



HPIO leading regional meetings for state health assessment planning

As the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) begins preparation for its next state health assessment (SHA) and state health improvement plan (SHIP), it has contracted with the Health Policy Institute of Ohio to host five regional forums.

The forums give stakeholders an opportunity to identify health-related priorities, strengths, challenges and emerging trends for all areas of the state. HPIO has hosted forums in Columbus, Athens and Dayton earlier in October and will host events in Rootstown (northeast Ohio) and Findlay at the end of the month.

The interactive forums enable attendees from all parts of the state to provide input on the 2019 SHA and SHIP in the morning and give feedback for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Needs Assessments in the afternoon.

The SHA describes the current status of health and wellbeing in Ohio and highlights the state's many opportunities to improve health outcomes, reduce disparities and control healthcare spending. The SHIP seizes upon those opportunities by laying out specific steps to achieve measurable improvements on key priorities.

ODH must conduct a SHA and prepare a SHIP in order to remain accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board. ODH contracted with HPIO to facilitate the development of the most recent versions of each, the **2016 SHA** and the **2017-2019 SHIP**.

HPIO concludes series on education, health link

HPIO recently released **Connections Between Education and Health No. 4: School-Based Drug and Violence Prevention and Mental Health Promotion**.

The brief is the fourth and final in a series of publications HPIO has released since last year to explore the link between education and health.



Health and education are areas of significant focus for Ohio policymakers, representing the largest shares of Ohio's biennial budget for state fiscal years (SFY) 2018-2019. Among the 971 bills introduced in the 131st General Assembly between Jan. 1, 2015 and Nov. 4, 2016, 42 percent were related to health and/or education.

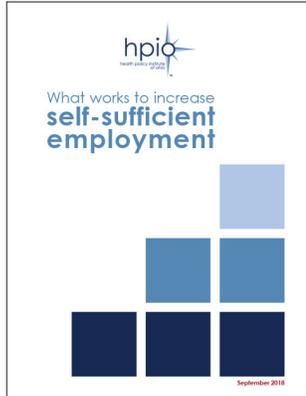
The fourth brief in the series focuses on policies and programs that support foundational protective factors for children, such as health literacy, impulse control, communication skills, school engagement and opportunities for positive social involvement.

Previous briefs and fact sheets in the series covered topics such as:

- **An introduction to the link between health and education**
- **The importance of early learning**
- **Health services in schools**
- **Positive behavior interventions and supports**
- **Suspensions and expulsions among young children**

HPIO explores what works to increase self-sufficient employment

HPIO recently released a publication that explores the connection between employment and health. The report outlines 20 policy options that have the potential to increase self-sufficient employment in Ohio.



increase the number of Medicaid enrollees who transition to employer-sponsored coverage. The report analyzes the relationship between health and work, describes Ohio's employment and workforce landscape and outlines evidence-based state policy options that can

contribute to self-sufficient employment and improved health.

The publication outlines policy options for Ohio policymakers to ensure more Ohioans have the opportunity to thrive economically and achieve better health.

What Works to Increase Self-Sufficient Employment

is published at a time when Ohio policymakers wait for federal approval to require work as a condition of Medicaid eligibility for some beneficiaries. State leaders also are seeking ways to

Children's hospitals release HPIO child assessment

The Ohio Children's Hospital Association (OCHA) released in September the **Assessment of Child Health and Health Care in Ohio**.

OCHA commissioned HPIO to lead a multi-faceted process to develop the assessment. The publication was released at Vote 4 Ohio's Kids, a statewide forum hosted by OCHA and Groundwork Ohio that included both Democratic gubernatorial nominee Richard Cordray and Republican nominee Mike Dewine.

The assessment identifies Ohio's greatest child health and healthcare strengths, challenges and opportunities for improvement. The findings will be used to inform a child-focused health and healthcare agenda aimed at state policymakers, including the incoming executive administration.

Upcoming HPIO Forum

What's on the horizon: Addressing values and beliefs to advance the health of all Ohioans

To what extent is health a shared value in the U.S.? How do Americans vary in their values and beliefs related to health and health equity? What is the role of the government and the private sector in making our communities healthier? This forum will share findings from the American Health Values Survey, funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and developed in partnership with NORC at the University of Chicago, to provide insight on these questions. The survey examines the views of Americans on health and the social determinants of health, health equity and healthcare disparities, as well as the role of government and the private sector in improving health.

The forum will also explore how we can tailor our messages to talk about health issues, particularly those impacting our most marginalized communities, to appeal to a broader set of Americans.

Speakers Include:

- **Nicole Bronzan**, Senior Communications Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- **Larry L. Bye**, Senior Fellow, Health Care, NORC at the University of Chicago
- **Sandra Harbrecht Ratchford**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Paul Werth Associates, Inc.

HPIO resource page informs voters on Issue 1

HPIO has released a [resource page with information on Issue 1](#), the upcoming statewide ballot initiative on drug penalties and treatment.

On Nov. 6, 2018, Ohioans will vote on Issue 1 — a ballot initiative that would create a constitutional amendment to implement criminal justice reforms and redirect funding currently used in the criminal justice system to community addiction treatment.

The resource page includes information on the challenges Ohio is facing related to addiction treatment and prison costs, background information on the ballot initiative, statements from organizations who have taken a position on Issue 1 and a collection of research and analysis on drug treatment and criminal justice reform.

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