

OMNI TA Newsletter

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Last Day of YAS Data Collection is TODAY!



We've reached the finish line! You have a few more hours to recruit folks before the 2024 Young Adult Survey closes. We wanted to pass on some important information:

- Slick Text and all QR codes and event links will be closed at the end of today.
- By now, you should have all paper surveys entered into the system. If you have not, alert OMNI ASAP!
- We recognize the importance of data in helping guide efforts at the community level. As such, our team can field requests for data at site or locality levels when response data allows us to do so without compromising the integrity of the data. If you are interested in receiving more local-level data, please complete [our request form](#). Data requests will be met with a basic Excel file presenting survey results for specific sites and localities; it is a partial report with narrative and graphs. A minimum of 200 responses must be collected. This threshold ensures the reliability of data and minimizes the potential for participants to be identified based on responses. Other requirements are thoroughly detailed in the request form itself.

In closing, KUDOS for the hard work CSBs, prevention staff, coalitions, and volunteers have put in over the past three months. We have all learned so much and will build on our shared learning as we plan the 2026 Virginia Young Adult Survey! For now, OMNI will start our analysis process right away. A statewide comprehensive report will be available later this year, and there will be updates to the VASIS dashboard in the coming months at the state, region, CSB, and locality levels.

Reminder to Sign Up for Focus Groups to 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!

Virtual Group Information

OMNI is excited to 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 to help us shape the next five years of block grant 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>

In-Person Group Information

Registration for the in-person focus group is now live! Click [here](#) to register!

Following up on our upcoming virtual focus groups, OMNI will also be hosting an in-person discussion on Monday, April 29th from 3-4:30PM at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott that will dive deeper into some of the logistics, challenges, and opportunities that may present themselves with a shift of the statewide prevention framework towards a shared risk & protective factor approach. This discussion is a great opportunity for CSBs interested in taking a bigger role in helping determine how such a shift would be carried out at the CSB level. Refreshments will be provided!

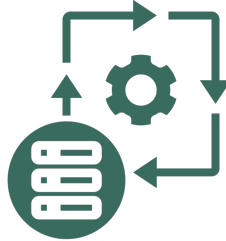
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team. Use the link above to register. We hope you can make it!

Resources You Can Use



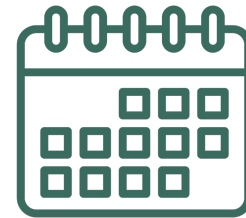
SOR Mid-Year Report Reminder!

The deadline to submit the SOR Mid-Year Report is today, April 15th. Please get that submitted if you have not already.



Run a *Stores Visited* report on the Query Builder

You can now pull a report for stores visited for all merchant education strategies using the Query Builder in the PBPS Evaluate Channel. To run this report, make sure to select "Stores Visited" in the Columns option in the Query Builder.



Google Calendar in VPW Portal

You can access the calendar in the portal by navigating to the Members Home at the top of the page. Under Resources, select OMNI/DBHDS Important Dates, and it will open to a page with a Google calendar.

Be sure to check out the upcoming events!

To do this, follow these steps:

1. Go to Evaluate
2. Select the Query Builder tab from the above menu
3. In Data Source, select "Activities"
4. In the Date Range, select "Current State Fiscal Year"
5. In Filters, select "Implement" in Activity Types; The current Counter Tools in Cohorts (You can select more information if you like)
6. In columns select: Stores Visited, Activity Date, Activity Description, and Contract name (You can select more information if you like)
7. Click Submit and it will ask

Community Spotlight

Curtis Jones Awarded 2023 Employee of the Year at Horizon!



See the announcement below from Horizon Behavioral Health!

We are pleased to announce that Curtis Jones has been selected as the 2023 Employee of The Year! Please join us in congratulating Curtis on this exciting and well-deserved achievement!

Curtis Jones III was hired as a Prevention Specialist on February 1, 2021, and has been a valuable contributor and asset to the Prevention Department over the last 3+ years. Here at Horizon, Curtis has been affectionately praised for his timeliness, dependability, and can-do attitude. He is known for being a team player and his willingness to step into 'new or unfamiliar territory' to support his fellow co-workers. His continued growth and the manner in which he represents our organization have made him an asset to our community and Horizon!

Upon receipt of this award, Curtis shares, "I'm so honored to be Horizon's 2023 Employee of the Year. The award reads as an individual recognition, but I would not be able to be where I am today without the infinite motivation, dedication, and praise from the prevention team. Jan and the prevention department have shaped me into who I am professionally and personally today. With a great leader and a great team, anything is possible."

**From the OMNI TA team, congratulations Curtis on this wonderful accomplishment.
Thank you for all that you do!**

Important Dates

April 15, 2024

- YAS Data Collection ends
- SOR Mid-Year Report due

April 18-25, 2024

- Virtual Focus Groups for CSB Prevention Staff

April 29, 2024

- In-Person Focus Groups for CSB Prevention Staff at 3pm ET

April 30, 2024

- 2024 Prevention with Intention Conference in Norfolk, Virginia
 - OMNI available for one-on-one TA appointments!

Quick Links:

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