



RESOURCES FOR RECOVERY

State Practices that Expand Treatment Opportunities

Lessons Learned

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Presentation Overview

- Program background
- Key components
- Major program outcomes
- Evaluation design
- Strategies employed by grantees
- Factors that facilitate implementation
- Factors that impede implementation
- Summary

State System Realities

- State and counties administer almost 65% of all substance abuse spending
- Multiple state agencies purchasing substance abuse services
 - Inconsistent purchasing practices
 - Same benefits—different requirements
 - Gaps in benefits effecting access and outcomes
- Little or few new state dollars

Mission

Change the financing and delivery of AOD treatment services by identifying and implementing strategies that:

- Enhance treatment outcomes
- Support administrative efficiencies
- Efficiently utilize available funding

Program Objectives

Expand AOD treatment capacity or populations eligible for treatment by working with states to:

- Implement strategies to increase access to services
- Efficiently utilize dollars available for AOD services
- Increase the use of evidenced based practice standards

Key Components of the Program

- Planning and Analysis Grant Funds
- On-site Specialized Technical Assistance
- Peer Based Technical Assistance
- Cohort Technical Assistance Opportunities
- Information Dissemination

Major Program Outcomes

- During the first year funding for AOD services increased by \$5.6 million
- Second year funding for AOD services is projected to increase by an additional 25% or \$7.1 from original funding levels
- Increases have positive implications for creating additional access
- New service development focused on the following practices:
 - Case Management
 - Medication Management
 - Community Supports/Aftercare
 - Community/Ambulatory Detoxification
 - Multi-systemic Therapy
- New/renewed formal collaborations among state purchasers that extend well past grant timeframes

Evaluation Design

- Review of proposals and interim reports
- Review of project documents
- Interviews with team members
- Site visits with selected grantees

Grantee Strategies

- Creation of formal partnerships
- Needs assessments/gap analyses
- Exploring funding opportunities for services
- Evaluation/assessment protocols to better identify individual service needs
- Consolidated purchasing or contracting arrangements
- Creating administrative efficiencies
- Program/service re-design

Factors that Facilitated Implementation

- Prior relationships with partners
- Staff with dedicated time for the project
- Limited and focused targets
- The availability of specialized technical assistance

Factors that Impede Implementation

- Environmental distractions
- Organizational silos within states
- State budget constraints
- Starting from behind
- Provider resistance
- Staffing limitations

Summary

- Similar features of strategies across states
- Influence of external factors
- Sustainability issues
- Next steps in the evaluation