



Happy November to all. Last week, the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy and members of his team visited Southeastern Ohio to hear about the impact on substance use disorder services in rural Southeast Ohio. As part of the visit, the team went to Fairfield County Job and Family Services to learn about Ohio START and the county's other efforts to work with those struggling with SUD. Many thanks to Fairfield County for organizing the visit and helping the director and his team learn all about Ohio START. It was a great showcase of the wonderful work you all do throughout the state in this program and the director and his team were impressed.

In other news, I hope you plan to join us this month for one of our Fall Consortium Meetings on either November 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss program updates, baseline evaluation information and have interesting break-out sessions.

*Fawn*

## BROWN COUNTY

The Brown County team successfully re-engaged with clients who had not been heard from in over 3 months! A plan for inpatient treatment was put into place.

## SUMMIT COUNTY

Summit County had a START graduation this past month and just recently took on two new cases! They celebrated the graduation. Congratulations!

## LICKING COUNTY

Licking County recently hired their FPM and now the full team is onboard! Everyone is being thoughtful with onboarding and training plans.

### Ohio START Parent Interviews

- Ohio START Evaluators are hoping to conduct phone or Zoom interviews with parents who have completed Ohio START within the past month. Parents can reside in any START county and can have been served by any cohort.
- The interview will ask about their experiences in START as well as their perceptions of parenting with a SUD. Parents can receive a \$75 gift card for participating in an interview. Interviews will last approximately 45 minutes.
- For more information, email Margaret Hutzel at [hutzel@ohio.edu](mailto:hutzel@ohio.edu)
- A participant recruitment flyer can be found in the Document Portal in the Evaluation Folder.

### PLAN OF SAFE CARE LEARNING MODULES

The National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare recently releases new Plan of Safe Care learning modules! This five-part series is to guide individuals who improve systems and services for infants born with, and identified as affected by, substance abuse or withdrawal symptoms due to prenatal drug exposure or fetal alcohol spectrum disorder.

For more information visit this [link](#).

### OHIO CRISIS ACADEMY

OhioMHAS, in partnership with RecoveryOhio and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, are hosting a 3-hour Zoom webinar for Children's Crisis Response. This will focus on connecting children in crisis to assessment and services. The webinar will be held on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am EST.

For more information/to register visit [here](#).

## INTRODUCING THE NEW NEEDS PORTAL

The new Needs Portal launched this past month! Here are some of the big changes that were made:

- How you access various types of data (drug screens, individuals, assessments, etc.)
- New questions added to better track outcomes at the program end related to the adult's recovery and sobriety, where the children are residing, and the adult's status in SUD/MH treatment.
- New security role made for supervisors to allow them to easily view all families and information from the counties they work in.

Training Videos Links:

1. [Introducing the \(redesigned\) Needs Portal](#)
2. [Caseworkers - Adding Families](#)
3. [Caseworkers - Enrolling Families into Programs](#)
4. [Caseworkers - Making Referrals for Services and Mentoring](#)
5. [Service Providers - How to Accept Referrals](#)
6. [FPMs - How to Accept Referrals](#)

Feel free to email [needsportal@osu.edu](mailto:needsportal@osu.edu) with any questions or concerns.

### Training & TA

All trainings have moved to a virtual platform due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Scheduled trainings are listed on the Ohio START website on the Upcoming Trainings page that may be found here: <https://ohiostart.org/training-assistance/>

- November 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio START Consortium Meeting, 9:00 - 10: 30 AM
  - o Register [HERE](#)
- November 12<sup>th</sup> Ohio START Consortium Meeting, 9:00 - 10:30 AM
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