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# **Agency Events and News**

#### 2nd Annual Black Men's Mental Health Conference

On this tour, we will share stories, provide access to resources, and equip communities with the necessary tools to create systems of support to ensure that black men have the best access to mental healthcare. We will feature events aimed to better understand the social determinants of mental health and the specific psychological issues facing black men through panel discussions, mental health experts, resources and more. Click Here for More





#### Ohio Children's Alliance Spring Conference

Our Spring Conference is Ohio's most sought-after event for organizations serving in behavioral health, foster care and adoption, and child welfare. Join us in advancing the field of child and family services and improving outcomes for hundreds of thousands of children and families across our state!

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Love Yourself, Embrace Your Power: Women Empowerment Brunch
This event is all about celebrating the strength and resilience of
women, and empowering each other to embrace our true power.
Come enjoy delicious food, engaging speakers, and meaningful
conversations with like-minded women. Let's come together to love
ourselves and embrace our power as strong, confident, and
empowered women.

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#### Awakening through Trauma

This workshop focuses on the exact steps needed to actually integrate your deepest pain. This is NOT the next shiny nor the cure-all. But it will support you to find freedom through your suffering. You know investing in yourself is essential, but you also can't keep expecting that next training, medicine journey or "thing" to be the answer.

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## **Customers Hot Topic**

#### Come See Us at NATCON!

Experience the largest conference in mental health and substance use treatment – join us and more than 5,000 health care professionals in St.

Louis from April 15-17!

- Hear from hundreds of thought leaders in health care and beyond.
- Participate in dozens of diverse, immersive and peer-led workshops.
- Earn continuing education (CE) and continuing medical education (CME) credits.
- Discover new technologies and tools to increase your impact.

We're excited to announce our presence at NatCon24. We'd love for you to drop by our booth to learn about <u>ThinkHealth</u> and grab some goodies. We can't wait to connect with you at NatCon24 and show you what's <u>ThinkHealth</u>. Make sure to mark your calendar and stop by <u>Booth #2904</u> to say hello!

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# Transition to Managed Care Organizations (MCO) 3 MCOs have been chosen

- Aetna Better Health of Oklahoma
- Humana Healthy Horizons of Oklahoma
- Oklahoma Complete Health

#### All 3 MCE's will:

Humana and Oklahoma Complete Health will be considered as part of Availity's basic payer which is free to transmit. Aetna will be utilizing Office Ally. All the MCEs are still planning to meet the **April 1st** go live date.

ThinkHealth currently bills with Availity and Office Ally as two of our clearinghouses. Become a member, and we can connect you with the Managed Care Entities (MCEs).

Click Here for More Information on MCO
Click Here for Free Demo

### **NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS**

NorthCare
Announces
Groundbreaking
of New Mental
Health Center in
Edmond

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NorthCare, a certified ODMHSAS service provider, is announcing the grand opening of a new Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic in Edmond, OK. This facility was made possible through grants from the City of Edmond, Oklahoma County Commissioners, private donations and ODMHSAS. Program services are being supported through a four-year federal grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration providing \$1 million annually to expand CCBHC services in Edmond. As one of the first CCBHC agencies in Oklahoma, NorthCare is dedicated to addressing the whole person, encompassing mental health, physical health and substance use. Their range of services includes 24-hour crisis care, evidence-based practices and care coordination, emphasizing both substance use and mental health care.

# OHIO researchers join statewide effort to combat mental health, substance use epidemic

A team of researchers from Ohio University is joining a statewide initiative to identify the leading causes of mental health challenges, suicide, and substance use disorder in Ohio communities. The research effort is associated with the Institute to Advance Health Equity, a multidisciplinary group on campus that promotes social science and health services research to address health disparities in Southeast Ohio. Over the past decade, Ohio has experienced a surge in mental health issues, substance abuse disorders, and related health challenges, like other states across the nation. According to **SOAR**, the state witnessed a 300 percent increase in overdose deaths since 2010, with more than 5,000 intentional overdose deaths in 2022 alone. Additionally, the Ohio Department of Health estimates five Ohioans die by suicide each day. In response to this alarming trend, Ohio. Gov Mike DeWine announced SOAR in January highlighting the need for a comprehensive shift in the state's approach toward mental health and substance use disorders. This new research initiative was launched with an initial funding of \$20 million from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

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## Mark Your Calendar

**April 1** 

**April Fools Day** 

April 2

**Autism Awareness Day** 

April 7

**World Health Day** 

April 15

**World Art Day** 

**April 16** 

**Emancipation Day** 

**April 22** 

**Earth Day** 

April 26

**Arbor Day** 

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