Substance Abuse Treatment Agency

2011 CLIENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Adolescent

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The Client Satisfaction Survey was initiated to assist substance abuse treatment facilities to evaluate the effectiveness of their services. The survey was offered to agencies receiving OSA funding, and to agencies providing opiate replacement therapy. A customized survey was available for adolescent clients (18 or younger). Administering the survey is a requirement of OSA’s Substance Abuse and Treatment Block Grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), and agency participation has a direct impact on OSA’s ability to sustain treatment funding.

To try to minimize the cost and inconvenience of distributing paper forms, both for OSA and for agencies with multiple facilities, we offered the 2011 survey both in hard copy and on-line. Only 8% of those who responded used the on-line form. Accessibility appeared to be the primary reason why most facilities only offered it in paper to clients. A total of 157 adolescent clients submitted useable data; 13 from 2 agencies reported electronically, 133 from 6 agencies submitted paper forms, plus an additional 11 paper forms with no identifying agency were received.

Agencies and individual facilities whose clients returned 20 or more useable surveys received a full report; an abbreviated report was made available when 17-19 surveys were received. 74.5% of the total adolescent clients reporting were from one agency.

The results in this report can only be considered the opinions of the survey participants and cannot be generalized to your client population as whole.

If you would like further information about this report contact Anne Rogers (e-mail: anne.rogers@maine.gov; phone: 207-287-4706).
While the adolescent survey primarily is given to persons 18 years of age or younger, there are some adolescent substance abuse treatment agencies that treat young adults who may have completed the survey.
Almost 42% of the youth in substance abuse treatment also reported receiving mental health services.
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - SERVICES

I value the services that I receive here

If I had other choices I would still come to this counselor for services

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SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - SERVICES

I would recommend this counselor/program to a friend or family member

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The services I receive here are helpful

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SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT – SERVICES

I was able to get services quickly

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Staff respond to me within 24 hours

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I was able to get services even though I could not pay

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SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - SERVICES

**Services are available at times that are good for me**

- Strongly Disagree: 0.6%
- Disagree: 3.2%
- Neutral: 8.3%
- Agree: 42.3%
- Strongly Agree: 44.9%
- NA: 0.6%

**The location of services is convenient**

- Strongly Disagree: 0.6%
- Disagree: 4.5%
- Neutral: 10.3%
- Agree: 23.1%
- Strongly Agree: 33.3%
- NA: 28.2%
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - SERVICES

I am encouraged to use support programs

- Disagree: 5.1%
- Neutral: 12.8%
- Agree: 39.1%
- Strongly Agree: 33.3%
- NA: 9.6%

Staff help me get the information I need so that I can take charge of managing my substance use problem

- Disagree: 1.3%
- Neutral: 9.6%
- Agree: 42.7%
- Strongly Agree: 37.6%
- NA: 8.9%
I feel comfortable asking questions about my treatment and medications

- Disagree: 2.6%
- Neutral: 9.7%
- Agree: 40.6%
- Strongly Agree: 45.2%
- NA: 1.9%
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - STAFF

Staff respect me and give me information about my medication and treatment choices

- Disagree: 2.6%
- Neutral: 13.0%
- Agree: 37.7%
- Strongly Agree: 44.8%
- NA: 1.9%

Staff here believe I can grow, change, and recover

- Disagree: 1.3%
- Neutral: 8.4%
- Agree: 36.8%
- Strongly Agree: 53.5%
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - STAFF

The percentage of those answering they agree/strongly agree they were given information about their rights as a client of the facility increased slightly, in 2011; but the percent of those answering they agree/strongly agree, that staff respect those rights slightly decreased in 2011.
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - STAFF

Staff act appropriately and professionally

- Disagree: 1.9%
- Neutral: 7.7%
- Agree: 43.9%
- Strongly Agree: 45.8%
- NA: 0.6%

Staff respect my wishes about who can be given information about my treatment

- Disagree: 2.6%
- Neutral: 9.0%
- Agree: 39.4%
- Strongly Agree: 47.7%
- NA: 1.3%
Almost one third of clients responding said the questions above did not apply.
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - STAFF

No clients chose strongly disagree as an answer for either question. Almost 9 out of 10 clients felt the staff they worked with at the facility was helpful and knowledgeable.
SATISFACTION WITH PRESENT TREATMENT - STAFF

Staff encourage me to talk about and work on both my mental health and substance use or other problems at the same time

- Disagree: 2.6%
- Neutral: 7.7%
- Agree: 44.2%
- Strongly Agree: 39.1%
- NA: 6.4%

How would you rate your relationship with the program/counseling staff at your present facility

- Strongly Disagree: 0.6%
- Disagree: 3.2%
- Neutral: 11.5%
- Agree: 53.5%
- Strongly Agree: 30.6%
- NA: 0.6%
Neither question above had any “not applicable” responses. The rates of those answering agree/strongly agree were similar to the 2010 rates. Although many more answered strongly agree in 2011 than in 2010. I deal better with my daily problem, strongly agree: 33% in 2010 and 39.7% in 2011. I feel better about myself, strong agree: 37% in 2010, and 41% in 2011.
RESULTS OF PRESENT TREATMENT

There were zero responses of “strongly disagree” to “I am able to make better choices in my life”.

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RESULTS OF PRESENT TREATMENT

The question “I am getting along better with other people” included listing friends, teachers, employers, and police. The 2011 rates of agree versus disagree are similar to the 2010 rates for these two questions.
The rate of those who said they are doing better in school/work is similar to the rate of the prior year. There was a large percentage (31%) who said the housing question did not apply, so those were not included in the calculation and chart above.
In 2010 86% of clients answered agree or strongly agree, in 2011 79.6% agreed/strongly agreed to the statement “I have a better understanding of my alcohol or drug problem”. Part of the decrease may be due to a larger number responding Not Applicable to the question. Of those agencies with 10 or more responses those who agree/strongly agree went as high as 97.5% and as low as 33.3% to this question.
OVERALL SATISFACTION RATING

On a scale of 1 to 10, what is your overall rating of the treatment services you are receiving from this program?

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