



Happy Summer! I hope you have been able to get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather. Thank you to everyone that attended the Summit earlier this week. It was a great day spent celebrating and hearing the state's commitment to the Ohio START program. We look forward to expanding the program to reach additional counties. We appreciate all the hard work you each continue to put in each day for the START families. Thank you!

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BUTLER COUNTY

The Butler County START team identified their first family in mid-April and immediately began working with them. They were very pleased with our timeliness of getting this family involved (it took 18 days to complete what should take 26 days). The team continue to pay close attention to the process and have made changes, as needed.

CARROLL COUNTY

In Carroll County, a Judge is in the process of developing a Drug Court. A Behavioral Health Liaison has been hired to get the program up and running. The Carroll County START team have been in communication with them and will need to work out the role of START and how both programs can be the most beneficial without overlapping.

WARREN COUNTY

Warren County START team unfortunately experienced a loss of housing with one of their families. However, the START caseworker and family peer mentor were able to assist the family with resources and get them into a shelter while being put on a list for emergency housing program.

Joyful Together Training

All professionals working with children and families must be prepared to combat the detrimental effects of trauma, toxic stress and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) to help improve life outcomes of youth. Joyful Together focuses on the importance of engaging children and infusing relationships with joy to both insulate against and repair damages caused by trauma, toxic stress and ACEs.

[Register today for the Joyful Together training on September 20th at Ross County JFS](#)

Nurturing Parents Opportunity

The Nurturing Parenting Programs are evidenced-based programs using a standardized-curricula for the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The Nurturing Parenting Facilitator Training is a **2-day program** (must attend both days) that teaches the philosophy of nurturing parenting and how to implement and facilitate the Nurturing Parenting Programs®.

[Take advantage of this opportunity by registering for the Nurturing Parents training on 08/26-8/27 at Ross County JFS – Register Now!](#)

Ohio START Summit

OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY

On Tuesday June 4th, the 1st Annual Ohio START Summit was held at Ohio Dominican University in Columbus, OH. Attendees were from Ohio START counties across the state and included caseworkers, family peer mentors, administrators, behavioral health partners, and many more.

Notably, Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost were able to attend and give remarks on their continued support for the Ohio START Program. They both expressed the importance of the START program and the impact the frontline workers have on the opioid epidemic.

Also, ODJFS Director Kimberly Hall, OMHAS Director Lori Criss, Director of Children's Initiatives LeeAnn Cornyn, and ODM Deputy Director Marisa Weisel were able to attend and speak about how their collaborative efforts at the state-level will continue to support the START program and families affected by substance use disorder.

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:

- 6/13: Supporting a Recovery Lifestyle - Stark County, Ohio Means Jobs Center
- 6/26: Engagement Skills: Motivational Interviewing - Carroll County, Carroll County Friendship Center
- 6/28 - Addiction and Trauma - Delaware County, 2079 US Highway 23 N
- 7/16: Addiction and Trauma - Stark County, TBA
- 7/19: Engagement Skills: Motivational Interviewing - Lorain County JFS - 226 Middle Ave, Elyria, OH

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Pictured: Director of Children's Initiatives LeeAnn Cornyn, ODJFS Director Kimberly Hall, OMHAS Director Lori Criss, and ODM Deputy Director Marisa Weisel on a panel with PCSAO Director Angela Sausser; Governor Mike DeWine; Ohio START Director Fawn Gadel; Attorney General Dave Yost

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