

Community Overdose Action Team Working Together To Combat Opioid Overdoses

The National Association of Counties awarded the Montgomery County Community Overdose Action Team (COAT) an Achievement Award in the human services category for efforts made to reduce opioid deaths. The award honors innovative, effective county government programs that strengthen services for residents. Human Services Planning and Development, which oversees the county's unique Human Services Levy collaborative, submitted COAT for the award. ADAMHS is as key player in COAT, a community partnership with more than 200 people from over 100 organizations. COAT cochairs are ADAMHS Executive Director Helen Jones-Kelley and Public Health Commissioner Jeff Cooper. "COAT is a unique solution to the opioid epidemic and now the focus is on workforce development to have a drug-free ready workforce," said Jones-Kelley. The award is to be presented in Nashville in July.

In an effort to address the safety and economic threat of drug abuse in the workplace, ADAMHS launched *Wellness* @ *Work* to empower businesses to create a plan that will prevent and respond

to substance abuse issues. So far, leaders have participated in the free workplace management assistance course that includes attract and retain quality employees implementation of second-chance Another training session will be



15 local business intensive drugtechnical systems to and policies. held in the fall.

Kudos to Training Director Jennifer Cox named a Top 100 instructor in the country by Mental

Health First Aid – USA and "Mental Health First Aid is there's still a barrier that needs possible," said Cox. More than subjects from ADAMHS in

Mental Health First Aid is a introduces participants to risk



The National Council of Behavioral Health. often considered 'CPR for the mind,' but to be broken down to make it as accessible as 3,650 people received training on various 2017.

public eight-hour education program that factors and warning signs of mental illnesses

in youth and adults, builds understanding of their impact, and overviews common supports. You can sign up for the next Mental Health First Aid Training by registering online: www.mcadamhs.org



Welcome to new Board of Trustees member Jeffery Startzman, the Municipal Prosecutor for the Village of Brookville. Startzman has a Juris Doctorate Degree from The Ohio State University. He received the oath of office from ADAMHS Notary Connie Harris at last Wednesday's board meeting.



Have you downloaded our new smartphone app to find addiction and mental health treatment information, plus more? The easy-to-use app also gives users directions from their current location, direct call ability and the insurance payments providers accept. Plus, users can find supportive services such as naloxone training,

hotline phone numbers and housing services available.

If your organization would like printed material about the app to place in information holders in your organizations lobby or to give out to visitors, please send an email requesting the specific number of cards needed to astevens@mcadamhs.org



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