

# OMNI TA Newsletter

## IMPORTANT NOTICE:

All data related to Block Grant and Block Grant/SOR dual-funded strategies must be entered into PBPS by July 15th.

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## Happy Retirement, Gail!



Since 2014, OMNI Institute has had the joy of working with Gail Taylor and the OBHW team.

During that time, OMNI has seen Gail inspire others with thoughtful insights and questions, her sense of humor, and infectious laugh. Gail has pushed substance use prevention work forward by always being open to innovative ideas, evidenced-based approaches, and listening to the people working within communities. Seeing the shift from how Virginia tackled substance use prevention with direct education programming, to focusing on holistic behavioral wellness to support entire communities is awe-inspiring--at least for those of us at OMNI.

We will miss working with Gail greatly: her quick wit during calls, her joy in the work, and her ability to always recommend the best places to eat or see during OMNI's visits to Virginia. All of us at OMNI, along with CSB staff, wish Gail well in retirement. We hope you enjoy time with your dogs, your friends, and family!

Congratulations, Gail!

## The YAS Finish Line is Just Ahead!

There are just **two more weeks to collect data** for the Virginia Young Adult Survey (YAS).

There is still time to recruit participants! So give one good final push: table at a summer event, community hub, or end of school year gathering. Let's hear from more youth!

**All data collection (including data entry of paper surveys) needs to be complete by the end of day on Thursday, June 30th.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the timeline including doing any final data collection or recruitment, let the OMNI TA Team know!



## News You Can Use



### Upcoming Resource on Problem Gambling Prevention Strategies

Thank you to everyone who filled out our recent Evaluation Planning Prep Survey!

We heard from many of you that it would be helpful to have a resource outlining problem gambling prevention strategies to help guide you as you begin implementing your prevention work in this area.

We wanted to let you know that we are hard at work gathering resources on problem gambling prevention strategies and look forward to sharing this resource with you soon!

### New Additions to the Box.com Library

Our OMNI TA Team is working hard to expand the **Library** folder in **Box.com** with a wide variety of resources to support you in your prevention work.

We have recently added a number of resources including:

- A Lock and Talk PowerPoint Presentation template for use in Higher Ed settings
- Counter Tools Social Media posts for Vendors to post
- Training and educational curriculum resources for working towards LGBTQ+ Inclusiveness

You can find the Library in the OMNI TA Resources folder on [box.com](https://box.com). Looking for something specific and don't see it? We would love to hear what kinds of resources you'd like to see more of as we grow this library!

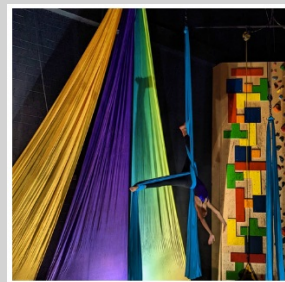
### Share Your Success Stories!

As we near the end of this Block Grant fiscal year, we would love to hear about some of the successes you've had in implementing prevention work in your communities!

Telling the prevention story is crucial to building a movement and engaging community partners in this work. Help us tell your stories by submitting a success story through the [Virginia Prevention Works! Portal!](#)

## Community Spotlight Rappahannock Rapidan Collaborates with a Local Nonprofit Gym

Rappahannock Rapidan CSB is integrating overall wellbeing into their prevention work through a collaboration with State Climb Rock Climbing and Aerial Silks studio. State Climb works with youth in the community and helps build leadership, teamwork, resiliency, and relationship building skills. Rappahannock Rapidan CSB used SOR funds for this youth program partnership. The program supports learning life skills that serve as protective factors against substance abuse and mental health concerns. To learn more, visit [State Climb's website](#).



## Important Dates

### June 30, 2022

- All YAS data entered and complete

### July 13, 2022

- FY22-23 Evaluation Planning Kickoff, 1-2:30 ET

### July 15, 2022

- All BG data entry and combined BG/SOR data entry complete for FY21-22

### July 29, 2022

- All PBPS data entry rejections fixed and completed

### September 30, 2022

- Community Readiness Assessment for Marijuana complete

### Monthly

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

## Quick Links:

Demographics

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CPG's PBPS



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