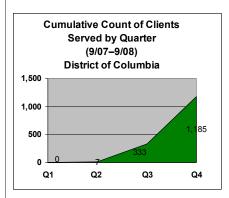
# WASHINGTON DC ATR HIGHLIGHTS

3-Year Total Grant Amount:	\$10,392,756
Target Population:	Persons re-entering the community after being incarcerated, women, women with dependent children, youth and young adults, and methamphetamine users.
Target Areas:	Districtwide
Client Target vs Clients Served District of Columbia	
2,000	
1,500	
	,494

**Program at a Glance** 

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Client Target



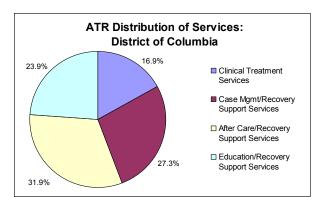
Clients Served

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## Almost 60 Percent of CORE Clients Receive RSS

Choosing Options for Recovery and Empowerment (CORE) ATR is a citywide program providing services to all eight wards of the District of Columbia. CORE targets persons reentering the community after being incarcerated, women, including those with dependent children, youth and young adults, and methamphetamine users.

Although the program initially offered only limited clinical treatment services, CORE has quickly expanded to include both treatment and non-clinical services and has moved toward an emphasis on recovery support services (RSS). Clinical treatment services represent 16.9% of total services offered. The SAIS data show a very balanced composition of three recovery support services: after care



Percent shown represents the percent of clients receiving each service. SAIS: September 30, 2008.

(31.9%), case management (27.3%), and education (23.9%). RSS correspond to nearly two-thirds of all services rendered.

The number of clients served (1,185) is very close to the target goal of 1,494, a shortfall of only about 300 clients. The exponential rise in clients in both the third and fourth quarters, as indicated in the cumulative client chart shows an accelerating trend that suggests that the client target may realistically be met in future quarters.

### DC's Core ATR Program Expands Faith-based and Meth Services

The District of Columbia ATR project, DC CORE, is making strides in bringing RSS to the Nation's Capitol. The number of faith-based RSS providers is increasing, with nine new organizations added this quarter. ATR staff are continuing to facilitate DC CORE ATR program informational sessions to new providers provide TA to present providers.

The ongoing effort to expand the delivery of RSS throughout the city's eight wards also includes reaching out to potential new providers able to serve the methamphetamine-using community.

In an effort to reach methamphetamine users themselves with the ATR message of hope, DC CORE has included an intensive effort, including street outreach and going into the venues where members of this community congregate. For example, outreach personnel have carried the message into clubs and bars, where they handed out "palm cards" bearing the message that help is available, along with a contact phone number and the location of the ATR intake unit. These activities

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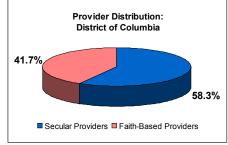
# DC'S CORE ATR PROGRAM EXPANDS FAITH-BASED AND METH SERVICES (CONT.)

disseminated literature on treatment options, the substance abuse hotline, surveys, and prevention strategies on methamphetamine primarily to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community. The District community is experiencing high ratres of methamphetamine use.

## Faith- and Community-based Updates

The DC ATR program has seen improvements in the active participation of the faith-based providers in its network. Based on the data ending September 30, 2008, 41.7% of providers who had received and redeemed vouchers were faith-based organizations.

This success is due in part to DC ATR's efforts throughout the quarter to reach out to potential providers through informational sessions and community forums. In order to ensure these organizations receive client referrals, DC has taken steps to evaluate their client intake and referral processes and identify strategies ensure genuine choice of providers. This effort, coupled with continued technical assistance to and support of providers in their network, has helped to build the capacity of providers to more thoroughly meet the needs of ATR clients.



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## SUCCESS STORY: Two Lives Change for the Better through ATR

The DC CORE ATR program maintains its positive effect on clients' lives throughout the District. Both Bernard Vaughn and Nettie Palmore exemplify ATR's positive impact on the individual. Because of ATR, they are now having a positive impact on their community.

House of Help City of Hope, an ATR provider, not only helped Bernard and Nettie regain their lives, it positioned them to help others. Bernard used to be a counselor, mentor, and basketball coach. When he came into the program, he was addicted to crack cocaine. He also was homeless.

Hailing Pastor Holloway and House of Help for "loving, mentoring, and laboring" with him, Bernard is again clean and sober and back on track as a caseworker at two teen centers. A social worker for 14 years, Nettie had found herself without a place to live, without hope, and in need of treatment for a drug problem that was robbing her of her life. Successful at completing the program, Nettie is back on her way to doing what she did best helping others, and saying, "The House of Help helped me get to the root of what caused me to relapse, and I am thankful."