



PRESS RELEASE

Monday, March 19, 2007

OHIO DEVELOPS COMMUNITY-BASED WEB SITES FOR PERSONS WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ISSUES

(Columbus) Ohioans now have access to a breakthrough Web solution for individuals, families and agencies concerned with behavioral health issues. The Network of Care for Behavioral Health is an online resource that provides critical information, communication and advocacy tools with a single point of entry. The community-based Web sites will be launched on Monday, March 19 during a National Alliance on Mental Illness of Ohio conference at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Square. Over 100 consumers and family members will be in attendance.

The county-specific sites will enable consumers and families to find behavioral health information, identify available services, supports and community resources; and keep personal records in a secure environment. A library on more than 4,000 health topics, direct links to legislators and bill tracking resources, access to low-cost insurance programs, and support and advocacy information are all just a few clicks away on the Network of Care sites.

"The Network of Care provides connections to resources that empower consumers of behavioral health services, their families and service providers," said Donald Anderson, Acting Director, Ohio Department of Mental Health. "This new tool can link Ohioans to vital community-based information."

The Network of Care sites will provide a comprehensive Service Directory of service providers in most Ohio counties, putting people in touch with the right services at the right time.

The Network of Care concept was recognized as a model program in the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health final report in July 2003. Funding for the new Network of Care sites is being provided to local behavioral health boards through Ohio's Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant.

Trilogy Integrated Resources LLC, a California-based company dedicated to improving information and communication in the health and social service fields at the community level, has developed similar sites for seniors, parents and people with disabilities.

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, working in partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health, NAMI Ohio, Ohio Advocates for Mental Health, and the local Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Boards, is coordinating a week-long statewide rollout of the Web site launches and trainings.

Ohio's Network of Care sites can be accessed at www.ohio.networkofcare.org.

-30-

For more information, contact: Laura Wentz, Ohio Department of Mental Health (614-466-5145 or wentzl@mh.state.oh.us) or Mary Inbody, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities (614-224-1111 or minbody@oacbha.org).

Ohio Association of County
Behavioral Health Authorities
33 North High Street
Columbus, OH 43215
T: (614) 224-1111
F: (614) 224-2642
www.oacbha.org

Trilogy Integrated Resources LLC
1101 Fifth Avenue
Suite 250
San Rafael, CA 94901
T: (415) 458-5900
F: (415) 256-9036
www.networkofcare.org

Ohio Department of
Mental Health
30 E. Broad Street, 8th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215
T: (614) 466-2596
F: (614) 752-9453
www.mh.state.oh.us

Ohio Network of Care Statewide/Regional Launches

Date/Region	Schedule	Site	Contact
Monday, March 19 th Statewide/Central Ohio	12:45 – 1:30 pm Press conference	Hyatt on Capitol Square 65 E. State Street, Ballroom Columbus, OH 614-228-1234	Mary Inbody Corrine McManus OACBHA/Franklin Board 614-224-111/614-222-3769
Tuesday, March 20 th SW Ohio	11:30 am Press conference 1:30 pm Training	ADAMHS Board for Montgomery County 409 E. Monument Ave, Suite 102 Board Room Dayton, OH 45401 937-443-0416	Bob Mullen Lynn Voisard Montgomery Board 937-443-0416
Wednesday, March 21 st NE Ohio	10:00am Press conference 10:45 am Demo/training 12:30 pm Lunch at Breakers food service 1:00-2:30 pm Computer experience “test drives”	Lakeland Community College Performing Arts Center I-90 at Rt 306 in Willoughby, OH	Greg Markell Lake Board 440-350-2193
Thursday, March 22 nd NW Ohio	9:30 – 11:30am Press conference 12:30 – 3:30 pm Training	Tiffin Development Center 600 N. River Road Administration Bldg, Conf. Room A Tiffin, OH	Cheryl Huss Seneca/Sandusky/Wyandot Board 419-448-0640
Friday, March 23 rd SE Ohio	9:00 am Registration 9:30 am Greetings 9:45 – 11:15 am Training 11:15 am Complimentary light lunch 12:00 - 4:00 pm Individualized training in labs	Zane State/Ohio University (branch) The Campus Center Zanesville, OH	Ralph Beegan/ Dale Bookless Muskingum Area Board 740-454-8557