

APRIL 1-2, 2027

2027 OHIO START ANNUAL SUMMIT

Celebrating 10 years of Ohio START!

This event brings together more than 200 caseworkers, supervisors, behavioral health providers, and family peer mentors for 2 days of networking and learning how best to serve Ohio's families affected by co-occurring child maltreatment and substance use disorder. The Ohio START Summit offers inspiring keynotes, panel discussions, breakout sessions, awards luncheons, and an evening reception.

When: April 1-2, 2027
Where: The Ohioan Hotel & Event Center,
100 Green Meadows Dr. S, Lewis Center, OH 43035

QUESTIONS?

Contact anne@pcsao.org

Ohio START PROGRAM
SOBRIETY, TREATMENT, AND REDUCING TRAUMA

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CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Presenter Application Deadline: January 8, 2027

PRESENTER APPLICATION

Ohio START is seeking workshop proposals 1-2 hours in length. The Ohio START Summit is a great opportunity to share best practices and reach child protection, peer support, and substance use treatment professionals from around Ohio. Presenters at the Ohio START Summit are volunteers and receive free registration to the event.

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR



Special consideration will be given to:

- Workshops that can be offered for CEUs
- Creative audience engagement strategies
- Lived experience/family voice
- Presenters with unique backgrounds
- Presenters with experience working with underserved populations
- Presenters who work on START teams
- Trainings with clearly defined target audiences
- Advanced level trainings
- Evidence-based and unique content that is not easily found elsewhere
- Focus on ethics and/or supervision

SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION

Please have the following information prepared prior to completing the proposal:

- Names, contact info, bios, and resumes of all presenters
- Workshop title, description, length, intended audience, and learning objectives

Applications are due January 8, 2027. Our planning committee will review all submissions and notify applicants whether their proposal has been accepted by January 19, 2027.

AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nomination Deadline: January 31, 2027

NOMINATION FORM

THE AWARDS

Ohio START Caseworker of the Year
Recipient must be a current Ohio START caseworker serving families.

Ohio START Supervisor of the Year
Recipient must be a current Ohio START supervisor with a dyad actively serving families.

Ohio START Community Partner of the Year
This person is an integral part of the local Ohio START team and collaborates with the team to meet the needs of families. This could include a therapist, case manager, treatment supervisor/administrator, court personnel, direct line or steering committee member.

Ohio START Family Peer Mentor of the Year
Recipient must be a current Ohio START family peer mentor serving families.

Ohio START Family of the Year
Ohio START will recognize a family who has succeeded in overcoming challenges and persevered to create a loving, stable home for their family. Nominated families must have had an open Ohio START case within the last 2 years and closed their case at least 6 months prior to date of nomination. Families must be nominated by a member of the START team in their county.



WHO CAN SUMBIT A NOMINATION?

- Public children services agencies & their staff
- Ohio START team members
- Partners working directly with Ohio START teams on Ohio START cases

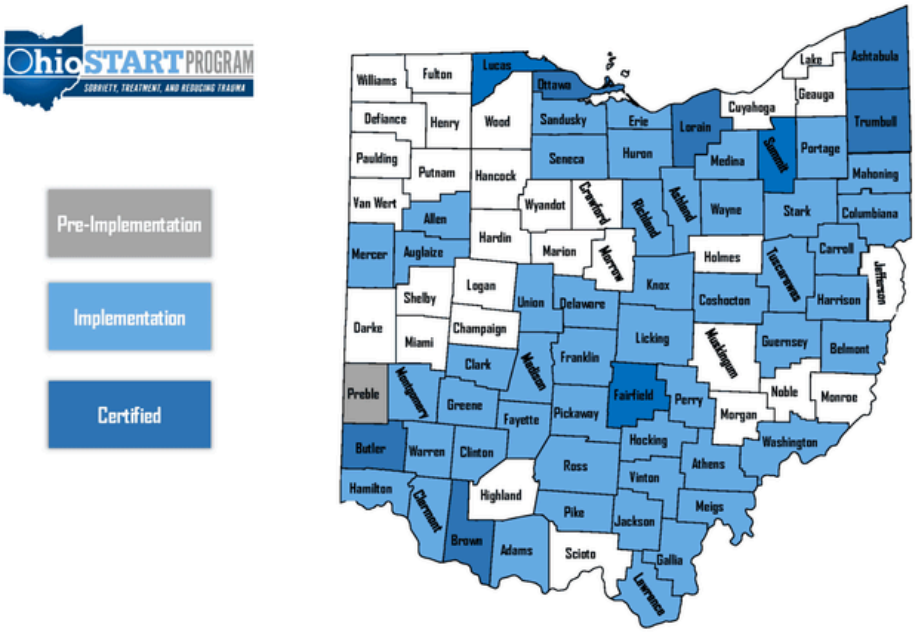
The 2027 Ohio START Award winners will be announced during the 2027 Ohio START Summit on April 1-2. Winners and their loved ones will be invited to join us at the awards ceremony to celebrate their achievement.

ABOUT OHIO START

Learn more at ohiostart.org

WE BELIEVE IN FAMILY AND THE POWER OF RECOVERY

Ohio Sobriety Treatment and Reducing Trauma (START) is a child-welfare-led, evidence-informed initiative designed to transform systems of care for families affected by parental substance use disorders. The model recognizes that parental addiction affects the entire family and that recovery happens most effectively within the family context. By bringing together child welfare agencies, behavioral health providers, and other family-serving partners, START supports children, parents, and the entire family to build safe, stable, and healthy lives.



Ohio began implementing the START model in April 2017 as a collaborative response to the opioid crisis. Now, 10 years later, the model is being implemented in 57 counties across the state.

Ohio START is administered by Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO).