

Timeline of the CIP Learning Community Initiative

- 2015** Began in 2015 with funding from Ohio Department of Mental and Addiction Services with the goal of supporting the integration of best practice prevention approaches into Ohio’s re-entry system. Over 100 certified facilitators were trained to implement the evidenced-based prevention Creating Lasting Family Connections (CLFC).
- 2018** Evaluation findings showed that the certified trainers were facing challenges and barriers to implementing the intervention within their community that extended beyond receiving training in the intervention. In the Spring of 2018, the CIP Executive Committee developed a funding opportunity to support community-level implementation of the intervention through the creation of an Implementation Learning Community of Practice (CoP).
- 2019** Four organizations were selected to participate in the learning community. Each organization was required to implement the intervention with one cohort of participants, to program fidelity, during the grant period. During meetings, participants collaborated on activities designed to increase their capacity to implement, evaluate, and sustain their program. The learning community setting created the opportunity for participants to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to successfully implement, evaluate, and sustain an evidence-based prevention intervention.
- 2020** In 2020, opportunities for community organizations to implement programming was severely limited due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Therefore, the initiative was closed for SFY20.
- 2021** The CIP Implementation Learning Community re-opened in 2021. Our second cohort included five community organizations: Ark Builders, FEMI, McKinley Hall, Franklin County UMADAOP, and Wings Recovery.
- 2022** Our third cohort of the learning community included five community organizations: All-In Academy, Catalyst Life Services, FEMI, McKinley Hall and Stand Up-Man Up 2. These communities presented their projects at the inaugural CIP Summit, April 2023.
- 2023** In 2023, cohort four consisted of four community organizations: Oasis of Love, Restored Citizens F.A.I.T.H. Foundation, Metamor5sis/SCAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and Winbush Enterprise.

Participating Organizations for SFY23



**Metamor5sis
SCAC Delta Sigma Theta**

- Implemented 1 Cohort
- 9 Participants
- Adults



Oasis of Love

- Implemented 1 Cohort
- 4 Participants
- Adults: faith-based setting



**Restored Citizens
of F.A.I.T.H.**

- Implemented 1 Cohort
- 12 Participants
- Adults



**Winbush
Enterprise, Inc.**

- Implemented 1 Cohort
- 25 Participants
- Youth ages 7-18

Ohio Children of Incarcerated Parents (CIP) Initiative

Implementation Learning Community of Practice

The OhioCIP Community of Practice (CoP) is an interactive learning opportunity which assists in building capacity and sustainability within grassroots and community-based organizations. Through didactic teaching and microlearning, participants build administrative and facilitation skills while engage with one another and the CIP leadership team. The CIP team meets monthly with the participants for a total of five sessions. Each two-hour learning session instructs organizations on key building blocks of organizational capacity including implementation, evaluation, sustainability, and reporting.

Collaboration Among Participants

Through the learning community, participants function as a cohort working towards the same goal and purpose. Participants form a strong network where members share their knowledge and experiences and find solutions to their challenges and barriers.

Technical Assistance

Participants receive support and timely feedback on deliverables as well as assistance in navigating implementation challenges. Technical assistance is provided through scheduled in-person site visits and group technical assistance drop-in calls and on an as-needed basis.

Sustainability

Evaluation

Participants are empowered with the tools and resources needed to measure the outcomes of their program. In-depth support is provided for survey deployment, data entry, analysis, and interpretation of the results.

Creation of Deliverables

During learning community meetings, participants receive training and technical assistance to develop the knowledge and skills to implement, evaluate, and sustain an evidence-based prevention intervention. Each organization completes the following four deliverables to support their program:

Implementation Plan	Evaluation Plan
Sustainability Plan	Final Report

Investing in communities beyond training is key to sustaining an evidence-based prevention intervention. Professional development in implementation, evaluation, and sustainability as well as access to technical assistance make all the difference in the success of a program. The skills and network of support created through the learning community will translate to any evidence-based strategies and programs selected in the future.

For more information on the Ohio CIP Initiative or to find a training or host a training for your organization, visit ohiocip.org.

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