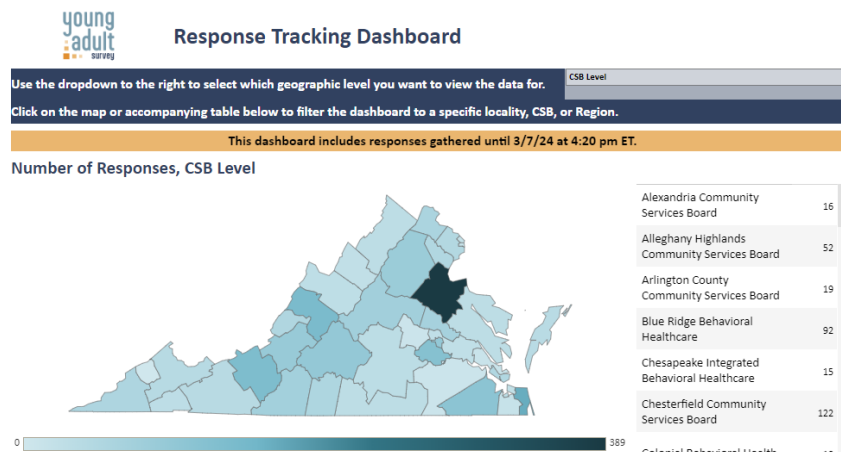


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Young Adult Survey: One Month to Go!



By the time you read this, we will be just one month away from the close of the 2024 Virginia Young Adult Survey! We want to remind you of a few important points as we move into the home stretch:

- CSBs should monitor response counts on the YAS Dashboard in the Virginia Prevention Works Portal. The goal for each CSB is to get at least 150 responses OR meet/exceed their response total from 2022. To find this number, select the CSB dropdown in the dashboard, and hover over your catchment area on the map. This will allow you to see the 2022 and 2024 YAS Administration totals.
- Do you have some recruitment or other in-person events coming up? If so, request a special QR code from OMNI. This will make it easier for folks to take the survey and allow the OMNI TA team to quickly see which responses are associated with your QR collector and event, which will help us rule out spam responses when we review the survey data.
- OBHW is partnering with Spanish-speaking “Community Liaisons” who are well-positioned to recruit Spanish-speaking young adults or those who identify as Hispanic/Latine to take the survey. If you would like to connect with one of the liaisons to partner on this targeted recruitment, reach out to [Glencora Gudger](#) or [Guadalupe Lucero](#) at OBHW.
- We are holding one last “YAS Office Hours” today, Friday, March 15th, at 12:00 PM ET. A recording will be shared on [Box.com](#) soon afterward.
- We have received a number of requests and inquiries for YAS data collected at specific sites (e.g., universities and colleges) or for CSB-specific localities. To manage these requests, we have put together a central data request form that outlines the conditions that need to be met in order for us to meet the request and allows the submission of data requests. The form can be found at the bottom of the YAS Response Tracking Dashboard page in the Portal. It can also be accessed at the following link: <https://omniinstitute.typeform.com/yas-datarequest>

Help OMNI and OBHW Identify Priorities for the

2025-30 Block Grant Cycle!

OMNI Institute and OBHW are working together to conduct a statewide needs assessment to prepare for the upcoming 2025-2030 Block Grant cycle. These efforts, combined with a strategic planning process to take place next fiscal year, will serve to identify needs and prevention priorities at a state level, including identification of priority areas and strategies.

Of course, we can't do this work without CSBs! OMNI is excited be hosting five 90-minute virtual focus groups for CSB prevention staff between April 18 and April 25th to hear from you all about your experiences, challenges, and ideas and help us shape the next five years of block grand funded prevention efforts. While participation is not required, we hope you are able to join us to share your perspectives and take part in this planning process with us. All responses will be kept confidential and either anonymized or rolled up with other responses into larger themes in reporting.

The link below will allow you to sign up for a focus group time. To manage the size of focus groups, we ask that no more than two staff per CSB register. CSB staff do not need to attend the same focus group but are welcome to do so if they prefer.

Note: There are 16 spots per focus group time – so don't delay registering!

<https://calendly.com/tschweimler/prevention-planning-focus-group-with-omni>

When registering for a focus group, you will also be asked about your interest in participating in an additional and separate in-person focus group in the late afternoon on Monday, April 29th at the Norfolk Waterside Marriot (this is the afternoon prior to the OBHW Prevention Conference taking place on April 30th in the same hotel). This focus group will be a space for deeper conversation about the logistics of what a shift in the statewide prevention model might entail. If you are unable to participate in a virtual focus group but *would* like to indicate interest in participating in this separate conversation, please email us at omnisupport@omni.org.

Resources You Can Use

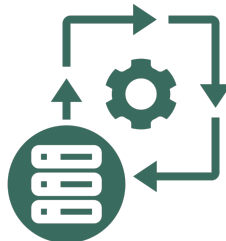


Portal Notification Updates

The portal developer has been working on addressing issues with members who do not receive portal post notifications.

If you have signed up as a member of the portal and are still not receiving notifications on a regular basis, please email OMNISupport@OMNI.org or [Marfel Barnett](mailto:Marfel.Barnett).

Please note that if you receive an email from MailPoet, you will need to confirm your subscription to receive notifications.



Reminder to Check PBPS for Rejections!

Regularly checking for rejected activities in PBPS is important to prevent a backlog of rejections and helps identify recurring issues or patterns. Reviewing rejected activities frequently can help your CSB adjust the way certain data are entered to avoid issues mistakes and save your staff time and energy.

There are multiple ways to view your rejected activities! You can find them in the following places:

One, listed in the bottom right quadrant of your account dashboard, organized by the date of rejection.

Two, listed underneath pending activities in the Implement



Review SuPrEv Data

The Virginia Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation data are now available in your box.com account. It is saved in your CSB's Virginia Suicide Prevention Training Evaluation subfolder under the Survey Responses folder. We ask that you review the data and reach out to our team with any questions or concerns.

Channel, organized by activity date.

Three, 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 activities that are commonly rejected and the reasons for rejection.

Community Spotlight



Calling All CSBs, Success Stories Needed!

We love being able to take a moment to celebrate and recognize the hard work CSBs are doing in their communities, and we'd love your help doing just that! Have a program or event you're really proud of and want to show off? A staff member who has gone above and beyond?

Go to the "Success Story Survey" button at the bottom of this newsletter and tell us all about it.

Success stories are key ways in which we can uplift CSB efforts in this newsletter section and help us bring prevention to life in our reporting.

Important Dates

April 10, 2024

- PBPS Data Entry due date

April 15, 2024

- YAS Data Collection ends

April 18-25, 2024

- Virtual Focus Groups for CSB Prevention Staff

April 29, 2024

- In-Person Focus Groups for CSB Prevention Staff

April 30, 2024

- 2024 Prevention Conference in Norfolk, Virginia

Quick Links:

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