



Greetings, Everyone! A lot of great things are happening in the Ohio START administration this month. As you will see below, we have been working hard to expand the START program by adding a 3<sup>rd</sup> cohort of counties, new technical assistance consultants and a new AmeriCorps VISTA. We are also planning to have each county work more closely with CFF over the next year to work towards model fidelity. We are thrilled to see our plans for expansion coming to fruition. More information on the expansion and next funding cycle will be provided at the upcoming consortium meetings. Hope to see everyone soon!

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### ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula County currently has 5 families enrolled in the START program. The START team has a goal and would like to try and have all children under 3 enrolled in a Head Start or Help Me Grow program. They have also discussed gaps in services with the committee and all agree that an AA/NA programs are needed for caregivers and older children.

### ATHENS COUNTY

The Athens County START team hosted a two-day site visit with the Delaware County START Supervisor, CW and FPM to help them get acquainted with how the program operates. Also, during the month there were discussions and efforts regarding the START data that needed gathered for input in the Needs Portal to assure accurate data reporting.

### CARROLL COUNTY

A mom in Carroll County has started in counseling for her SUD after becoming involved with START. She revealed that she was also abusing her son's medication but has since taken appropriate measures to restrict her access to them and manage her own medications as well. She is also more consistent with keeping medical and mental health appointments for the whole family.

### Gov. DeWine's Building Resiliency: A Pediatric Mental Health Summit

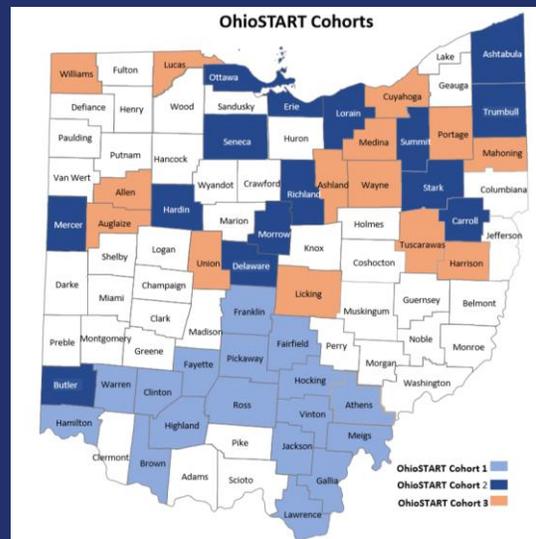
The Governor's Building a Resiliency: A Pediatric Mental Health Summit will be Sept. 26 at the Sinclair Conference Center in Dayton. As a result of Dayton's tornadoes in the spring and the recent tragic shooting in the Oregon District, DeWine, in conjunction with the Ohio Children's Hospital Association, will hold the summit as a way to give members of the community tools they need as they work with children dealing with trauma. [Register here.](#)

### OHIO'S 2019 ANNUAL NASW CONFERENCE

NASW Ohio's 2019 annual conference will be Nov. 14-15 at the Quest Conference Center in Columbus. As the only conference specific to social work in Ohio, it attracts 450 attendees and 55 exhibitors. [Register here.](#)

## NOW INTRODUCING...COHORT 3!

We would like to officially announce the third cohort of the Ohio START program. This fall, 14 new counties across the State will be kicking off the Ohio START program. Counties include: Allen, Ashland, Auglaize, Cuyahoga, Harrison, Licking, Lucas, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Tuscarawas, Union, Wayne, and Williams. The addition of these counties bring the total number of counties implementing Ohio START to 46 counties and over half the state! Welcome to Ohio START!



## Ohio START Program TA Consultants

As the Ohio START program continues to expand and grow, it is important that we maintain fidelity in each county. In order to help grow the program and keep it on track for success, Ohio START has hired 5 new regional TA consultants that will provide ongoing technical assistance to assigned regions. The regional consultants are:

- ❖ Diana Hoover- Northwest
- ❖ Tim Beasley - Southwest
- ❖ Pam Meermans- Central
- ❖ Mindy Fehrman - Northeast
- ❖ Sheila Shafer- Southeast

We have also hired a Family Peer Mentor Consultant, Jennifer Fow. Jennifer will work with counties to recruit and train FPMs and work closely with FPMs to build peer-to-peer engagement.

Join us in welcoming them to the Ohio START team!

## 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:

- 09/13: Engagement Skills - Motivational Interviewing - Delaware County - Hayes Building - 145 N Union St, Delaware, OH 43015
- 09/16: Addiction and Trauma - Delaware County Board of Elections - 2079 US 23 N, Delaware, OH 43015
- 9/20: Joyful Together Parent/Caregiver Training - Ross County JFS - 475 Western Ave, Chillicothe OH



## OHIO START WELCOMES A NEW AMERICORPS VISTA

Sarah Irvin joined Ohio START as the new AmeriCorps VISTA! Sarah recently graduated from the University of Kent with a Master of Science in social and applied psychology. She has a Bachelor of Arts in psychology with a minor in gender studies from William Paterson University in New Jersey and a Bachelor of Science in film from the University of Central Arkansas. In Fall 2020, she plans to pursue a PhD at the University of Brighton, where she will research the potential applications of digital media to improve mental health among LGBTQ+ youth.