



I hope this newsletter finds you healthy and safe. I want to take this time to express my gratitude for all the work that you have done on behalf of families during this pandemic. I am continually in awe of the commitment that the START teams have shown to sustaining the model and supports for the families. Thank you for all that you have and continue to do!

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CARROLL COUNTY

Carroll County recently celebrated their first START graduation. The family successfully completed all services. Congratulations!

FAYETTE COUNTY

Fayette County was able to connect with a family they have been working to engage for several weeks. Both parents are now in treatment!

ASHTABULA COUNTY

Ashtabula County's FPM has been communicating virtually with clients twice a week and has attended online meetings with clients.

VIRTUAL TRAINING: ADDRESSING BIAS AND OPIOID USE DISORDER

OMHAS is sponsoring a free, virtual training for behavioral health professionals. The training will discuss implicit and explicit bias regarding individuals with opioid use disorder.

For more information and to register for training, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/addressing-bias-and-opioid-use-disorder-tickets-102857096344?>

SAVE THE DATE



OHIO START SUMMIT

THE OHIO START SUMMIT WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY ON AUGUST 12, 2020.

More information and registration to follow.

OMHAS LAUNCHES TOLL-FREE COVID CARELINE

The new careline provides emotional support for anyone experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, sadness, or loneliness due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The line is staffed by trained counselors and available 24/7.

You can reach the COVID careline at 1-800-720-9616.

PEERS HELPING PEERS ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP FOR CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SUPPORTERS

Ohio Citizen Advocates for Addiction Recovery (OCAAR) has launched a new online support group for certified peer recovery supporters.

The group will meet on Zoom every Thursday at 7:30 pm.
Zoom ID: [292 60 1390](#)

For more information, email sthompson@oca-ohio.org.

OHIO START SPOTLIGHT: FRANKLIN COUNTY

The Franklin County START team has recently closed three cases successfully. In an interview with Franklin County caseworker, Paige Jones, she discussed the influence of Ohio START's increased contact on her relationships with her clients. According to Jones, the weekly visits allow workers more time to build connections, focus on clients' potential, and celebrate their successes.

In her most recent case closure, the mother had given birth to a child who was positive for cocaine and the child was placed on an out-of-home safety plan. The mother had previously completed treatment but had recently been struggling with substance use and an unhealthy relationship with her boyfriend.

The Franklin County START team worked with her to identify existing protective parenting factors she could lean on, including family support and past parenting experience.

She ended the relationship with her boyfriend and moved in with her mother and her oldest daughter. With support from her family and the START team, she successfully completed treatment and was reunified with her child.

According to Jones, "sometimes people in social work forget that people can change. You get a case and they have a long history and there's an assumption that you have to go out and take custody, but people change."

TRAINING & TA UPDATE

Due to the COVID-19 state of emergency and the Governor's recommendations, all in-person Ohio START trainings are moving to a virtual platform. Information about upcoming trainings will be posted on ohiostart.org/training-assistance as it becomes available.