



Happy New Year! As we begin 2019 in Ohio START, we are excited to introduce new tools to assist with your implementation. First, we are finalizing a new formalized technical assistance plan that will be sent out in the next few weeks. Ohio START and Children and Family Futures will be coordinating to hold more opportunities for PCSAs and their partners to have regular dialogue directly with CFF and our Ohio START program managers. Second, our evaluation team is finalizing the Ohio START “data dashboard” developed in conjunction with the Needs Portal which will allow PCSAs to access real-time Ohio START data and evaluate how we are doing on fidelity measures. We are excited for the upcoming year and look forward to working together to serve more families.

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ATHENS COUNTY

Athens County took what they learned at Foundations training at the beginning of November and started to discuss collaborative case focused meetings. Their first meeting focused on implementation had supervisors, BH providers, FPM's, and caseworkers all at the table!

CLINTON COUNTY

Clinton County had a successful case closure after having the father disengaged with services throughout the process. Mom has continued her sobriety, maintained custody and a safe environment for the children, and has even reached out for community service referrals!

OTTAWA COUNTY

As one the new counties, Ottawa JFS director, CW supervisor, and BH provider all met to discuss how to identify and refer families, as well as case structure. They have met to discuss the role of the family peer mentor and are actively in the hiring process for their dedicated START caseworker.

Recovery & Employment

As a person in recovery, employment opportunities may be scarce and hard to come by. A one-pager from OACBHA outlines those struggles [here](#). NPR also highlights those difficulties from the perspective of a person in recovery [here](#).

National Drug & Alcohol Facts Week – Jan. 22-27

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism created this week to stimulate educational events in communities, so teens can learn what science has taught us about drug use and addiction. The week is used to connect teens with scientists and other experts to counteract myths about drugs & alcohol. Learn more [here](#) or register to plan an event!

Events to look out for in 2019:

- [2019 Peer Recovery Supporter Symposium](#): January 23
- Ohio START Southern Consortium: March 12
- [Ohio Recovery Housing Conference](#): April 2-3
- [Harm Reduction Ohio State Conference, Theme: Lived Experience](#): April 6
- [Trauma & Addiction: Mindful Pathways to Recovery](#): April 29
- [Ohio's 2019 Opiate Conference](#): June 10-11

Rounding out the year with CFF

DECEMBER 2018

National training and TA partners Children and Family Futures made another trip to Ohio this past December. Tina Willauer and Jennifer Foley spent two days training the new cohort 2 counties on the strategies for hiring and incorporating a family peer mentor into the children services agencies. Counties gained valuable insight into how to work as a team with their behavioral health providers to ensure a smooth and effective hiring process and partnership going forward.

CFF also spent part of their week attending the START quarterly steering committee meeting and southern consortium. During these meetings they helped inform counties what it means to stick to fidelity and how it will be helpful for future program implementation. They also provided brainstorming ideas on how to keep the program sustainable as it continues to expand.

Training & TA

All of the currently scheduled trainings with descriptions, dates and locations are listed on The Ohio START Training and TA website that may be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ohiostart1819>.

Here are a few of the upcoming trainings:

- 1/9: Screening and Intervention for Substance Use Disorders (UNCOPE and ACE) - *Richland County JFS*
- 1/23: Screening and Intervention for Substance Use Disorders (UNCOPE and ACE) - *Delaware County Hayes Admin Building*
- 2/7: Child Trauma Screening - *Erie County JFS*
- 2/13: Screening and Intervention for Substance Use Disorders (UNCOPE and ACE) - *Lorain County - Spitzer Conference Center*



State Opioid Response (SOR) grant continued funding opportunities:

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) seeks to partner with local Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services boards to implement treatment and recovery programs that expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT). Only projects expanding access to MAT through treatment services and recovery supports are eligible for this funding. For more information regarding applications, submissions, and questions visit [OMHAS Funding Opportunities webpage](#).