Washington State Department of Social and Health Services



Behavioral Health Administration

Fact Sheet: WA State Youth Treatment-Improvement Project

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Overview

The Washington State Youth Treatment-Improvement (WSYT-I) project is designed to enhance currently existing treatment and recovery services for youth (ages 12 to 18) who have a substance use disorder (SUD) diagnosis, or youth who have a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental health disorder diagnosis (COD). Service priority for this project goes to youth with COD and/or youth involved in multiple systems, such as child welfare and juvenile justice.

The WSYT-I project improves access, quality, coordination, and continuum of care through the use of an evidence-based standardized assessment tool, the Global Appraisal of Individual Needs (GAIN-I), as well as implementation of a family centered, evidence-based treatment practice, the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (A-CRA). The WSYT-I project also includes care coordination, recovery support services, and youth and family/caregiver participation at all levels of treatment.

The overall objective of the project is to improve health outcomes for youth and their families/caregivers. Success will be measured via increased rates of abstinence; enrollment in education, vocational training, and/or employment; social connectedness; decreased juvenile justice involvement; and an increase in the number of professionals trained to provide SUD and COD services.

Services funded through the WSYT-I project will be delivered by four community-based treatment providers in three geographic areas. Over the three years of the project, we will serve 570 youth and their families/caregivers. It will provide an interactive and collaborative learning experience that identifies barriers and tests solutions, while implementing family-centered intervention. The framework of the model will be disseminated throughout the state.

Workforce development efforts will focus on an accelerated online certificate for advanced professionals to become state certified substance use disorder professionals. Additionally, a multi-year training implementation plan will enhance the statewide youth/family/caregiver service delivery systems across the state.



Eligibility Requirements	Adolescents ages 12 to 18 years old with a Substance Use Disorder diagnosis residing in Grays Harbor County, Clallam County, and King County.
	WSYT-I direct services are available at four primary sites: True North/ESD113 in Aberdeen, True Star Behavioral Health Services in Port Angeles, Consejo Counseling and Referral Service in Seattle, and Center for Human Services in Shoreline.
	The priority populations for this program are: 1) Adolescents with a co-occurring disorder (COD). 2) Adolescents with a substance use disorder who are involved in multiple systems such as child welfare and juvenile justice.
Authority	The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) is operating under the auspices of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment.
Budget	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment: \$760,000 annual budget.
Rates	This project provides each treatment site enhancement funds in the amount of \$111,329/year to support collateral costs associated with the delivery of evidence-based assessments, evidence-based practices, care coordination, and recovery support services.
Costs and Numbers Served	In the Federal FY 2016, the estimated direct service cost was \$207,385. Number of adolescents served: 100. Estimated cost per youth: \$2,073.
Partners	DBHR collaborates with counties, treatment providers, juvenile courts, local school districts, the Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Research and Data Analysis, and other state and local partners.
Oversight	Internal oversight: DBHR External oversight: statewide Family, Youth and System Partner Roundtable (FYSPRT), and SAMHSA CSAT.
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