and improve the health of all Ohioans. Before coming back to ODH (I was Interim Medical Director here in 2017), I was Medical Director at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, where I led all clinical services in the department, including treatment rendered in all the state psychiatric hospitals and drug and alcohol recovery services provided within the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. I have had many opportunities to collaborate with VIPS in recent years as we have confronted the opioid epidemic, infant mortality and suicide in Ohio. The work that VIPS does is outstanding, and being able to collaborate with you every day is an opportunity I relish. I look forward to working with you as we protect and improve the health of all Ohioans. Take care and be well.



Sincerely,
Mark Hurst, MD
ODH Medical Director

Ohio Department of Health Leadership Updates

New Leadership Staff at Ohio Department of Health

- Medical Director
Dr. Mark Hurst
- Deputy Director Public Affairs and Communications
Jose Rodriguez
- Assistant Director
Will McHugh
- Deputy Director
Joanne Pearsol

OIPP Upcoming Events

- September 22, 2019:
National Falls Prevention Awareness Day
- November 1, 2019: Annual OIPP Meeting including the OIPP 2019 Champion Award
OIPP 2019 Promising Practice Award
- Sign-up for Trauma Informed Care Training:
<https://www.aquifer.org/courses/trauma-informed-care/>

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Violence Injury Prevention Section (VIPS) is pleased to welcome the Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Prevention Program (SADVPP) to the section!

SADVPP does work related to sexual assault crisis services, sexual violence prevention, domestic violence, and women's health.

Sexual assault crisis services provides grants to local programs which offer support for survivors from underserved culturally specific communities – African/African American, Asian/Asian American, and Latinx/Spanish speaking. The program also supports related training and technical assistance, and works with an advisory board to maintain and update the protocol that is used to collect evidence from survivors of sexual violence.

The SADVP Program partners with the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence (OAESV) and community organizations to promote the primary prevention of sexual violence in Ohio. Statewide efforts focus on providing training and technical assistance to local programs, who are providing support in their communities on policy development in support of prevention, prevention messaging, coalition building, and programming for youth, adults who work with youth, and other professionals and community members on violence prevention, bystander intervention, and healthy relationships. Efforts are directed toward promoting protective factors and minimizing risk factors, and include a strong component on evaluation.

Also under the umbrella of SADVP is a women's health program, which promotes women's health education, awareness and activities with a focus on decreasing chronic disease in women and promoting women's



health across the lifespan but with a focus on reaching the high percentage of women who do not intend to get pregnant but will, to increase their health and improve their birth outcomes.

Other activities of the women's health program include promoting a trauma informed approach to healthcare, working with providers to support appropriate screening and referral for patients who have experienced various forms of trauma, human trafficking prevention efforts, and education and support to State of Ohio employees related to domestic violence.

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/sexual-assault-and-domestic-violence-prevention-program/welcome-sexual-assault-domestic-violence-prevention>

**Welcome Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence
Prevention Program Staff**

Debra Seltzer – Program Administrator

Cathy Mockus – Public Health Consultant

Beth Malchus – Public Health Consultant

Corina Klies – Public Health Consultant

Child Injury Action Group (CIAG)

Are you interested in applying for one of our pilot projects? Here are some tips.

- Your focus must be on Policy, System and/or Environmental Change
- You can be awarded up to \$6,000 (we do not fund food or equipment)
- Priority is given to projects that align with our strategic plan goals and objectives

The 2020 RFP will be out in the fall. Watch for more details or contact kellya@starkhealth.org with questions.

Interested in learning more about one of our committees? Join us for our next conference call. If you are not getting e-mails regarding these calls, please contact Amanda Kelly (kellya@starkhealth.org) to be added to the distribution list or for call in information.

- Child Passenger Safety – Tuesday, September 3 at 10am
- Sports & Recreation – Monday, September 9 at 1pm
- Safe Active Transportation – Monday, September 9 at 1:45pm
- Teen Driving – Thursday, September 12 at 2pm
- Child Passenger Safety Week – Sunday, September 15- Saturday September 21
- Safe Sleep – Tuesday, September 17 at 10am
- Child Maltreatment – Wednesday, September 18 at 10am
- Child Passenger Safety – Tuesday, October 1 at 10am
- Teen Driving – Thursday, October 10 at 2pm

ODH Staff Liaison (Occupant Protection, Traumatic Brain Injury, Child Maltreatment)

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ODH Violence and Injury Data Updates

Syndromic Surveillance

Drug Overdose Dashboard

Coming soon! This dashboard utilizes data from Ohio's syndromic surveillance system (EpiCenter), which collects real-time data from approximately 95 percent of emergency departments (ED) in Ohio. The interactive dashboard displays visualizations for suspected drug overdoses among Ohioans 11 years and older.

Recently Published Fact Sheets

- 2017 Ohio Drug Overdose Data: Demographic Summary
- Traumatic Brain Injury Mortality, Ohio, 2017
- Suicide Demographics and Trends, Ohio, 2017 (coming soon)

Data Action Group (DAG) Webinar

Save the Date: Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 2 p.m.

The first presentation will be on the Ohio Human Services Data Warehouse (OHSDW), which provides regional and statewide data on homelessness.

The second presentation will be a demonstration of the new Syndromic Surveillance Drug Overdose Dashboard (see above for more details).

Data Links

ODH VIPS Injury Data and Publications:

www.odh.ohio.gov/injurydata

Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse:

<http://publicapps.odh.ohio.gov/EDW/DataCatalog>

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Ohio Older Adults Falls Prevention Coalition (OOAFPC)

National Falls Prevention Awareness Day

Start your planning now! National Falls Prevention Awareness Day is September 23, 2019. This is a great way to join communities across the country in raising awareness. Check out the National Council on Aging's website for great resources to help plan your celebration.

<https://www.ncoa.org/healthy-aging/falls-prevention/falls-prevention-awareness-day/>

Pilot Projects

The 2019 Pilot Projects are kicking off in July.

The following projects are being funded.

Geauga Public Health –

Fall risk assessments and home modifications

Healer Within Foundation – Tai Chi

Lorain County Public Health –

Home assessment and modifications

Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital – Stepping On

Highlights of pilot projects from past years and their impact across Ohio will soon be highlighted on the Ohio Department of Health website. Since the program started in 2013, 38 projects have been awarded over \$125,000 in grant funds resulting in over \$315,000 in donations and in-kind support.

ODH Staff Liaison

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Coalition Committees

The four OOAFPC committees are hard at work reviewing the Coalition state plan. The state plan kicked off implementation back in 2017. The Coalition is spending 2019 reviewing and updating objectives and activities. Great progress has been made over the past 2 years thanks to the dedicated committee leadership!

Tai Chi instructors are being surveyed across Ohio about their class offerings for seniors. To date, 82 Tai Chi instructors have participated from 30 Ohio counties. Make sure your county is represented in the survey data! If you are a Tai Chi instructor, please participate or share with your colleagues. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/38XLHWC>

The Coalition is drafting a recruitment plan using the results from the survey administered in March to address gaps and grow the membership. To date, the Coalition has 188 members.

The Ohio Department of Aging and Coalition members will be promoting fall prevention awareness during Senior Day at the Ohio State Fair. Seniors will be able to participate in a variety of assessments and learn how to take control of their balance!

Like us on [Facebook](#) to help prevent future falls in older adults

OIPP Membership

Please complete the online membership form to ensure that you will receive updates about OIPP. Please call 614-995-4520 or email Patricia Sheard at patricia.sheard@odh.ohio.gov with any questions regarding membership in OIPP.

Membership signup

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6XZ98MF>



Space is limited!

COMMUNITY NALOXONE DISTRIBUTION CONFERENCE: PROJECT DAWN & BEYOND

This conference is hosted by the Prescription Drug Abuse Action Group (PDAAG), a subgroup of the Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership (OIPP), and the Ohio Department of Health. A registration fee of \$40 covers a continental breakfast, beverages, and lunch.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2019
QUEST CONF. CENTER
8405 PULSAR PL,
COLUMBUS, OH 43240**

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST
135 PEOPLE WHO REGISTER AT:
[https://projectdawnandbeyond.
eventbrite.com](https://projectdawnandbeyond.eventbrite.com)**

**For more information about nursing and social work contact hours, please contact
Kathleen Koechlin at 614-728-0878 or kathleen.koechlin@odh.ohio.gov.
For general questions, contact Tonya Wagler at 330-451-1678 or wagler@starkhealth.org.**

The Ohio Department of Health, 246 N. High Street, Columbus, Ohio is an approved provider of continuing education for Social Workers by the Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board (RSX 048808). The ODH provider status expires November 2019.

Ohio Department of Health is approved as a provider of continuing nursing education by the Ohio Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. (OBN-001-91)



**Department
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SAVE THE DATE

Stepping On Fall Prevention Training

Become a Program Facilitator with this three-day session



Why should you should attend:

- Stepping On is an evidence-based, fall prevention program that has been shown to reduce falls by 31%
- You will become a certified Program Facilitator able to teach this program in your community or facility
- Facilitators will receive a curriculum for the seven-week (2 hours per week) Stepping on Fall Prevention Program
- This is the only Midwest training offered outside of Madison, Wisconsin
- Significant cost savings for local training
- Learn about simple and fun balance and strength training
- Learn about how medications can contribute to falls
- Learn how to eliminate fall hazards in your home or business
- Learn ways to keep from falling when out in the community
- Understand the role that vision plays in balance
- Understand the importance of vitamin D and calcium in protection against fall injuries
- Learn what to look for when shopping for safe footwear

Questions? E-mail Stephanie_Lambers@TriHealth.com

Note: Registration link will be sent to prospective trainees who meet class hosting criteria

Stepping On
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Who should attend

Health care professionals who are interested in teaching the program in their community or facility.

Professionals are required to be trained in pairs from the same organization.

Where

TriHealth Rehabilitation
Hospital
2155 Dana Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45207

When

Wednesday – Friday
Aug. 7, 8 and 9, 2019
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cost

FREE due to generous funding from HHS grant in connection to ODH.

Registration

FREE - first come first served basis. Must agree to host 7 week class within 6 months of training completion. **Priority to those who have a plan in place to host 2 classes within 6 months following facilitator training**

Contact Stephanie Lambers at
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