



Happy New Year!

We are working hard to kick off 2020 with a lot of great training and technical assistance for Ohio START. Below you will find information regarding upcoming trainings and regional meetings; please make sure to attend those that are relevant/needed for you and your staff. As we continue to build these services, I encourage you to reach out to PCSAO with any suggestions as to how we can best serve your agency and the entire Ohio START program.

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GALLIA & MEIGS COUNTIES

The Gallia-Meigs START teams are expanding! They are adding another caseworker and family peer mentor.

PICKAWAY COUNTY

Pickaway County recently graduated a client from family treatment court! The celebration included the judge, providers, the START caseworker, and members of the community.

ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula County is celebrating multiple achievements this month, including graduations from a motivational enhancement group, parenting classes, and relapse prevention groups!

New Website Connects Individuals To Substance Use Treatment

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) recently launched a new online resource. The website will help individuals find local resources for substance use treatment, including treatment options, locations, and insurance information.

Visit [FindTreatment.gov](https://www.findtreatment.gov) for more information.

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities Foundation will host the 2020 *Opiate and Other Drugs of Abuse Conference* on June 8-9, 2020.

OACBHA is now accepting presentation proposals from professionals, individuals in recovery, and family members.

More information, including a list of recommended presentation topics, can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/wgdrsn3>

REGIONAL MEETINGS

Ohio START regional meetings will take the place of the previous cohort 1 and cohort 2 quarterly meetings. Ohio START staff from all cohorts are encouraged to attend. Anyone from any cohort or region may attend any of the scheduled regional meetings, as most of the content will be similar between the meetings. To register, visit ohiostart.org/training-assistance/

- Northwestern Ohio Regional Meeting - 02/05 (Toledo)
- Northeastern Ohio Regional Meeting - 02/18 (Akron)
- Southwestern Ohio Regional Meeting - 02/19 (Hamilton)
- Central Ohio Regional Meeting - 02/25 (Delaware)
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Meeting - 02/26 (Chillicothe)

New Initiative Will Offer Drug Disposal Bags for Opioid Prescriptions

Thanks to the efforts of Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, and RecoveryOhio, injured workers are now able to access free drug disposal bags for unused opioid prescriptions.

Through the new initiative, drug disposal bags are available at retail pharmacies and will be given to injured workers receiving their first opioid prescriptions. Workers can place any unused opioid medication in the bag, which will undergo a chemical process that destroys the medication. The disposal bags are paid for by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

For more information visit <https://www.workcompwire.com/2019/10/ohio-governor-bwc-announce-bwc-coverage-of-drug-disposal-bags-for-opioid-prescriptions/>

Training & TA

Scheduled trainings 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:

- 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)
- Screening and Intervention of Substance Use Disorders (UNCOPE)
 - 1/22: North Central Ohio Regional Training Center, Cleveland
 - 1/31: Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center, Loveland
 - 2/05: Southwest Ohio Regional Training Center, Athens
 - 2/07: Northwest Ohio Regional Training Center, Toledo
 - 3/17: Ashland County JFS

Free American Society of Addiction Medicine Criteria Trainings

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services will be sponsoring two-day trainings focused on theoretical foundations and practical applications of the new American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Criteria.

The trainings will include a copy of the ASAM Criteria and a training journal. 13 CME/CEU credits will be offered. There are also two online training modules available: ASAM Multidimensional Assessment (5 hours) and ASAM from Assessment to Service Planning (5 hours).

Trainings will take place in March, April, and June, 2020. For more information and to register for the training, visit mha.ohio.gov/Health-Professionals/Training-and-Workforce-Development/ASAM-Criteria