



## BWC's budget focuses on opioid recovery, workplace safety efforts

Gov. Mike DeWine signed our biennial budget into law last month, providing \$15 million to assist employers in hiring, managing, and retaining workers in recovery. The [Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program](#) will add nine Ohio counties to the three (Montgomery, Scioto, and Ross) already participating in the program.

An additional \$40 million targets workplace safety under BWC's [Safety Grants Program](#). The program funds body armor for law enforcement and equipment that reduces firefighter exposure to carcinogens and other toxins, as well as equipment and other solutions that improve workplace safety in schools and businesses across Ohio.

"We thank Governor DeWine for supporting these critically important safety programs that will save lives. We are excited to bring it to more employers and communities throughout Ohio," said BWC Administrator/CEO Stephanie McCloud.

McCloud noted the budget aligns with Gov. DeWine's highest priorities and the goals of his [Recovery Ohio initiative](#).

BWC partners with county Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards to coordinate the Substance Use Recovery and Workplace Safety Program. The boards identify eligible employers and employees, dispense funding for drug screens and specialized training for managers, and measure results.



BWC CEO/Administrator Stephanie B. McCloud

## OhioMeansJobs.com webinars: Education credit expires Aug. 19

This is to remind you that our joint recordings with the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services (ODJFS) are available online. We designed two webinars offering one continuing education unit each for certified rehabilitation counselors, certified case managers, and certified disability management specialists.

To view the one-hour webinars, go to [bwclearningcenter.com](http://bwclearningcenter.com) and select Login or Need an account. Once you log in, search for:

- Adding Value for Job Seekers with Labor Management Information (LMI) and [OhioMeansJobs.com](http://OhioMeansJobs.com): Locating information
- Adding Value for Job Seekers with LMI and OhioMeansJobs.com: Career Direction and Exploration.

If you have questions, [email us](mailto:info@ohiojobs.com).



## Register to be an HBAI service provider today

If you're a BWC-certified provider with a scope of practice to perform [Health and Behavior Assessment and Intervention \(HBAI\)](#) services, we want to include you on our HBAI-provider referral list.

### What is HBAI?

“When a workplace injury occurs, cognitive, emotional, social, and behavioral issues can create a barrier to healing,” said BWC’s Chief Medical Officer Dr. Terrence Welsh. “These barriers may pose a challenge to appropriate and timely treatment, recovery, and return to work.”

The HBAI approach includes tools and services that providers may use based on their clinical judgement to identify issues — negative thinking, poor coping skills, lack of motivation, etc. — interfering with a physical injury’s expected healing. HBAI services **are not** for diagnosing or treating mental health issues.

For more information, watch the related webinar on [this page](#). Contact the [provider contact center](#) or any [managed care organization](#) to join the list of providers offering these services. You may also learn how to become a BWC-certified provider.



BWC Chief Medical Officer Dr. Terrence Welsh

## Start a no-cost wellness program for your employees

Smaller group practices, clinics, or nursing facilities: Your employees may be eligible for [Better You, Better Ohio!®](#) –

our **FREE** health and wellness program for workers who work for smaller employers in high-risk industries\*, such as health care.

The program gives you the rare opportunity to start a wellness program for your employees with no cost and no paperwork hassles. You're eligible if you have 150 or fewer workers and do not have an established workplace wellness program.

We can even arrange an on-site biometric screening event for your workers. If you have questions about the program, email

[BWCBetterYouBetterOhio@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:BWCBetterYouBetterOhio@bwc.state.oh.us).

\*Agriculture; automotive repair and service; construction; firefighters; health care; manufacturing; police and public safety; public employers; restaurant and food service; transportation and trucking; trash collection; wholesale and retail



### [TENS policy updates: View July 16 webinar](#)

The newly released updates to the [transcutaneous electrical nerve \(TENS\) policy](#) help us better understand the authorization process and the supplies for these units. For policy updates, you may view our July 16 webinar and view the slides [here](#).

We outlined the documentation managed care organizations must receive when periodically reviewing for continued unit use and supply provision. We also detailed the supply-kit requirements and documentation requirements for supply requests. In addition, we removed any duplicate rule and policy requirements.

If you are unfamiliar with the rule, you may reference Ohio Administrative Code [4123-6-43](#) and the policy to learn all

the requirements for authorizing and using TENS units.



## Help Ohio understand your workforce needs

InnovateOhio and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation has launched a new survey tool for Ohio businesses to gather feedback ahead of the creation of the state's new In-Demand Jobs list.

Strong participation is crucial to our success — and Governor DeWine is counting on you to help!

The survey is open through September and can be found at [indemand.ohio.gov](http://indemand.ohio.gov).

Survey results inform the in-demand jobs list that will be published at the end of 2019, helping training providers, educators, and workforce professionals learn the future hiring needs of Ohio employers.



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