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FW: News from Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren & Clinton Counties



"Our mission is sharing hope and caring to achieve recovery from mental illness, alcoholism, and drug addiction."

**Information for the Community
April 2012**

About MHRS

Mental Health Recovery Services of Warren & Clinton Counties (MHRS) is the local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) board that plans, funds, monitors and evaluates services and programs for residents with serious mental and emotional disorders and/or substance addictions.

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Provider Agencies

[Solutions Community Counseling and Recovery Centers](#)

[New Housing Ohio, Inc.](#)

[National Alliance on Mental Illness - Warren County](#)

Involuntary Commitment for Substance Abuse Comes to Ohio

Less than 10% of those with an addiction recognize they have the problem and seek treatment voluntarily. Others are nudged into treatment by outside factors, such as legal trouble, job loss or divorce. The good news is that treatment is effective and specifically designed to help people recognize the problem within. The answer to why people don't seek help is a complex one and often includes a combination of reasons, and 95% believe they do not need treatment.

Given that so few people who need addiction treatment actually seek it and the consequences are so devastating, should society interfere and require addiction treatment for an individual in the absence of any criminal conduct? If so, under what circumstances? Our country has a history of placing a high value on the freedom and privacy of individuals. Thus, this is a very tricky question with no easy answer.

As of March 22, Ohio joined 38 other states and enacted its first statutory procedure for the involuntary hospitalization and treatment for certain individuals addicted to alcohol or other drugs in the absence of behaviors that constitute a crime.

The provision was part of SB 117 and is limited in application, in that it is restricted to spouses/relatives/guardians that petition the probate court and have the means to pay the filing fees, the cost of examination, hearing costs, transportation costs, all costs of any treatment, and any other costs the court determines appropriate.

[Mental Health America of Southwest Ohio, Inc.](#)

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[Talbert House: Warren Outpatient Services](#)

Crisis Line
1-877-695-NEED
(6333)

Quick Links

Each month MHRS will pass along links to additional resources on specific topics

HHS and U.S. Department of Education Launch New Stop Bullying Website

This enhanced site has new resources for children, parents, educators, and communities to take action to prevent and respond to bullying.

Please click [here](#) to view

National and State Entities

[NAMI Ohio](#)

[National Alliance for the Mentally Ill \(NAMI\)](#)

[Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities](#)

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For additional information and detail about the criteria of this new law please click [here](#).

Clinton County Medication Disposal Day Scheduled for April 28

Each Day, approximately, 2,500 teens use prescription drugs to get high for the first time according to the Partnership for a Drug Free America. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including the home medicine cabinet.



MHRS and other community partners in Clinton County are sponsoring a venue for persons who want to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

The event will take place on Saturday, April 28, 2012, from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the following locations:

Wilmington - Foster J. Boyd, MD Regional Cancer Center
Sabina - CMH Sabina Health Center, 12459 US 22/3
Blanchester - CMH Blanchester Health Center, 849 E. Cherry St.

What to Drop off:

- Any expired and unused prescription & over-the-counter medications
- Samples
- Patches

No needles, syringes or liquids; please remove labels or black out personal information. Law Enforcement Officers will dispose of these medications in a safe, legal, and environmentally conscious manner.

For MHRS Board Member Gary Post, Addiction a Personal Matter

For Gary Post treatment and recovery for addiction is profoundly personal. His struggle with drug addiction finally led him to treatment 22 years ago. As a recent appointee to the MHRS board he can directly draw from his life experiences and that he says makes him a better board member. "I understand the challenges people face when dealing with drug addiction. I am a strong advocate for prevention programs in the schools and for other programs that reach our youth before they go too far down that path."



Gary is a successful businessman and the founder of Trinity Aviation, a supplier of parts and services to the aviation industry. Gary gives the credit for his perseverance and ability to maintain his sobriety to his faith in God. Yet it wasn't until he fully understood and sought treatment for his addictions has he been able to maintain stability in his life.

Serving as an MHRS board member also allows Gary to assist in programs that directly affect those individuals in recovery. His company is participating in the "Recovery to Work" effort - a public / private program helping individuals with mental health issues and/or drug and alcohol addiction in need of vocational rehabilitation services to move them towards recovery and work readiness. The program is in its early stages.

"I thank God every day for my recovery and anything I can do to help others with the struggle I know all too well is a large part of why I volunteer on the MHRS board," said Gary

Tamper Resistant Technology Announced

A drug company says it has developed a formulation of the cold medicine pseudoephedrine that cannot be made into methamphetamine. Highland Pharmaceuticals, based in St. Louis, has developed a form of pseudoephedrine that is resistant to tampering and extraction. The company says the drug, called Tarex, is designed to deter misuse of the medication. The company says it will be able to begin marketing the new formulation within six months.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. On April 11 MHR staff participated in "Wear Blue to Work" to show support

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