

**Opening Minds through Art (OMA)
Quarterly Progress Report to the Ohio Department of Medicaid**
Timeframe: October 1, 2017 through December 30, 2017

The Scripps OMA program has had a busy and productive sixth quarter on this project. During this time period, we accomplished the following:

Recruitment efforts:

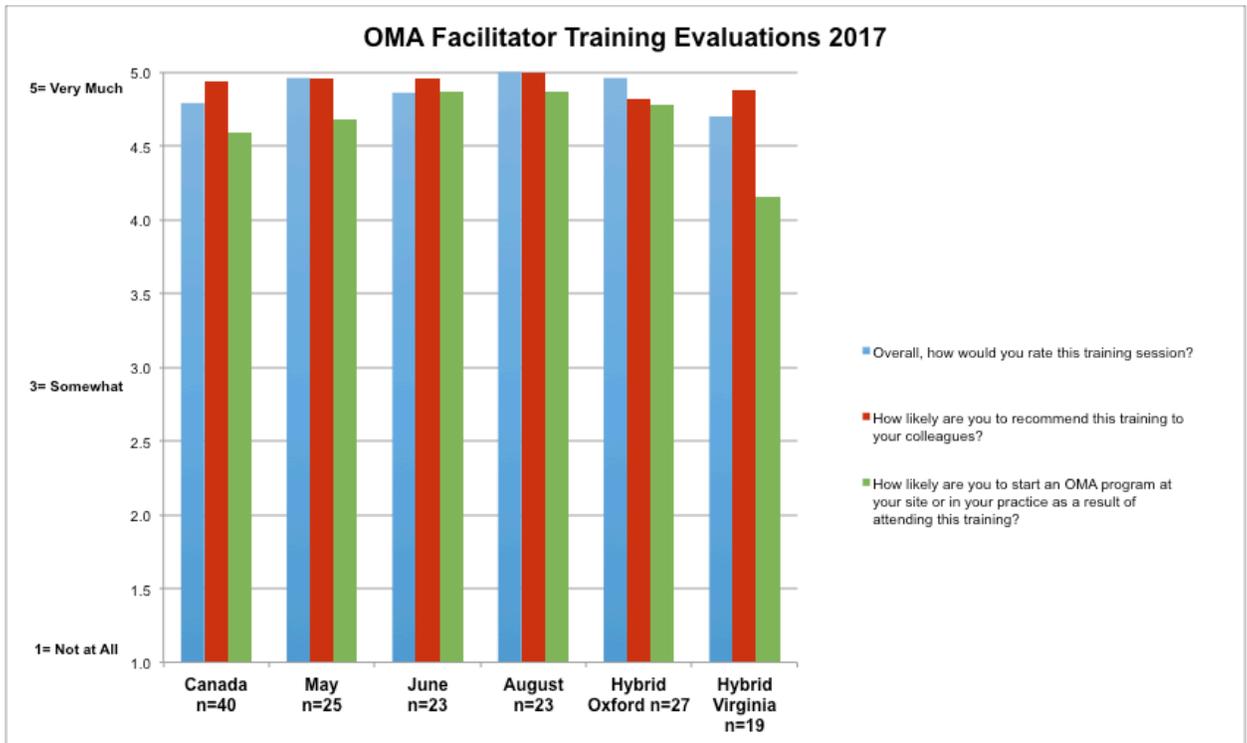
1. Repeatedly sent e-blasts about the RFP for the next cohort of OMA Facilitators to be trained. On 10/3/17 the QIP RFP was included in Scripps E-newsletter and sent to 1,508 recipients. On 10/10 this RFP was included in OMA's fall e-newsletter and sent to 3,378 recipients. On 10/28/17 we sent a final reminder of the QIP RFP to another 3,378 recipients.
2. On 12/15/17 we approved 8 sites to receive OMA training and QIP funding. This cohort will receive fully in-person training on May 21-24, 2018 in Oxford, OH.
3. On 12/15/17 we approved an additional 6 sites to receive OMA training and QIP funding for the hybrid training in August 2018 (for Year 3 funding).
4. On 1/15/18 we will post another RFP for another cohort to be trained using the hybrid format: online training in June-July *plus* August 16-17, 2018 (in-person practicum in Oxford, OH). This cohort will be part of Year 3 funding cycle.

Implementation record:

5. So far, we have trained 40 facilities to implement the OMA program. After the Dec. 2017 reporting period, we found that:
 - 17 sites were delayed in implementing the program due to one of the following reasons: (a) challenges in recruiting volunteers; (b) timing of start of the semester, i.e. they have successfully recruited volunteers but cannot start until the spring 2018; or (c) staff transitions. We continue to stay in touch with these sites and offer support/consultation.
 - 23 sites have successfully implemented the program. This number should increase in the spring of 2018.

Evaluation Records

6. We found that from the trainees' point of view the new hybrid training to become OMA Facilitators (combining online training with a shorter in-person session) is as good as the fully in-person training.



Support for Trained Facilitators:

7. We continued to develop new art project videos to be posted on our website for trained facilitators to access at no cost. These should be available in the spring of 2018.
8. We are planning a “booster training” for trained facilitator on April 27, 2018 in Oxford, OH. This training will consist of learning new field-tested OMA art projects and sharing ideas for addressing post-training challenges.