



CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE NEWS

HENRICO COUNTY, VA: [Isolation, depression: Children seeking mental health help in Henrico spikes amid pandemic](#): Data from Henrico County's Mental Health and Developmental Services showed a nearly 25 percent increase in the number of kids receiving services between July and November 2020, compared to the same time period in 2019. "The reason that the number of youth served has increased is that fewer have been discharged from services," Daniel Rigsby, the Director of Clinical and Prevention Services for Henrico Area Mental Health & Developmental Services, said. "There are multiple reasons for decreased discharges."

OH: [Ohio Saw Record Surge In Opioid Overdose Deaths Last Year](#): Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost reports a spike in opioid overdoses in 2020, and says people need to refocus on preventing overdose deaths. During the three months of the second quarter, the overdose death rate statewide was 11.01 per 100,000 population, according to an analysis by the state's Scientific Committee on Opioid Prevention and Education. This was higher than at any point since the start of the opioid epidemic. This sharp rise in overdose deaths came after Ohio had seen a significant drop in its opioid-related death rate. During the 24 months leading up to last year's second quarter, the death rate had fallen to between six and eight per 100,000. The surge in opioid deaths coincided with the rapid spread of the coronavirus pandemic across the nation. Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost said that while much of the public attention is focused on the coronavirus, opioid addiction continues to wreak havoc on families.

SAN MATEO, CA: [San Mateo County launches a mental health policing program](#): A program to deploy mental health clinicians on emergency calls related to mental distress received approval from the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Tuesday, advancing a monthslong effort to reimagine local policing. The two-year pilot program will embed a full-time licensed mental health clinician within the San Mateo, Daly City, South San Francisco and Redwood City police departments — one clinician will be assigned to each city — to respond along with police officers to mental health emergencies.

UNITED KINGDOM: [City Mental Health Alliance launches Toolkit to help UK businesses support the mental health of employees who are Black or from a Minority background](#): Poppy Jaman, CEO of the alliance (CMHA), said BAME employees are likely to have been affected by "triggering" conversations following the death of George Floyd in the United States and the disproportional impact that Covid-19 has had on people from minority ethnic communities.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY, IL: [Winnebago County Community Mental Health board to distribute up to \\$8.8 million in funding](#): The Winnebago County Community Mental Health Board released a notice of funding opportunity for Program Year 2022, beginning June 1, 2021,

and ending May 30, 2022. WCCMHB is seeking proposals for the purpose of contracting with public and private entities for mental health and substance abuse services to develop and maintain a Community Support Program in Winnebago County.

NATIONAL

[Bipartisan Coalition of 48 AGs ask FDA to Report on Progress in the National Fight Against Opioid Abuse.](#)

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG) sent a letter asking the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to examine recent progress in the agency's fight against the opioid epidemic. NAAG specifically is requesting clarification of how the FDA is using and plans to use powers granted under the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act (SUPPORT Act).

[Older adults' mental health is resilient during pandemic, new study finds - Clinical Daily News](#)

Older U.S. adults are showing signs of resilience and perseverance in the face of loneliness and isolation, according to an ongoing study by the University of Chicago. In contrast, the study found that general happiness has declined. The number of respondents reporting that they are very or extremely happy fell by half, with more now saying that they occasionally feel depressed or isolated. Many respondents also said they have reduced the frequency of in-person contacts since the pandemic's start, but more than half reported unchanged or even increased frequency of in-person contact, the authors said.

WEEKEND READING

[UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO](#): 4 Tips for better mental health in 2021

[MEDPAGETODAY](#): Maternal Opioid Use and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Still on the Rise

[CBS](#): San Diego psychiatrist says Capitol riots taking a toll on mental health

[COURIER JOURNAL](#): Kentucky's other epidemic has grown worse in the shadow of COVID-19

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