

## OHIO

### **Introduction**

The National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors, Inc. (NASADAD) is a not-for-profit organization that works to promote effective and efficient State substance abuse service systems. NASADAD members include the State Substance Abuse Directors from the 50 States and five Territories. These State Directors, also known as Single State Authorities (SSAs), have the front-line responsibility for managing the nation's publicly funded substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery systems.

### **Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant**

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant is a formula grant awarded to every State and territory. It is the backbone of our publicly funded substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery system. This flexible funding stream is designed to help States address their own unique needs related to addiction. In addition, 20 percent of the SAPT Block Grant is, by statute, dedicated to prevention services. Over the past four years, the SAPT Block Grant has been cut approximately \$20 million. Ohio's FY 2007 allocation of \$66.4 million represents a decrease of approximately \$1 million compared to FY 2004.

**SAPT Block Grant Yields Results:** Through outcomes data, State substance abuse directors report that SAPT Block Grant-funded services help people remain alcohol and drug free; obtain or regain employment; stay out of the criminal justice system; find stable housing; and enter into recovery. For example, ODADAS' client information system, for SFY 2006 found the following **treatment outcomes**:

- among clients completing treatment, there was a 7.3% decrease in the number of arrests
- among clients completing treatment, there was a 5.2% increase in employment
- among clients completing treatment, there was a 14.9% decrease in homelessness

*Family Treatment:* Ohio provides family treatment through outpatient and residential treatment programs. Ohio offers the most appropriate treatment modality and has specialty treatment services for women and their children and/or other family members as needed.

**Women's Network** is ODADAS's system of care to Ohio women in need of alcohol and other drug treatment, intervention and/or prevention services. Gender specific and culturally competent alcohol and other drug residential, outpatient and prevention programs are funded through this initiative. The women's network provides a variety of programs to serve women as young as 14 and as mature as 70, insuring all women have access to programming that will address the disease and encourage recovery.

- In SFY 2006, \$14,165,228 was allocated to 82 programs to maintain, improve and expand AOD programs designed for women, especially pregnant women and women with dependent children
- In SFY 2006, 445 pregnant women were admitted to ODADAS funded programs

### *Treatment Services Save Money*

- Of Ohioans in drug court or diversion programs, only 3% of adult offenders were rearrested and only 9% of youthful offenders were recommitted to juvenile institutions = \$68 million saved in prison/jail costs
- One of every ten employees suffers from substance abuse, costing the employer about \$7,000/year per employee in lost productivity. Of Ohio's 6.7 million workers, approx. 670,000 have a substance abuse problem, costing Ohio employers \$4.7 billion in lost productivity annually

**Data on prevention services:** ODADAS' prevention expenditures for SFY 06 were \$27,236,361. The SAPT Block Grant prevention set-aside represented approximately 49% (\$13.3 million) of ODADAS' prevention budget. This funding supported services for 865,564 prevention customers. In addition:

- Approximately 1 million people were reached by the FASD public service announcements
- FASD 101 learning module, [www.notasingledrop.org](http://www.notasingledrop.org), received 321,958 hits since February 2006
- School suspensions/expulsions for ATOD use dropped from 12,850 (2003-04) to 11,831 (2004-05)

### *Prevention Services Save Money*

- For every 4 cents spent in Ohio on prevention, treatment and recovery services, 96 cents is spent on healthcare, justice services, education, child abuse and homelessness impacted by substance abuse
- From 1993-2004, 8,941 drug-free babies born in Ohio. Based on a modest \$50,000 estimate of health care costs for a drug-affected infant, these births have resulted in a savings to Ohio of more than \$ 447 million.

### Ohio Quick Facts

#### Treatment Admissions

- 95,667 clients served in SFY 2006

#### ➤ **Primary substance of abuse at admissions:**

Alcohol	40.38%
Marijuana	22.25%
Cocaine/Crack	14.63%
Heroin/morphine	6.50%
Other Narcotics	3.40%
Hallucinogens	0.22%
Other	10.12%

#### ➤ **Gender:**

Male	64.35%
Female	35.65%

#### ➤ **Age:**

Juvenile	7.77%
Adult	92.23%

#### ➤ **Race/Ethnicity:**

White	72.00%
Black	25.13%
Other	0.56%
Unknown	2.31%

#### Treatment Gap

**Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Alcohol Use in Past Year** 6.94% or 657,000 Ohioans

**Needing But Not Receiving Treatment for Illicit Drug Use in Past Year** 2.46% or 232,000 Ohioans

## National Outcome Measures (NOMs)

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NASADAD strongly supports the use of performance and outcome data to help improve services and improve lives. In fact, States across the country already capture and utilize data to help manage their systems. This experience shows that in order to effectively shape policy and practice decisions, such data must be clear, relevant and timely. The development and implementation of NOMs should help improve this decision-making process and paint a better picture of our substance abuse prevention and treatment system. As NOMs moves forward, NASADAD remains committed to working with SAMHSA to ensure that this data initiative evolves over time to take advantage of advances in technology and clinical practice.

- **Abstinence from Drug/Alcohol Use**
- **Employment/Education**
- **Crime and Criminal Justice Involvement**
- **Stability in Housing**
- **Social Connectedness**
- **Access / Capacity**
- **Retention**
- **Perception of Care**
- **Cost Effectiveness**
- **Use of Evidence-Based Practices**

### **Accountability**

ODADAS has policies and regulations for ensuring SAPT Block Grant and other statutory compliance by its recipients. Boards sign assurance statements outlining their responsibility in ensuring that Block Grant and other statutory requirements are met. In addition, ODADAS offers the following to ensure accountability and high level of services:

- ODADAS has established protocols for client placement
- ODADAS Program Certification Standards for Prevention Programs and Treatment Programs
- In SFY 06, ODADAS sponsored 11 trainings/conferences/workshops
- In the SFY 06-07 Community Plans, Boards reported that providers were using 152 evidence-based treatment uses, and 182 evidence-based prevention uses
- In SFY 05, 15 new Prevention credentials and 505 Treatment credentials were issued. In SFY 06, 63 new Prevention credentials and 719 Treatment credentials were issued.
- *Ohio Outcome Framework (OFI)* is a continuous quality improvement (CQI) mechanism that offers both investor and implementer approaches to achieving targeted results (outcomes) and learning from these results to improve customer outcomes (planning)

What it does:

- Facilitates learning and best practices approaches
- Generates information for state and local strategic planning processes
- Provides for the integration of outcomes and monitoring activities into contract management

*Stakeholder Assistance Review (SARs)* is a State oversight program that monitors local alcohol and other drugs (AOD) boards and providers to ensure that public funds are being used as intended, reduce audit findings and provide technical assistance. The areas of review are financial, compliance and other. The review cycle is based on a Risk Assessment profile over a three-year timeframe. The State is currently in the second year of this cycle.

*Continuum of Care and Service Taxonomy* convened by ODADAS is Statewide workgroup of various constituent groups, professional associations, and prevention, treatment and recovery support services providers to update the current service taxonomy. The recommended changes in the revised continuum of care and service taxonomy better reflect a common framework that promotes clear and consistent guidance on the continuum of care for prevention, treatment and recovery support services.

*Strengthening Treatment Access and Retention – State Implementation (STAR-SI)* Ohio is one of the seven States that received this federal grant. This program is to promote State-level implementation of research-based Process Improvement (PI) activities to ensure accessible, efficacious treatment services for Ohioans. STAR-SI has two major goals: improve outpatient client access and retention along with transforming Ohio's ATOD service system at all levels to a culture of performance improvement. This PI program, combined with the Outcome Management Framework (OMF), will provide Ohioans with the most appropriate and highest quality of services while producing excellent outcome data to substantiate the appropriate use of the state's SAPT Block Grant funds.



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