



Happy February. This month, we look forward to seeing everyone at a regional meeting to discuss program updates and learn from one another. Please make sure to register. As we look towards Spring (I am hopeful it will be here soon!), we are excited that more families will be served through Ohio START as cohort 3 begins building their caseloads and the other cohorts continue to build their programs. We have also been busy planning for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ohio START Summit. Save the Date for May 7<sup>th</sup>! I appreciate everyone's dedication to the program and all the hard work that continues to support the Ohio START families!

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### WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County just hired their family peer mentor! They used the hiring guide, including the role plays, which they found helpful in narrowing the pool of candidates.

### BROWN COUNTY

Brown County is celebrating the successful closure of a case that had been open for almost two years. They were able to reunite the family and the children were able to return home!

### ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula County organized an emergency Family Team Meeting with treatment providers and was able to convince a reluctant mother to seek treatment!

### OHIO START IN THE NEWS

Fairfield County's Family Peer Mentor, Kitty Matson, was featured in a story by ABC 6 about the Ohio START program and the importance of family peer mentors.

<https://abc6onyourside.com/on-your-side/healing-together/healing-together-keeping-families-together-during-the-opioid-epidemic>

### DR. NICOLE LABOR TO SPEAK IN SANDUSKY

Dr. Nicole Labor will discuss the science of addiction and how to break the cycle. The event will take place at Sandusky State Theatre on February 19, 2020. The event is sponsored by the Sandusky Artisans and free to attend.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.mhrbeo.org/protected/EventView.aspx?id=81GPYUBAI>

## SAVE THE DATE: OHIO START SUMMIT

The Ohio START Summit will take place on May 7, 2020 from 9:00am - 4:00pm at The Ohio State University Union.

The Summit will take the place of the spring regional meetings.

## 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/](https://ohiostart.org/training-assistance/)

- 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)

## PEER SUPPORT BACKGROUND CHECK SCHOLARSHIP

A scholarship is available for individuals to get reimbursed for their BCI background check requirement.

To request reimbursement for your background check, you can complete a Community Family Partnership Team (CFPT) application. You can find information on the CFPT program and download a scholarship application by visiting: <https://mha.ohio.gov/Health-Professionals/About-Mental-Health-and-Addiction-Treatment/Peer-Support/Community-Family-Partnership-Team-CFPT>.

Submit your completed CFPT scholarship application, along with the receipt for your background check, to:  
[sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:sharon.fitzpatrick@mha.ohio.gov).

## 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:

- 3/10: Ohio START Foundations #4: START Child Welfare Practices (Reynoldsburg - cohorts 1 & 2)
- 3/11: Ohio START Foundations #4: START Child Welfare Practices (Canton - cohort 3)
- 3/12: Ohio START Foundations #4: START Child Welfare Practices (Lima - cohort 3)
- Screening and Intervention of Substance Use Disorders (UNCOPE)
  - 3/04: Central Ohio Regional Training Center (CORTC), Columbus
  - 3/17: Ashland County JFS

## TRAUMA INFORMED PEER SUPPORT SYMPOSIUM

The P.E.E.R. Center and OhioMHAS will host a statewide symposium series focused on Trauma Informed Peer Support. The series will be run by peers, for peers, and will focus on the knowledge and resources peers need to engage in trauma-informed peer support, such as the impact of long-term trauma and signs of trauma responses. Each event will run from 9 AM to 1 PM and CEU's will be provided for Peer Recovery Supporters.

03/11 - Perry County Behavioral Health Choices, Lexington ([Click here to register.](#))

04/15 - Akron/Summit Main Library, Akron ([Click here to register.](#))

05/13 - Montgomery County, Location TBD