

National Outcome Measures

Measuring Program Effectiveness

National Outcome Measures (NOMs)--Overview

- Ten Domains Crossing Mental Health, Substance Abuse Treatment, and Substance Abuse Prevention
- Proposed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for Inclusion in the Community Mental Health Services and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grants

NOMs: 10 Domains

Prevention and Treatment Measures

DOMAIN	OUTCOME	PREVENTION	TREATMENT
ABSTINENCE	Abstinence from alcohol/drug use	30-day substance use (non-use/reduction in use). Perceived risk of use. Age of first use. Perception of disapproval.	Frequency of alcohol/drug use at date of last service compared to date of first service
EMPLOYMENT/EDUCATION	Increased/sustained employment or return to/stay in school	ATOD suspensions and expulsions; workplace AOD use and perception of workplace policy	Number employed or in school at date of last service compared to first service

NOMs: 10 Domains (cont.)

Prevention and Treatment Measures

DOMAIN	OUTCOME	PREVENTION	TREATMENT
CRIME & CRIMINAL JUSTICE	Decreased criminal justice involvement	Drug-related crime; alcohol-related car crashes and injuries	Arrests from date of first service to date of last service
STABILITY IN HOUSING	Increased stability in housing	NOT APPLICABLE	Clients in stable housing situation from date of first service to date of last service
ACCESS/CAPACITY	Increased access to services (service capacity)	Number of persons served by age, gender, race, and ethnicity	Number of persons served compared to those in need

NOMs: 10 Domains (cont.)

Prevention and Treatment Measures

DOMAIN	OUTCOME	PREVENTION	TREATMENT
RETENTION	Increased retention in treatment -- substance abuse	Total number of evidence-based programs and strategies	Length of stay from date of first service to date of last service Unduplicated count of persons served
SOCIAL CONNECTEDNESS	Increased social supports/social connectedness	Under development	Under development
PERCEPTION OF CARE	Client perception of care	NOT APPLICABLE	Under development

NOMs: 10 Domains (cont.)

Prevention and Treatment Measures

DOMAIN	OUTCOME	PREVENTION	TREATMENT
COST EFFECTIVENESS	Cost effectiveness (average cost)	Increase services provided within cost bands within universal, selective, and indicated programs	Number of programs providing treatment services within approved cost per person bands by the type of treatment
USE OF EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICES	Use of evidence-based practices	Total number of evidence-based programs and strategies	Under development

NOMs: Currently Collected Data

Outcome	Measure	Level Collected		Instrument Used	
		State	Local	State	Local
Abstinence from alcohol and/or drug use	30-day substance use	X	X (SPIRIT only)	MSS	MSS
	Perceived risk	X	X (SPIRIT only)	MSS	MSS
	Age of first use	X	X (SPIRIT only)	MSS	MSS
	Perception of disapproval	X	X (SPIRIT only)	MSS	MSS

NOMs: Currently Collected Data

Outcome	Measure	Level Collected		Instrument Used	
		State	Local	State	Local
Increased /sustained employment or return to/stay in school	ATOD suspensions & expulsions	---	---	N/A	N/A
	Workplace AOD use & perception of workplace policy	---	---	N/A	N/A
Decreased CJ involvement	Drug-related crime	X	X	UCR	UCR

NOMs: Currently Collected Data (cont.)

Outcome	Measure	Level Collected		Instrument Used	
		State	Local	State	Local
	Alcohol-related car crashes & injuries	X	X		
Increased access to services	Number of persons served	X	X	MDS	MDS
Increased retention	Total # of evidence-based programs	---	---	N/A	N/A

NOMs: Currently Collected Data (cont.)

Outcome	Measure	Level Collected		Instrument Used	
		State	Local	State	Local
Cost effectiveness	Increase services w/in cost bands	---	---	N/A	N/A
Use of evidence-based practices	T'tl # of evidence-based programs & practices	---	---	N/A	N/A