



Happy Fall, Everyone!

Ohio START is very excited to welcome our new Ohio START Program Manager to the team. Jennifer Millisor, a familiar face to many of you (see her bio below), joined PCSAO and Ohio START last week to oversee the provision of technical assistance for Ohio START. Jennifer will be working very closely with our TA Consultants and Children and Family Futures and START counties. This month we will be focusing on sending out new MOUs, budgets and grant documents as we move into the new grant cycle and incorporate our new grant with ODJFS and OMHAS; look for more information on this in the next week or so.

WARREN COUNTY

Warren county recently celebrated the graduation of a family who had been with START for a year! They were able to keep the family out of the court system and the father was also able to gain custody of a child from a prior relationship.

SUMMIT COUNTY

Summit county has hired a new family peer mentor and expects to begin referring families to START soon!

They've also outlined the START referral process and have created new promotional materials.

BUTLER COUNTY

Butler county is celebrating the fact that, as of August, all of their cases were voluntary with no court involvement!

Governor DeWine Recognizes September as National Recovery Month

National Recovery Month encourages and supports people with lived experiences of mental health and substance use disorders achieve and sustain recovery.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO

- Cohort 3 Kick-Off: October 23, 2019
- OACBHA Recovery Conference: October 14-15, 2019
- HOPE Parent Partner Recognition Banquet: October 28, 2019

34th Annual PCSAO Conference Looks to the Future

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Thursday's keynote speaker, Tina Willauer of Children and Family Futures, encouraged attendees to "reimagine the children services system." On Friday, Kimberly Hall, director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, announced collaborative efforts between the state and county agencies to stabilize the system and improve outcomes for children and families.

Jerica Estle-Grooms was named Child Advocate of the Year for her advocacy work. Legislator of the Year awards went to Speaker Larry Householder and Rep. Mark Romanchuk for their role in enhancing the Governor's budget investment. Jennifer Brindisi of WFMJ Youngstown was awarded Outstanding Journalist of the Year for her work with the Kids Matter Project. Sally Fitch was honored with the Dan Schneider Leadership in Child Welfare Training award for her work developing the OCWTP. Additional awards included the Rising Up and Moving On awards and the Family of the Year awards. Congratulations to all the awardees!

Photos from the conference can be found on PCSAO's Flickr: <https://tinyurl.com/PCSAOOhio>

Training & TA

Training coordination is moving from IHS to PCSAO. We will begin scheduling the required training sessions soon and plan to have more regional locations available.

There will also be a new training registration system that we hope to have ready soon.

Please let us know if you have suggestions for training sessions that you believe would be helpful for implementation of Ohio START.

For Cohort 3 Counties only

10/23/19: Ohio START Cohort 3 Kickoff: Foundations 1: Creating a Collaborative Governance Structure, Presented by Children and Family Futures (9:00-4:00)

Join PCSAO and Children and Family Futures to help Cohort 3 kickoff their induction into the START program. Cohort 3 counties are invited to come and learn about the foundations of the program and get advice on how to kick off the program in their county.

Nationwide Hotel and Conference Center
100 Green Meadows Dr S
Lewis Center, OH 43035

OHIO START WELCOMES A NEW PROGRAM MANAGER!

PCSAO is very excited to announce that Jennifer Millisor has joined PCSAO as the Ohio START Program Manager. Jennifer previously served as the Hamilton County Children's Services Project Manager implementing START in Hamilton County. She also held an Assessment Manager position while at Hamilton County. Prior to HCJFS she was the Director of Quality Improvement at St. Joseph Orphanage, where she served for 10 years. Jennifer received her Master of Public Administration from Northern Kentucky University. She is looking forward to the next Columbus Clippers season!