

## Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit

Franklin County Prosecutor Ron O'Brien took part in the Franklin County Opiate Crisis Summit coordinated by the Franklin County Coroner Dr. Anahi Ortiz and the Opiate Crisis Task Force at The Ohio State University Fawcett Center.



Mr. O'Brien introduced moderator Amy O'Grady of the Ohio Attorney General's Office and took part in the Judicial panel, along with Court of Common Pleas Judge McIntosh and the Municipal Court Judges Paley, Thomas, Morehart and Peeples. The panel discussed Drug and CATCH Courts as well as the Franklin County Probation Departments TIES program that are all aimed at helping people seek treatment and focus on recovery instead of jail time.





Later in the day, Mr. O'Brien was joined by Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys Jamie Sacksteder and Carol Harmon from our Drug Unit, during the Hot Topic Tables session. Attendees were invited to sit in a roundtable discussion regarding Drug cases and how the office handles overdose victims versus the dealers that sold them the potentially fatal drugs. Attendees ranged from first responders and health care workers to parents and policy makers.

