OMNI TA Newsletter

Kudos for Rocking Evaluation this Year!

The entire OMNI Evaluation Team would like to take a moment to applaud you for all of the important evaluation work you've done this past year! From your roadmaps with all the strategy and outcome updates, to needs assessment planning and rollout, you are engaging in important prevention work that requires commitment and focus. We see you bring that to the process continually. Collectively we have also noticed great growth in your overall data and evaluation capacity, which is exciting to see! We enjoy partnering with you.

Now we are *all* embarking on the use of a revamped data system, PBPS V3. We are still orienting ourselves to the system, working with CPG to make adjustments, as well as checking your Plan Channels for accuracy after the data migration. We will do our best to support your use of the new system, including creating TA documents and tips, to make your implementation data entry and reporting as seamless as possible. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we implement this change.

As we head into 2022, look for our continued support on your needs assessment processes, including a Community Forum on the Young Adult Survey in January and a formal training on the survey in February. We expect to host a forum centered on Marijuana soon thereafter.

Enjoy the holidays and be well. We look forward to continuing our evaluation journey with you as we ring in 2022!

This Month in Needs Assessment: Planning Wrap Up, a Break, and an FAQ

For some of you, this month may conclude your planning work for the Needs Assessment. You've got your team leads, you're clear on what data is being gathered and how, and you've started scheduling interviews/focus groups and task completion. It's time to get out and do it! Probably in the new year…Enjoy a break and when you're ready, reminders for each component are below.

Environmental Scan: Collect data for the Brick and Mortar, Charitable Gaming, Community Walk, and Passive Media scans. Complete the online questionnaire for each data collection activity (transferring data from paper worksheets, if used).

Gaming/Gambling Community Readiness Assessment: The next phases are Outreach and Data Collection: setting up meetings and documenting interviews/focus groups with stakeholders.

OMNI has created an FAQ that we will continue to update as questions arise about the Needs Assessment process. The FAQ can be accessed on Box.com here and through the portal here.

If you are having challenges with the Needs Assessment or have questions unanswered by the FAQ, please reach out to the OMNI TA Team at OMNISupport@omni.org. We're here to support!

News You Can Use

DEP Guidelines

We know that many of you are eager to start entering data in PBPS!

To make the process go smoothly, we have updated our Data Entry Guidelines document, which can be used once your TA has granted you access to start entering data.

You can find these guidelines with the reference materials in Box.com under the OMNI TA resources for CSBs folder.

Updated Portal Now Available!

It's been a couple of weeks since the launch of the new portal and we hope everyone is finding it easier to navigate!

We would like to remind everyone to create a new member account as the portal is the central way OBHW, OMNI, and CSBs share resources, events, and announcements.

Please refer to the email sent Dec. 1st for step-by-step instructions on how to set up your account.

Please also remember to update your notification preferences so that you receive all relevant notifications from the portal.

V3 DEP Updated in CSBs Roadmaps

If you have looked in your Evaluation Roadmap recently, you may have noticed a new look to your Data Entry Plan tab. Since there are new features in the latest version of PBPS, we have updated your Data Entry Plan to reflect these changes.

Please let a TA know if you have any questions about the changes and how it will impact your data entry.

Community Spotlight
Fairfax-Falls Church Offers Youth Mental Health Project Grants

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, with support from the DBHDS-funded Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia, offered their second annual mini-grants for youth-led projects to reduce stigma among their peers. The mini-grants fund youth-planned, youth-led projects within Fairfax County, Fairfax City, and Falls Church City, to be completed by August 15, 2022. A total of $6,000 was awarded, disseminated in increments of $1,000 each or less. Previous awards have funded efforts such as positive messaging campaigns and information dissemination, contests, events, and the creation of safe spaces for mental health and wellness. All created and implemented by youth!

Important Dates

Dec 24th- Dec 31st, 2021
- OMNI office closed

Late January, 2022
- Young Adult Survey Community Forum

Jan 31st, 2022
- Environmental Scan and Community Readiness Assessment for gaming/gambling complete

February, 2022
- Young Adult Survey Community Training

Monthly
- Updated ACEs evaluation and Coalition Readiness and Effectiveness Assessment data available on Box.com.

Quick Links:

| Demographics Calculator | VA Prevention Works! Portal | VASIS Dashboard | CPG's PBPS System | in |