



Happy April, everyone! As of the end of March, we have completed the first 6 months of this grant cycle and 2 years of the pilot project and oh how far we have come! We now have 32 counties participating in the pilot and cohort 2 counties are beginning to serve their first Ohio START families; the enthusiasm brought by cohort 2 has been inspiring and uplifting. As a reminder, the data dashboard is up and running and should be used as a tool to check county progress toward model fidelity; we are lucky to have this tool created by our evaluation team. As always, please reach out with any questions or technical assistance needs.

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ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula County has been holding weekly Drug Court/START case consultation meetings where caseworkers present cases for possible entry into either Drug Court or START. They believe this has been helpful for workers to get comfortable with the criteria set for each case load.

CLINTON COUNTY

Clinton County START team had one mom move out of her mom's house with her baby. She is utilizing her sober support systems daily. Mom has been very open about her fears and seems to be managing them very well. This is the first-time mom has lived on her own and held a job ever. She is over the moon! The caseworker has kept up weekly visits to offer additional support

PICKAWAY COUNTY

Pickaway County's START caseworker has added two families to her caseload with the help of the FPM. She has also prepared a START booklet for families to use while they are in the program. Pickaway County has also had two more Family Treatment Court graduations.

2019 Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention month, and anyone interested in supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect is encouraged to wear blue April 10th - to work, to school, to a volunteer event, or even at home - and capture a photo. Pictures can be shared on personal social media and posted to county agency Facebook pages or to the [statewide Facebook page](#). #OhioWearsBlue

Alcohol Awareness Month

The month of April is also Alcohol Awareness Month. It is an opportunity to gain an understanding of alcohol addiction, its causes, effective treatment and recovery. This is a way to fight stigma and to help those break down barriers to treatment. Facing Addiction with NCCDA has created an [organizers guide](#) to help raise awareness this April.

Ohio's 2019 Opiate and Other Drug Conference: Promoting Solutions for Addiction Throughout Ohio

Join the Ohio Association for County Behavioral Health Authorities for the tenth annual opiate conference, Ohio's 2019 Opiate and Other Drug Conference: Promoting Solutions for Addiction Throughout Ohio. In partnership with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, this year's conference will take place June 10-11 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus. Ohio's 2019 Opiate and Other Drug Conference will bring 1,200 attendees from Ohio and the surrounding region for two full days of education related to addiction. [Registration](#) is now open



Ohio START Seeking AmeriCorps VISTA COLUMBUS

With support from the Corporation for National and Community Service, OACBHA is working with PCSAO, local ADAMH Boards and other partner organizations to develop a statewide VISTA project designed to impact the opioid epidemic in Ohio. Through this project, VISTA members will serve with community organizations throughout Ohio.

The Ohio START VISTA will work in conjunction with the Director of Ohio START and other team members to provide support and management of the Ohio START Pilot Program in Ohio. The VISTA will engage and support family peer mentors and Ohio START caseworkers in peer-to-peer learning activities; provide support for current funding sources, research potential funding sources in support of sustaining Ohio START; research and write educational materials and papers related to the opioid epidemic and child welfare; and serve as Ohio START pilot liaison to county hubs to combat opiate addiction. The Ohio START VISTA will be an integral part of the START team providing support and leadership for the PCSAs implementing the program and creating a sustainability plan to allow the program to continue and grow. For more information about the Ohio START VISTA position, [click 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:

- *4/10: Screening and Intervention for Substance Use Disorders (UNCOPE and ACE) - Ross County JFS
 - *4/12: Child Welfare 101 - Ross County JFS
 - 4/15: Addiction and Trauma - Ross County JFS
 - *4/17: Family Team Meetings - Delaware County Judicial Building
 - *4/25: CTAC (check with Bobbie on this one but I think it is scheduled)
 - 4/29: Seeking Safety-Trauma Intervention - Ross County JFS
- *required Ohio START training

! Save the Date: Ohio START June Summit !

Mark your calendars for June 4, 2019 for the first annual Ohio START Summit. Members from START teams across Ohio will join for the first time for a day of learning and sharing. Directors, supervisors, caseworkers, and family peer mentors from PCSA and behavioral health Ohio START teams in every county will gather to learn from Children and Family Futures and each other.