



As we close out the year, I am amazed at all the progress that Ohio START has made during 2019. This year, we added 14 additional counties to the program, bringing the total number of counties participating in Ohio START to 46, brought the total number of clients served to over 900 individuals (as of middle of September) with more than 500 of those being children, Ohio START was the recipient of an Addiction Policy Forum Innovation Now award, held our first annual Ohio START Summit in June, gathering Ohio START programs from all counties for the first time and restructured our technical assistance program. Before the end of the year, we will release case screening criteria guidance, a new and improved implementation guide and provide training on hiring and onboarding family peer mentors. What a busy and great year it has been! I cannot wait to see what 2020 brings. Have a great holiday season.

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### PICKAWAY COUNTY

Pickaway County recently celebrated the graduation of a family that was the first Ohio START client, who they've been working with since January 2018.

Congratulations!

### TRUMBULL COUNTY

Trumbull County recently provided an in-service training on dispelling myths and countering the stigma of addiction. The training featured a panel discussion with people in recovery.

### STARK COUNTY

Stark County invited Dr. Nicole Labor from One Eighty Services to train staff on Addiction 101. The training was well received and START workers are hopeful it will foster communication among staff.

### New Detox Facility Planned for Belmont County

WVU Medicine Barnesville Hospital is planning to open a new detox facility this spring in Barnesville, Ohio. The facility will have 24 hour medical supervision and on-site behavioral health providers to help connect patients to further treatment.

For more information visit:

<https://wtov9.com/news/local/plans-in-place-for-detox-facility-in-barnesville>

### OHIO START WELCOMES A NEW FAMILY PEER MENTOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CONSULTANT

We are very excited to announce that Jean Montgomery has joined Ohio START as our Family Peer Mentor Technical Assistance Consultant! Jean previously served as a Supervisor and Social Program Coordinator at Montgomery County Job and Family Services. She has experience in program development and implementation, case management, and substance use treatment and prevention.

## UPDATED FOSTER CARE REGIONAL FORUM SCHEDULE

- (Dec. 9) Wood County Department of Job and Family Services, Bowling Green
- (Dec. 11) Medina County University Center (University of Akron), Medina
- (Dec. 17) Lebanon Conference and Banquet Center, Lebanon
- (Dec. 19) United Way of Greater Stark County, Canton
- (Jan. 6) Columbus State Community College, Columbus
- (Jan. 8) Cincinnati Public Schools, Cincinnati
- (Jan. 13) Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, Cleveland

All forums will be held from 6-8 p.m. Please register in advance at <https://governor.ohio.gov/fostercareforums>.

### Kent State is Using Data to Predict Substance Use Trends

Researchers from Kent State University received a grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to create a data analytics system that can predict drug and alcohol epidemics before they happen.

The program will combine data from a number of sources including social media and hospital records.

Researchers are currently using data from Portage, Geauga, and Lake Counties, but hope to include more counties in the future.

To read more about the project visit: <https://tinyurl.com/rd7kz7q>

### Training & TA

Currently scheduled are listed on the Ohio START website on the Upcoming Trainings page that may be found here: <https://ohiostart.org/training-assistance/>

Here are a few of the upcoming trainings:

- 12/10: Ohio START Foundations #2 - Hiring & Onboarding Family Peer Mentors (Akron - cohort 3)
- 12/11: Ohio START Foundations #2 - Hiring & Onboarding Family Peer Mentors (Lima - cohort 3)
- 12/12: Ohio START Foundations #2 Refresher - Hiring & Onboarding Family Peer Mentors - Cohorts 1 & 2 (Columbus, OH)
- 1/14: Ohio START Foundations #3: Treatment Provider Strategies (Lima - cohort 3)
- 1/15: Ohio START Foundations #3: Treatment Provider Strategies (Akron - cohort 3)
- 1/16: Ohio START Foundations #3: Treatment Provider Strategies (Pickerington - cohorts 1&2)

### Free Training: Understanding Recovery Housing and Opioid Use Disorder

The Northern Ohio Recovery Association is offering a free training on recovery housing and opioid use disorder. The training will cover withdrawal symptoms, medication-assisted treatment, and ethical boundaries for addressing relapse. CEU's are available.

Trainings will be offered in Columbus (Dec. 11), Cleveland (Jan. 16), Toledo (Jan. 23), and Dayton/Cincinnati (Feb. 13).

For more information visit:

<http://norainc.org/understanding-recovery-housing-and-opioid-use-disorder/>