the Reclaiming Futures model

Youth referred to the juvenile justice system for law violations

COORDINATED INDIVIDUALIZED RESPONSE

COMMUNITY DIRECTED ENGAGEMENT



Youth eligible for treatment or supervision in the community



If possible substance abuse is indicated, refer for initial assessment.

As soon as possible after being referred to the juvenile justice system, youth should be screened for substance abuse problems using a reputable screening tool.



If substance abuse is indicated, refer for service coordination.

Youth with possible substance abuse problems should be assessed using a reputable tool to measure their use of alcohol and other drug problems, individual and family risks, needs, and strengths. The primary purpose of an initial assessment is to measure the severity of alcohol or other drug problems. A second purpose is to shape an informed service plan.



Intervention plans should be designed and coordinated by community teams that are family-driven, span agency boundaries, and draw upon community-based resources. Intervention should include whatever mix of services is appropriate for each youth, perhaps including alcohol and other drug treatment, educational and preventive services, involvement in pro-social activities, and the assistance of "natural helpers" known to the youth and his or her family.



Service initiation is a critical moment in intervention. Consistent with the treatment standards of the Washington Circle Group (www.washingtoncircle.org), initiation is defined as at least one service contact within 14 days of a full assessment. Initiation can be measured for the entire intervention plan or for each component of the plan. Service initiation should be monitored whether or not the intervention plan includes formal alcohol or other drug treatment.

5 Engagement

Youth and families must be effectively engaged in services. Engagement is defined as three successful service contacts within 30 days of a youth's full assessment. Engagement can be measured for each service component or for all elements of the service plan taken as a whole. Engagement should be monitored whether or not the intervention plan includes formal alcohol or other drug treatment.

6 Transition

Transition describes completion of the service plan and gradual withdrawal of agency-based services. Youth and families must be connected with long-term supports (community resources and "natural helping" relationships) and opportunities in the community based on their unique strengths and interests.

If no substance abuse is indicated, resume traditional juvenile justice process

Process Measures

Of all youth identified with alcohol or other drug problems at screening, how many get full assessments?

Outcome Measures Of all youth identified with alcohol or other drug problems at screening who do NOT get full assessments how many are successful for at least one year?*

Of all youth identified with alcohol or other drug problems at assessment, how many agree to complete an appropriate service plan?

> Of all youth who agree to a service plan but FAIL to initiate services as designed, how many are successful for at least one year?

Of all youth who agree

service plan, how many

initiate services as

to complete an appropriate

Of all youth who initiate a service plan, how many become fully engaged in services?

Of all youth who initiate a service plan but FAIL to become fully engaged, how many are successful for at least one year? Of all youth engaged in services, how many completed the required services and demonstrate ongoing engagement in individualized transition supports?

Of all youth engaged in services who FAIL to complete the required services or demonstrate ongoing engagement in individualized transition supports, how many are successful for at least one year?

Of all youth who complete the required services and demonstrate ongoing engagement in individualized transition supports, how many are successful for at least one year?

* Success may be defined in various ways, including the absence of new arrests or new court referrals, no new drug use, reduced drug use, no subsequent referrals for drug or alcohol treatment, or some combination of these measures.

