

# OMNI TA Newsletter

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## Kick-Off Meeting and Evaluation Roadmap Prep Overview



Welcome to Evaluation Planning Season! All CSBs should have scheduled a one-on-one call with an OMNI TA. The OMNI TA Team is very excited to spend time with you in completing this process and is looking forward to working with all staff involved in the BG and/or SOR evaluation tools and processes during these calls.

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our FY23-24 Evaluation Planning Kickoff Meeting on July 11th.

During the Kickoff, the TA team provided introductions and reminders about the Evaluation Roadmap, the evaluation planning process, and OMNI's role in supporting CSBs through these steps. We will soon provide the slides and recording of the Kickoff.

Over the coming weeks, we'll work together on the following pieces of the Evaluation Roadmap, to be completed by **Sept 8th**:

- Measurement Plan updates (one each for BG and SOR) to note progress toward outcomes from the last year and to define new short-term outcomes for the coming year.
- Combined BG and SOR Logic Model updates, including adding in any new elective strategies, updating your new short-term outcomes, and striking out strategies that will not be implemented this fiscal year (note: please do not remove any strategies from the Logic Model without consulting the OMNI team).
- Combined BG and SOR Data Entry Plan will be updated based on activities identified in the logic model and our conversations.
- PBPS Plan Channel Set-Up to capture implementation data for the coming fiscal year.

Before your first one-on-one call with your OMNI TA, please determine strategies and/or activities, if any, that will be new or different for BG or SOR in FY23-24. These include all strategies beyond the DBHDS-required strategies of Counter Tools, Coalition Development, ACEs Trainings, Lock and Talk, and Suicide Prevention Trainings. There are also other required priority areas too, like Problem Gambling, Cannabis, and OTC. Also, note any strategies that you will no longer implement in FY23-24 so we can make adjustments to the new fiscal year's Evaluation Roadmap. Please also take the time to revisit your short-term outcomes from the previous year and gather any related data you will need to track progress toward achieving these.

If you have questions about this process, scheduling your one-on-one, or your CSB's Evaluation Roadmap, please reach out to the OMNI TA team at [OMNISupport@omni.org](mailto:OMNISupport@omni.org).

## ACEs survey links TA docs and SuPrEv

We are excited to announce two evaluation updates for this fiscal year. The changes for the updated **ACEs Evaluation** and the new **Virginia Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation** are both designed to streamline data collection.

Keep in mind with both of these evaluations, data entry of the trainings is still required in PBPS and the data received from the evaluations do not reflect the actual participants that attended. Please make sure that all of your training materials are updated for each type of training.

1. ACEs Evaluation changes- Each CSB now has their own unique link to share with participants. This led to the elimination of participants needing to select the sponsoring CSB that led the training they attended. This change will save your staff valuable time by reducing the communication required to ensure your CSB's training data is recorded accurately for your CSB. Your CSB's unique ACEs link is found in your CSB's ACEs Materials subfolder on [box.com](#). Paper surveys, TA guidance, and Toolkit are in the ACEs Tools subfolder in the OMNI TA Resources for CSBs folder.
2. Virginia Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation (SuPrEv)- This new evaluation was created in partnership with a couple of CSBs and OBHW staff. The coordinators for each suicide prevention training were involved in how to approach their training curriculum requirements with our process. As a result, this evaluation tool was created for QPR, MHFA, ASIST, SafeTALK, and Lock and Talk trainings. Trainers will now only need to keep track of one link (MHFA is an exception to this) and each CSB has their unique evaluation link. Please note this is only for trainings hosted by your CSB that are trained by CSB staff and/or external co-trainers. If CSB staff or co-trainers train outside of CSB sponsored trainings, they will continue to follow the procedures of the training curriculum. You can find your CSB's link in your CSB's folder under the Virginia Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation subfolder on [Box.com](#). Paper surveys, TA guidance, and Toolkit are found in the Virginia Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation Tools subfolder in the OMNI TA Resources for CSBs folder. With this new evaluation, keep in mind:
  - a. For ASIST and SafeTALK trainings:  
Ensure Laura Robertson or OMNI has your LivingWorks trainer ID before your first training. If your CSB has an external trainer that is co-training with you, they will also need to send over their trainer ID and follow these new procedures for any trainings that are CSB sponsored. You no longer need to complete the trainer feedback forms to receive credit from LivingWorks but will still need to submit the LivingWorks Workshop report to LivingWorks.
    - i. If your training is not hosted by LivingWorks you will hand out certificates after the training as usual. You can follow a similar approach to the paper surveys and have participants fill out the evaluation at the end of the training and have them show you the end page on Survey Monkey before handing them their certificate.
  - b. For MHFA trainings:  
Participants will also need to complete the MHFA specific post-training evaluation.



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If you have any questions or concerns about either of these new procedures, please contact [OMNISupport@omni.org](mailto:OMNISupport@omni.org)

## Resources You Can Use



### New Resource Alert - TA Videos!

The OMNI TA Team is excited to launch a range of TA videos to support CSBs in their work! While our team will always be available to support your evaluation-related needs, we hope to ensure support is available 24/7 - with videos relaying each step of the evaluation roadmap process, how to best use PBPS, the Portal, and [Box.com](#)!



### Videos to Support Your End of Year Wrap Up Tasks

As part of our new TA video launch, we are excited to share the following videos with your teams that we hope will assist you in completing your end of year wrap up tasks!

- [Video](#): How to find your rejections in PBPS
- [Video](#): How to Submit a Support Ticket to CPG
- [Video](#): Run Reports in PBPS
- [Video](#): How to Close Cohorts/Campaigns in PBPS



### Reminder: Completing the Block Grant End-of-Year Report

If you have not already done so, we ask that all CSBs complete the BG EOY report as soon as possible.

The due date for completing the report was **Friday, July 14th**. For questions about this process or to confirm receipt of your report, contact OMNI TA Team.

## **Community Spotlight!**

### **Team Jordan awarded Scholarships to graduating seniors at Culpeper and Eastern View High Schools in Culpeper, VA**



*Caption: Culpeper Mayor Frank Reaves, Alan Rasmussen – Prevention Specialist and Program Manager from Encompass Community Supports (formerly known as Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services), along with Kristen Jenkins, Secretary of Team Jordan, presented the awards to the scholarship recipients.*

The OMNI TA team wants to celebrate Encompass Community Supports (formerly known as Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services) involvement in awarding scholarships to local students with Team Jordan. Team Jordan is a local suicide prevention coalition and recently awarded \$11,000 in scholarship awards to nine graduating seniors at both Culpeper High School and Eastern View High School. This was the seventh year that Team Jordan has awarded scholarships to local students, with total awards of more than \$60,000.

Scholarship winners provided responses to essay questions related to awareness of others who are in need of help and what approaches might be used to help those in need. Team Jordan believes that spreading awareness and generating discussions will result in the expansion of their “team” and equates to having more people looking out for those in need. Team Jordan views their scholarship awards as not just a win for the students, but for the entire community as we learn to support each other.

Way to go Team Jordan, Encompass Community Supports, and the graduating seniors! Here is the link to the article for your [review](#).

## **Important Dates**

### **July 14, 2023**

- PBPS Data Entry Reminder & Deadline
- Block Grant End of Year Report Survey due

### **July 30, 2023**

- All PBPS rejected activities need to be resolved.

### **August 15, 2023**

- FY 24 Regional Suicide Prevention Initiative Action Plan

### **September 8, 2023**

- Evaluation Road Maps Completed

### **September 15, 2023**

- FY 23 Regional Suicide Prevention Initiative End of Year Report
- Lock and Talk End of Year Report

**September 22, 2023**

- Evaluation Planning completed (including PBPS set-up)

**September 30, 2023**

- End of the SOR FY22-23

**October 3, 2023**

- Annual Block Grant Summit in Roanoke

**October 15, 2023**

- All SOR FY22-23 data due in PBPS

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