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Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services

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MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE AMISH IN GEAUGA COUNTY



Jim Adams, CEO of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services and Sara C. Miller-Fellows, MA, MPH, Jill E. Korbin, PhD, and Lawrence P. Gresksa, PhD of Case Western Reserve University authored a research paper that looked at what the Board does in the Amish community to increase outreach and improve behavioral health care in that population. The paper has now been published in The Journal of Behavioral Health Services & Research and is titled "Creating Culturally Competent and Responsive Mental Health Services: A Case Study Among the Amish Population of Geauga County, Ohio". You can read the complete study at <https://rdcu.be/NuR3>.

To find out more information about what services are available to the Amish community, contact Ravenwood Health's Middlefield office located at 16030 East High Street, Middlefield, Ohio 44062. Their number is (440)632-5355.

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES ESTABLISHES HUB TO COMBAT OPIOID ADDICTION



As mandated by the legislature in the Ohio Revised Code section 340.30 County Hubs are tasked with bringing community partners and stakeholders together to discuss and develop innovative solutions for the opioid crisis ravaging the state. Local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Boards are charged with convening the County Hubs in each of Ohio's 88 counties.

The Geauga County Hub to Combat Opioid Addiction will:

- strengthen county and community efforts to prevent and treat opioid addiction
- educate youth and adults about the dangers of opioid addiction and the negative effects it has on society
- promote family building and workforce development as ways of combatting opioid addiction in our communities.

"This is a great opportunity to bring community members together to work collaboratively to help end this horrible epidemic" said Jim Adams, Board CEO. A report on the progress of Hubs from around the state will be made to the legislature at the end of 2019.

OHIO'S MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM



In September of 2016, the Ohio General Assembly passed House Bill 523 and became the 27th state to legalize marijuana for medical purposes. This law requires that Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program be fully operational by September 8, 2018. The program will allow individuals over the age of 18 to have marijuana recommended by a certified physician for a specified list of health issues. A minor will also be permitted to receive medical marijuana if they have the consent of a parent or legal guardian and have received a recommendation from a certified physician.

A recommendation is different than a prescription for traditional medication. There will not be any dosage limits, only limits on the amount that a person can possess. The dosage is based upon patient choice and not a prescribed amount by the physician. There is also a difference in how a person can get marijuana. The federal government prohibits doctors from prescribing marijuana. Instead of going to a pharmacy for medication, all medical marijuana will be sold at up to 60 dispensaries around the state.

All medical marijuana patients and their caregivers will be required to register with the State Board of Pharmacy and will receive a medical marijuana patient card, as outlined in Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3796:7-2. The patient registry will be available no later than September 2018. A patient or caregiver registration will be valid from the date of issuance and expire one year later on the last day of the month it was issued. If the patient is diagnosed as being terminally ill, the registration will expire after six months.

Have a question? You can learn more about Ohio's Medical Marijuana Control Program and/or sign up to receive updates at <https://www.medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov>.