OMNI TA Newsletter

Block Grant Summit on December 5th!

December inches closer and that means the **2022 Block Grant Evaluation Summit on Dec. 5th in Richmond** is just around the corner!

Thanks for registering and letting us know who from your team is coming. We are so excited to see you and meet some of you for the first time! Along with the information shared below, we will also send an email with additional details about the Summit at the end of the month.

The Summit will take place at the **Eastern Henrico Recreation Center** (1440 N Laburnum Avenue, Richmond, VA 23223) on **Monday, December 5th from 10 am to 3:30 pm**. OMNI will offer TA office hours for evaluation and data entry support for CSB staff before (from 9-10 am) and after (3:30-4:30 pm) the Summit on Dec. 5th.

Agenda overview:
- Welcome and introductions
- Announcements and updates from DBHDS and OMNI
- 2022 Results with OMNI:
    - Highlights from the recent Young Adult Survey
    - Highlights from the Needs Assessments on Problem Gambling and Marijuana
    - Data walk and discussion focused on marijuana
- LUNCH will be provided
- Marijuana prevention implementation discussions and working group with OBHW consultants
- Wrap Up

Be on the lookout for additional details in an email the week before the Summit. If you have any questions, please let us know at omnisupport@omni.org.

Adding Problem Gambling to your FY22-23 Roadmap

With the new amended Problem Gambling Prevention contract, OBHW asks all CSBs receiving funding to add a Problem Gambling strategy to their Evaluation Roadmap by December 2022 and begin implementation in January 2023 (see the portal post here).

Once your CSB has determined which strategy fits best for this first year of implementation --here are some strategy options to consider--connect with the OMNI TA Team so we can start building out these additions to the roadmap. A new Problem Gambling area will be added to the Logic Model with the associated short-term outcomes incorporated into your Measurement Plan, and all new strategies added to your Data Entry Plan. You can check out a template here as a starting point for inspiration. OMNI TAs can support in choosing a strategy, documenting it in your roadmap, building it into the Plan Channel in PBPS, and entering implementation data.

Please be in contact with the OMNI TA Team for support with adding these Problem Gambling components for FY22-23.
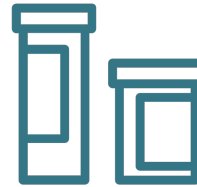
News You Can Use

How to View Your CSB's Rejected Activities

Did you know there are multiple ways to view your rejected activities in PBPS? You can find them in the following places:

1. Listed in the bottom right quadrant of**your account dashboard**, organized by date of rejection.

2. Listed underneath pending activities in the Implement Channel, organized by activity date.

Note: Use the filter button to limit the type of activities displayed by changing the status to "Rejected". Please also make sure the date range is broad enough to capture any activities that may have been rejected during this fiscal year.

3. By running a Rejected Activities Report in the **Evaluate Channel**, also organized by activity date.

You can find this at the top right corner of the evaluation channel page. These reports can be exported into an excel file which may be useful if you'd like to keep track of the type of activities that are commonly rejected and the reasons for rejection. This can help your CSB adjust the way certain data are entered to avoid common mistakes and save your staff time and energy.

How to Capture Demographics for the New Item Distribution Campaigns

In previous years, each type of device distributed needed to be entered as one individual activity per date distributed. Starting FY 22-23, if your campaign falls into one of the following strategies, you can enter all the indicated items that were distributed at that event in one activity by providing the number of items distributed next to the item name:

- **Supply Reduction - Item Distribution**
    - Medication lock boxes/pouches distributed
    - Drug deactivation packets distributed
    - Smart pill bottles/Timer caps distributed
- **Lock and Talk - Item Distribution**
    - Trigger locks distributed
    - Cable locks distributed
    - Lock boxes distributed

For these activities, **demographics** should equal the number of people who received items. For example, if 20 people came to an event and you handed out a lock box and a trigger lock to each person, you would record 20 lock boxes and 20 trigger locks distributed in the appropriate fields. Demographics will equal 20.

If you have any questions about this guidance please let the OMNI TA Team know!

Community Spotlight
Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB Strengthens their Continuum of Care

CSBs were recently asked about how their Prevention work has collaborated with Treatment, Recovery, and Harm Reduction efforts. CSBs shared many inspiring examples, including this, from Harrisonburg-Rockingham CSB.

Important Dates

December 5, 2022
- 2022 Block Grant Evaluation Summit at Eastern Henrico Recreation Center, 10 am to 3:30 pm

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

Note: The OMNI TA Team has shifted the schedule for ACEs evaluation data to every other month. ACEs evaluation data will be available in December, covering November and December results.

"Our program has been collaborating more intentionally with our treatment/recovery teams to meet our communities' needs surrounding SUDs and opioid use. Our Peers teams consulted with the Prevention program to develop a Harm Reduction Kit for clients and community members. We collaborated with the leader of our Peers program to renew our contract with VDH to receive Narcan. We ensure that our treatment and recovery staff are trained in REVIVE!, including Peers, MH Case Managers, Outpatient Clinicians, and Support Housing staff at HRCSB. Developing this relationship with Treatment and Recovery has allowed us to maximize our resources and reach in the community."

Thanks for sharing your collaboration across efforts and way to go!

Quick Links:

Demographics Calculator	VA Prevention Works! Portal	VASIS Dashboard	CPG's PBPS System
Data Entry Guidelines	OMNI Support Email	Success Story Survey	BG Reference DEP