

Opening Minds through Art (OMA)
Quarterly Progress Report to the Ohio Department of Medicaid
Timeframe: April 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018

Recruitment efforts:

1. E-blasts and Conferences: Repeatedly sent e-blasts and postcards and made announcements at webinars and conferences about the RFP for the next cohort of OMA Facilitators to be trained.

- 3/30/18: OMA staff presented the opportunity to apply for QIP funding and receive OMA training to 40 people at the Creative Aging Training Institute in New York City. The training was conducted by The Creative Center at University Settlement and funded by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA).
- 4/18/18: OMA's QIP application opportunity was announced at the "engAGED: Increasing Social Engagement Through the Arts" webinar conducted by The National Association for Area Agencies on Aging (n4a) with speakers from the National Center for Creative Aging (NCCA) and the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA). Over 300 people attended this webinar.
- 5/2/18: Postcards were distributed at the annual conference of Ohio Health Care Association (OHCA) in Columbus, OH.
- E-blasts about QIP funding opportunities were sent out on 4/1/18 (to 3,166 recipients); on 5/2/18 (to 3,166 recipients)
- 6/22/18: National Certification Council for Activities Professionals (NCCAP) conference: Received The 2018 Best Practice and presented about OMA to 115 activity professionals. Postcards with QIP funding and training opportunities were distributed to conference attendees.
- 6/29/18: OMA e-newsletter went out to 3,179 recipients announcing QIP funding opportunity and five training sessions in the academic year of 2018-19.

2. Year 3 Sites Recruited: Ten new sites have been identified to receive QIP funding in Year 3. This cohort will be trained using the hybrid format to be completed by August 16, 2018.

3. Approved CE Provider Status: Scripps Gerontology Center has applied and received the "Approved Continuing Education Educator" status from the National Certification Council for Activity Professionals (NCCAP). This designation will aid in recruiting activity staff to attend the OMA training program.

Implementation record:

1. May 2018 Facilitator Training: Nineteen staff members from 15 sites attended OMA training in May 2018. Eleven out of the 15 sites are new QIP recipients. The remaining 4 sites already received QIP funding and are sending additional staff members to be trained. This will be the last cohort to be trained in Year 2 of the grant period.

2. Total Number of Trained Sites: As of July 1, 2018, we have trained $34 + 15 = 49$ facilities to implement the OMA program. One facility returned the funding because they failed to implement OMA (trained staff left the facility and no new staff will be sent to OMA training to take her place). This brings us to 48 trained sites, which meet the goal of 48 OMA trained facilities in the first two years of the grant period (14 sites in Year 1 and 34 sites in Year 2).

3. Total Number of Launched Sites:

We surveyed all 48 these sites in June 2018 and found that:

- 8 sites have only recently attended the OMA training (in May 2018) and have not had enough time to plan for program implementation.
- 7 sites were delayed in implementing the program due to one of the following reasons: (a) 2 sites experienced challenges in recruiting volunteers; (b) 4 sites experienced staff transitions (OMA trained staff members are no longer employed at the facility, but new staff members have been sent to attend OMA training recently, so not enough time has lapse to launch the program); and (c) 1 site experienced space limitation due to constructions in the entire facility.
- 33 sites have successfully implemented the program. This number should increase in the near future as the sites trained in May of 2018 begin to implement the program.

4. Future Training Sessions: To ensure we can train 54 sites planned for Year 3, we have added training locations throughout Ohio to reduce trainees' travel time and expenses. Below are the dates and locations of SIX training sessions in Year 3:

a. Oxford, OH (hybrid training, combining online training and in-person practicum)

- Online training: May 21-June 15, 2018.
- In-person practicum: August 15-16, 2018.
- Contact: Beth Rohrbaugh at rohrbaea@miamioh.edu or Tel. 513-529-7172
- Practicum Location: The Knolls of Oxford, 6727 Contreras Rd. Oxford, OH 45056. Tel. 513-524-7990.

b. Elyria, OH (hybrid training, combining online training and in-person practicum)

- Online training: October 8-November 2, 2018.
- In-person Practicum: November 15-16, 2018 in Elyria, OH
- Contact: Tiffany Wade at tiffawade@gmail.com or Tel. 440-365-5200 x1214
- Practicum Location: Life Care Center of Elyria, 1212 S. Abbe Rd. Elyria, OH 44039. Tel. (440) 365-5200

c. Parma, OH (hybrid training, combining online training and in-person practicum)

- Online training: April 22-May 17, 2019.
- In-person Practicum: June 4-5, 2019 in Parma, OH.
- Contact: Tina Redcliff at tredcliff@franciscancommunities.org or Tel. 440-663-1108
- Practicum Location: Mt. Alverna Village, 6765 State Rd. Parma, OH 44134. Tel. 440-843-7800

d. Upper Sandusky, OH (hybrid training, combining online training and in-person practicum)

- Online training: May 6-31, 2019.

- In-person Practicum: June 17-18, 2019 in Upper Sandusky, OH.
- Contact: Rev. Becky King at beking@uchinc.org or Tel. 419-294-4973 x 308
- Practicum Location: Fairhaven Community, 850 Marseilles Ave Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. 419-294-4973.

e. Canal Fulton, OH (hybrid training, combining online training and in-person practicum)

- Online training: May 6-31, 2019.
- In-person Practicum: June 20-21, 2019 in Canal Fulton, OH.
- Contact: Erin McCreight at emccreight@uchinc.org or Tel. 330-854-4150
- Practicum Location: Chapel Hill Community, 12200 Strausser St. NW Canal Fulton, OH 44614. Tel. 330-854-4177

f. Oxford, OH (Fully in-person training)

- In-Person training: May 20-23, 2019.
- Contact: Beth Rohrbaugh at rohrbaea@miamioh.edu or Tel. 513-529-7172
- Practicum Location: The Knolls of Oxford, 6727 Contreras Rd. Oxford, OH 45056. Tel. 513-524-7990.

Support for Trained Facilitators:

- 1. Mentoring system:** We applied and received funding from M.I.A.M.I WOMEN Giving Circle a grant of \$7500 to purchase tablets to loan to trained facilitators for one year. The facilitators will use the tablets to record and submit video data to Scripps Gerontology Center. Based on this video data, Scripps OMA staff will provide individualized feedback. This initiative was not included in the original QIP proposal but was found to be necessary because trained facilitators could not use their personal smart phones to submit the videos. The first cohort to use these tablets received in-person training on how to use the tablets in May 2018. This “how to submit video data” lesson will be routinely included in our training sessions.
- 2. Booster Training:** Thirteen OMA trained facilitators attended the “booster training” on April 27, 2018 in Oxford, OH. They received ten new field-tested OMA art projects and had the opportunity to share ideas for addressing post-training challenges.
- 3. New Art Project Videos:** Forty-five art project videos with written instructions are now available on our website for trained facilitators to access.
- 4. Data Gathering Tools:** OMA Facilitator Resources on the ScrippsOMA.org website has been continually expanded to include data gathering tools (qualitative and quantitative data, video and photos) for trained facilitators to use. A specific tab dedicated to QIP reporting has been added for their convenience.