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Access to Recovery (ATR) Highlights Quarterly Profiles

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ATR HIGHLIGHTS

Program at a Glance

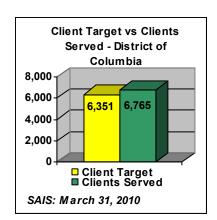
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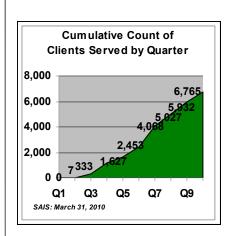
Grant Amount: \$10,392,756

Target Population:

Individuals re-entering the community following incarceration, women, women with dependent children, young adults, and individuals using methamphetamines.

Target Areas: District-wide

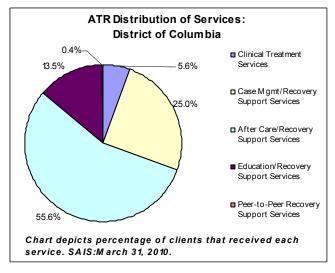




DC CORE Continues Upward Trend in Enrollment

Spanning all eight wards of the nation's capital, the District of Columbia ATR, Choosing Options for Recovery and Empowerment Program (CORE) targets individuals who are reentering the community following release from incarceration, women, including those with dependent children, youth and young adults, and individuals who use methamphetamines.

Recovery support services (RSS) are the main focus of the DC CORE program and comprise 94.4% of total services provided. SAIS distribution data indicates that aftercare support accounted for over 55.6% of services. Case management (25.0%), education (13.5%), and peer-to-peer services (0.4%) comprised the remaining RSS. Clinical treatment accounted for only 5.6% of services.



The program served 6,765 clients through this quarter, surpassing the target of 6,351 clients. This represents a significant increase over the last quarter enrollment. Strong outreach by staff through advertising and efforts to forge new strategic partnerships continues to positively impact client enrollment.

Follow-up with participants after discharge from the program indicates that DC CORE is affecting clients in a positive way. The rate of abstinence from use at discharge increased by 11.1%, as measured by comparing data at intake.

DC Implements Environmental Stability Housing

The DC CORE ATR program began offering a new program this quarter to provide housing and RSS to individuals who have been incarcerated and/or are under supervisory release. This "one-stop-shop" program, called Environmental Stability, was designed to assist individuals exiting the criminal justice system

with community reintegration. The program also assists women with dependent children with services related to child care, parenting skills, family counseling, and life skills. There are currently 133 clients participating in this program.

During this quarter DC

CORE introduced a major enhancement to the voucher management system by installing a new electronic client intake and billing system called the District Automated Treatment Accounting system (DATA). The program was developed based on the Web Infrastructure for Treatment Services (WITS) Sys-

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DC Implements Environmental Stability Housing (CONT.)

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tem. The DATA system allows all GPRA interviews and client services delivered to be immediately uploaded into SAIS and provide a more accurate accounting of client services rendered by the DC CORE ATR. All providers have been trained on the new system. WITS is currently being used by seven other ATR II grantees.

Client enrollment and participation in services throughout the quarter continued to increase. This can be attributed primarily to the efforts of the outreach team and their ongoing participation in citywide community events. At these events they make presentations about the the clinical treatment and RSS. Available through ATR.

The outreach team is also aggressively obtaining fol-

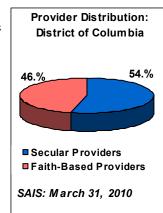
low-up interviews with clients as part of a strategy to bring the DC CORE follow-up rate closer to 80%. Providers are also part of the solution as they offer transportation for clients to the CORE central office to participate in interviews.

Faith- and Community - based Provider Updates

Based on the data ending March 31, 2010, 46% of the providers that have received and redeemed vouchers were faith-based organizations and 54% were secular provider organizations.

During the quarter, DC CORE ATR continued developing relationships with grassroots organizations to recruit from non-traditional programs that provide RSS. Staff strengthened new interagency partnerships with other District of Columbia human ser-

vices agencies, faith-based and community-based organizations including.



Success Story: DC CORE ATR Helps Phyllis Turn Her Life Around

Phyllis had a long-term problem with drug addiction before enrolling in ATR. During her recovery, she lived at Samaritan Inns Inc. under the DC CORE ATR Program Environmental Stability (housing) Program.

While living at Samaritan Inns, Phyllis was able, for the first time in her life, to save some money. Following her discharge from the Environmental Stability Program, Phyllis was able to move into her own one-bedroom

apartment.

Phyllis credits the DC CORE ATR Program with "doing for me what I could not do for myself." She says ATR afforded her the opportunity to stay at the Fulton House of Hope Inpatient Program, and then facilitated her stay at Samaritan Inns.

Through ATR, Phyllis says she was able to get the tools she needed in order to go back into society and live like a productive citizen. She obtained an internship position at Gospel Rescue Ministries with a stipend.

While being an intern, she was hired permanently in the Fees for Services Department.

Today, Phyllis is celebrating sobriety and the new changes in her life. "Thank you God for using the DC CORE ATR Program to save a wretch like me, and thank you ATR for being a willing vessel."