



Hopefully everyone saw that the governor signed the new budget last month which included an investment from both OMHAS and ODJFS to support the continuation and expansion of Ohio START! We are very thankful for the continued support from the Governor and legislature. We will be sending out more information regarding this new funding stream in the next month or so. We are working hard to build our team at PCSAO in order to continue to serve current counties and those joining cohort 3 this fall. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

Fawn

BUTLER COUNTY

Butler County is currently serving four families. With the growing number of families, the FPM has been able to focus on time management and prioritizing. They have had to talk through situations where boundaries and roles could easily become an issue and clarify the expectations, which we anticipated this, given the relationships that we expected to be formed between the peer mentor and clients.

ERIE COUNTY

Erie County currently has four Ohio START families and two of the clients are at 2 months sober, thanks to the program! They also have a third family where the mother was sober 60 day when she relapsed, but is still engaged and dedicated to getting services.

WARREN COUNTY

Warren County successfully graduated one family from the program. This single mother was able to maintain her sobriety throughout the life of the case once transferred into the START program. The agency assisted this mother with obtaining a protection order against an unhealthy individual in her life while monitoring her substance abuse treatment.

START is Expanding!

START is expanding this fall and adding a third cohort with 15 more counties. If you know of any interested counties or counties that would be a good fit for START, [apply here](#) or contact Fawn at fawn@pcsao.org for more information.

OHIO'S 2019 RECOVERY CONFERENCE

Save the Date: October 14-15 OACBHA will host the annual Recovery Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Columbus. The conference is for individuals in recovery from a mental illness and/or addiction, family members and support givers, peers working in the field, and allied professionals.



OHIO START DATA DASHBOARD



Our evaluation team at The Ohio State University College of Social Work have provided updated data to our Ohio START data dashboard. Using the information from the needs portal, the data dashboard highlights county-by-county information about the number of participants and parent/child screening data. The data is updated through July 10th, and you can [view the dashboard here](#).

Ohio START Program Practice Manual

2019

A brand-new updated Ohio START Program: Practice Manual was released last month. This manual is a resource for counties and others who are interested in how the START program operates and how a START case should flow.

Included in the manual are background information on the START program and detailed chapters on the seven key strategies that the START program is based upon. There are also chapters detailing the various trainings that are required/recommended for the different roles in each county (e.g. caseworker, family peer mentor).

We anticipate this manual being used as a tool for counties to educate new staff or community partners learn more about START or simply help your current START team refresh on some of the program practices as we try and reach model fidelity. Included in the appendix of the manual are tools used throughout a START case, like UNCOPE/ACE screening tools, sample MOUs, and the timelines for model fidelity.

The manual can be [found here](#) and on the Ohio START page on the PCSAO website.

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:

- 8/14: [Screening and Intervention for Substance Use Disorders \(UNCOPE and ACE\)](#) - Richland County Children's Services - 731 Scholl Rd, Mansfield
- 08/19: [Seeking Safety Trauma Intervention](#) - Lorain County - 226 Middle Ave, Elyria, OH 44035
- 8/20: [Family Team Meetings](#) - Richland County Children's Services - 731 Scholl Rd, Mansfield
- 8/26-8/27: [Nurturing Parent Training](#) - Ross County JFS - 475 Western Ave, Chillicothe OH
- 9/20: [Joyful Together Parent/Caregiver Training](#) - Ross County JFS - 475 Western Ave, Chillicothe OH



PCSAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019 CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES



Registration for the annual conference scheduled Sept. 25-27 is now open! Check out the [conference registration brochure](#) for the list of workshops, make your selections, and register early to take advantage of discounts. Rates increase after Aug. 17. One- and two-day rates are available in addition to the three-day registration fee. Hotel reservations must be made separately. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact nitina@pcsao.org phone at 614-224-5802.