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Strategies for Launching Community Academic Partnerships: Lessons Learned from Ohio START

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Our Roadmap

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- Overview of Ohio START Intervention

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- Partnership Beginnings & Successes

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- Partnership Strategies

I. Ohio START

Substance Misuse Affects Kids & Families



Increase in the number of children entering foster care in Ohio (PCSAO, 2016; Radel, Baldwin, Crouse, Ghertner, & Waters, 2018).



Caregivers' substance use treatment needs often go unmet (GAO, 2018)



Child welfare-involved families struggling with substance misuse often are more likely to have substantiated allegations, children placed in foster care, and failure to reunify (Freisthler et al, 2017; Wulczyn, et al, 2019; Lloyd, Akin, & Brook, 2017)

Sobriety Treatment & Recovery Teams (START)

Child welfare intervention for families affected by child maltreatment and parental substance use disorder (SUD)

- ✓ Expedites parents' access to treatment
- ✓ Improved treatment retention
- ✓ Higher levels of sobriety
- ✓ Keeps families together during and after the intervention

Hall, Wilfong, Huebner, Posze, & Willauer, 2016

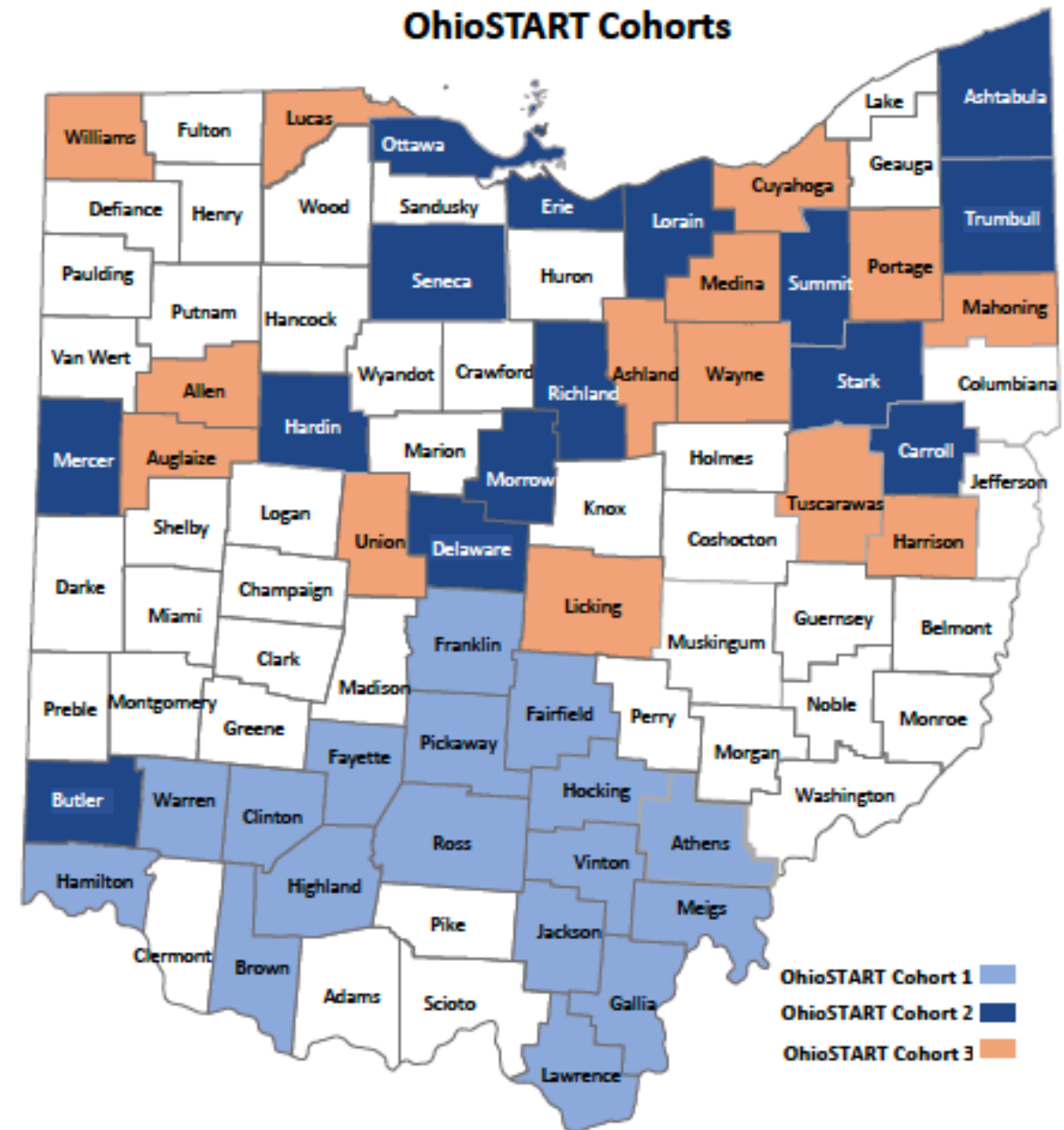
Huebner, Posze, Willauer, & Hall, 2015

Huebner, Willauer, & Posze, 2012.

| Key Components | |
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| 1 | Early identification of families affected by substance use disorders (screening) |
| 2 | Quick access to quality treatment |
| 3 | Increasing parent recovery services and engagement in treatment through peer support |
| 4 | Focusing on family-centered services and parent-child relationships |
| 5 | Increasing oversight for parents and children |
| 6 | Sharing responsibility for parent accountability and program outcomes across service systems |
| 7 | Collaborating across service systems and with the courts |

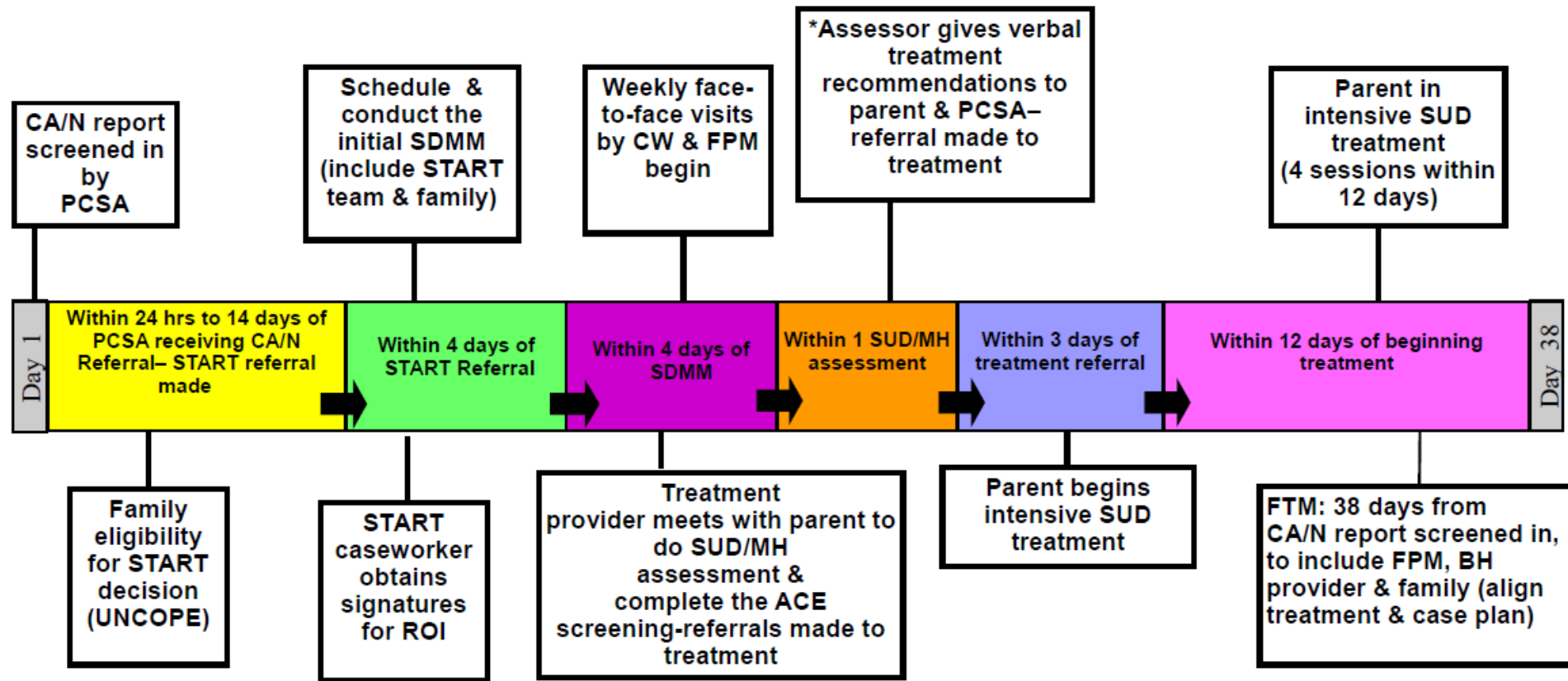


- Ohio START is adapted from the national model to also address trauma exposure
- Ohio began the implementation of the Ohio START model in April 2017
- 46 counties



Ohio START Timeline

Initiation of a START Case– 38 Days



Note: All days listed are calendar days

*Written treatment recommendations given to PCSA within 5 days

II. Collaboration Beginnings & Successes

How Did We Connect?

Hey, can we help?

That sounds great!

Talk to our friends at OU!

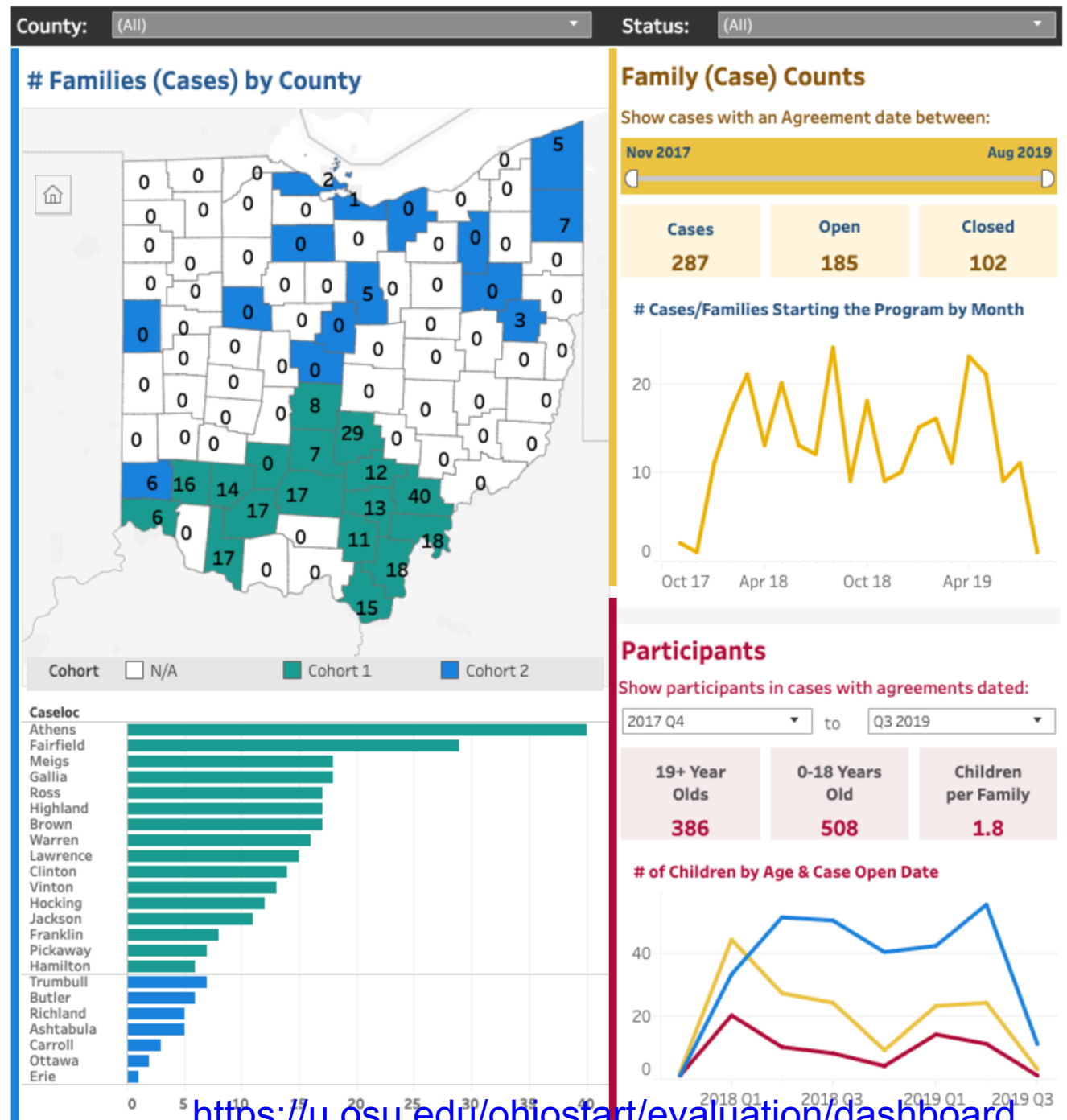
PCSAO will implement!



Monitor Implementation → Data Dashboard

Audit & Feedback is effective!

- Responds to real-time data needs
- Emphasizes quality improvement
- Tailor to practice needs



Building Evidence → Rigorous Design

| | Pre-test | Intervention | Post-test |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| OhioSTART Counties | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demographics• Length of time in CW / placement• Reunification rates• Risk factors (e.g. SUD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intensive case management• Assignment to PRS• Timely linkage to services | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length of time in CW / placement• Reunification rates• Risk factors (e.g. SUD) |
| Comparison Counties | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Demographics• Length of time in CW / placement• Reunification rates• Risk factors (e.g. SUD) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treatment as Usual | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Length of time in CW / placement• Reunification rates• Risk factors (e.g. SUD) |

Building Evidence → Engage Caregivers

- Extensive Protocol Tailoring
- Considerations for:
 - Recruitment (asking busy CW professionals for help)
 - Contact (cell phone minutes)

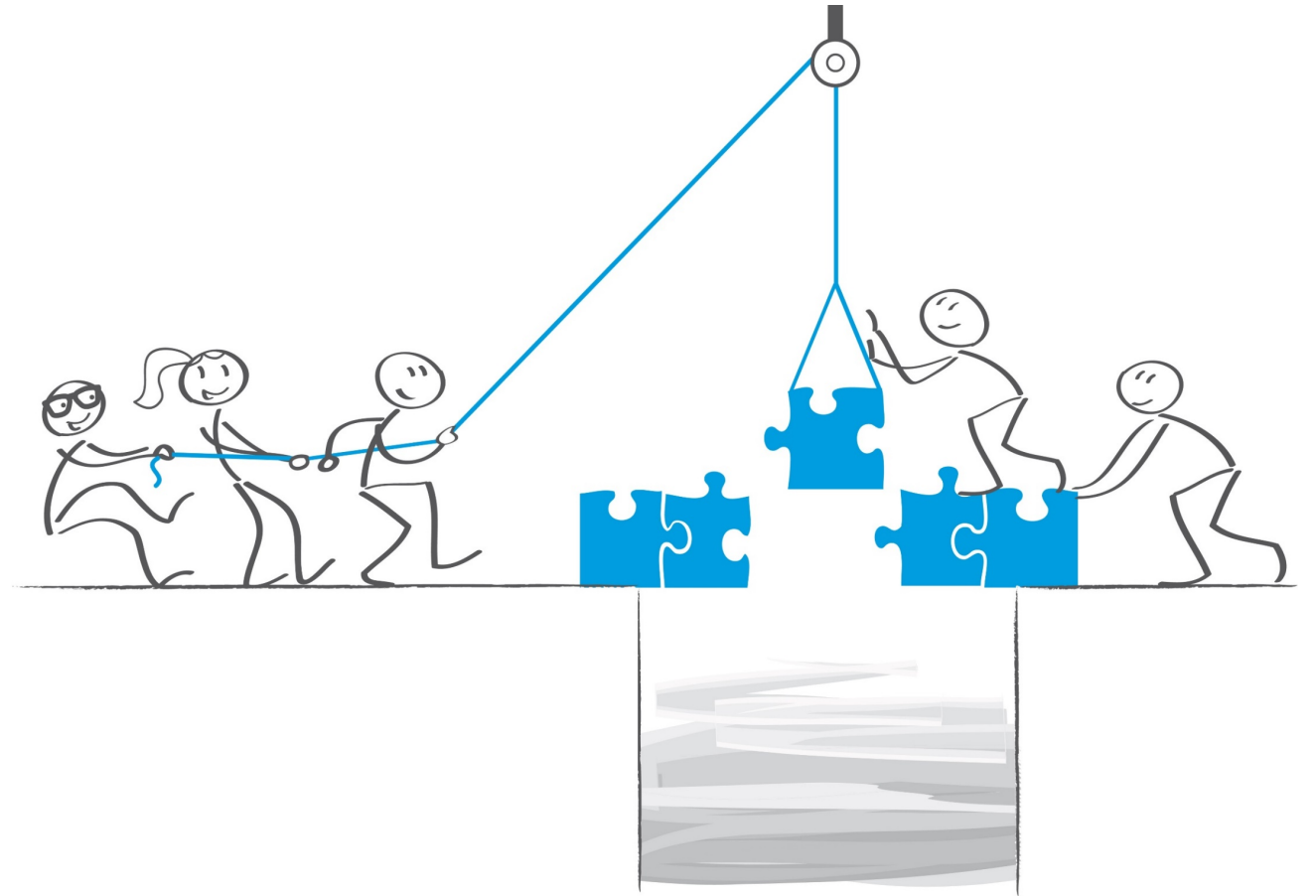


Implementation Tools for Scale Up → New Proposals

“Collaboration Toolkit”

- Decision tree
- Sample contract language
- Strategies that ADAMH Boards can use to help

(NIDA R34; RWJF S4A)



III. Partnership Strategies

The Life Stages of Partnership



INITIAL
CONVERSATIONS



PLANNING



ENGAGEMENT



ADDRESSING
CHALLENGES

The ways we work together change over time as our project evolves

Questions?

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