



Happy March Everyone! This month is a very busy month for Ohio START. Cohort 2 counties are scheduled to begin serving families this month, yay!! And at the administration level we continue to work towards increased model fidelity with the national START model; you will hear more about this during our meetings next week. Later this month, we will begin distribution of the Collaborative Values Inventory (CVI) to assess beliefs and values regarding substance use disorder and child welfare and how it affects collaboration efforts; be on the lookout for that! Finally, save the date for our First Annual Ohio START Summit on June 4th in Columbus; more details soon! Hope to see everyone next week!

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RICHLAND COUNTY

The Richland County START team identified its designated START worker, who went to Fairfield County for two days to shadow their START worker and family peer mentor. The experience provided a lot of insight for the worker, who is now eager to begin the START program and start serving families.

SENECA COUNTY

The Seneca County START team has started educating the community regarding the Ohio START program. Recently, they participated on a panel to discuss addiction services in the community and have had positive feedback regarding the program.

WARREN COUNTY

Warren County had their first family successfully complete the START program. The agency is planning to have the mother on that case come back this month to speak publicly to their County Commissioners about this program and all the benefits that she felt she experienced during her time with the START team!

Sixth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit

Registration is now open for the Sixth Annual Trauma-Informed Care Summit, and the theme this year is "Creating Environments of Resiliency and Hope." The purpose of the summit is to move systems beyond trauma informed to trauma competent. The summit will take place May 14-15 at the Marriott Columbus University Area in Columbus. Learn more about keynote speakers and [register here](#).

How the Opioid Crisis is affecting States around the Nation

The State Health Access Data Assistance Center has created an infographic analyzing drug overdose trends throughout the 50 states. The infographic examines the differences between the types of drug overdoses in each state, as well as the prevalence of overdoses associated with the various drugs. [Find the two-page infographic here](#).

March Madness

This month our national partners Children and Family Futures are flying in to Ohio to provide some much-appreciated training and technical assistance with both of our cohorts. The week of March 11th is jam packed with trainings and planning among our START team and yours. Here is what to expect this month:

- March 11th: Ohio START Summit planning with PCSAO and CFF
- March 12: Southern Consortium Meeting where CFF will offer guidance on continued model development and fidelity to the national START model
- March 13th: Foundations 3 training (Delaware County), where CFF will give the final START team training to cohort 2
- March 14: Foundations 3 training (Lorain County), where CFF will give the final START team training to the other half of cohort 2

Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative

RALI OHIO

The new Rx Abuse Leadership Initiative, also known as RALI Ohio, launched last February and is an alliance of leading organizations focused on effective programs to help address substance misuse. With the opioid epidemic continuing to put a strain on organizations around Ohio, it is time for us all to come together and help find a solution.

PCSAO and Ohio START had the opportunity to attend the kickoff luncheon, which consisted of organizations and partners throughout Ohio. Each partner had a chance to share how the opioid epidemic is affecting them and what efforts they have initiated to combat this issue.

RALI Ohio and its partners support a broad range of programs to address substance misuse, including prevention, treatment and recovery services. Initially, the focus is on providing tools to enable the safe disposal of unused prescription medicines and raising awareness of the warning signs of opioid misuse. Learn more about [RALI Ohio here.](#)

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:

- 3/15: Motivational Interviewing - Hardin County JFS
- 3/18: Motivational Interviewing - Fairfield County JFS
- 3/19: Motivational Interviewing - Fairfield County JFS
- 3/20: Child Trauma Screening - Ross County JFS
- 3/22: Child Welfare 101 - Morrow County JFS
- 3/27: Supporting a Recovery Lifestyle - Ross County JFS



Governor Mike DeWine's Continued Support

As Attorney General, Mike DeWine helped create the Ohio START program, and helped get the program off the ground. Now, during his State of the State address on March 5, 2019, Governor DeWine emphasized his and Attorney General's office continued support and commitment to help this program grow and expand. The Ohio START team is looking forward to what lies ahead for the program.