

The **STARS** Program Key Community Partners



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The **STARS** Program

Summit County Collaborative on **T**rauma,
Alcohol & Other Drug & **R**esiliency
Building **S**ervices for Children & Families



*Increasing the Safety
and Well-Being
of Children Impacted
by Parental
Substance Abuse*



About the STARS Program

Nearly 30% of families served by Summit County Children Services (SCCS) have substance abuse issues. However, these families are often reluctant to participate in programs available to help.

Thanks to a five-year/\$2.5 million Federal Grant, Summit County Children Services has spearheaded a multi-system collaboration to increase the safety and well-being of children we serve by tackling parental substance abuse.



Our STARS Program Partners

The key to the success of this program is collaboration—and SCCS is fortunate to have the support of the following primary program partners: Summit County Public Health, County of Summit ADM Board, Akron UMADAOP, Summit County Juvenile Court, the Human Services Research Institute, Northeast Ohio Behavioral Health, Ltd. And Ohio Guidestone.



Who does The STARS Program serve?

The STARS Program will serve families for whom there has been a court filing (custody or protective supervision order) and a positive result on an alcohol and other drug assessment (severe child injury and sex abuse allegations excluded).



What services will be provided by The STARS Program?

Each eligible family is offered an In-Home Alcohol & Other Drug assessment and their children are referred for a Trauma Screening through Northeast Ohio Behavioral Health, Ltd. When indicated, all children will be offered ongoing trauma treatment. Families assigned to the STARS Program will also be eligible for the following:

- ◆ Ongoing service coordination and outreach services through Summit County Public Health PLUS traditional case management services through Summit County Children Services
- ◆ Nurturing Parenting Program (parenting class focusing on addiction)
- ◆ Recovery coaches
- ◆ Ongoing substance abuse treatment through local providers
- ◆ Other services, such as tutors and mentors for children



What are The STARS Program Goals?

Families served through The STARS Program will experience:

- ◆ Improved child safety and well-being outcomes
- ◆ Improved child permanency outcomes
- ◆ A coordinated approach to service delivery
- ◆ An increased array of services with easy access

In addition, through the STARS Program, the following system improvements will occur:

- ◆ Earlier identification of parental substance abuse issues
- ◆ Easy access to alcohol and other drug assessments
- ◆ Emphasis on early and improved engagement of families with services—including a strong focus on completion of planned services
- ◆ Enhanced communication between the Public Child Welfare, Substance Abuse Service & Other Child/Family Serving Systems—as well as all-important cross-system training



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