
Assessment of Integration and Coordination of Services for Women experiencing SUDS and IPV: Building Capacities and Collaboration in Philadelphia

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Project abstract:

This will be a mixed method study. We anticipate surveying 40 programs in Philadelphia – up to 30 substance abuse and 10 IPV programs. The organizational level assessment essentially will be a descriptive survey of program mission, goals, staffing, offerings, and approaches with specific attention to the incorporation of IPV or substance abuse content. To more fully understand and evaluate how treatment is delivered, data from staff will be gathered through in-depth focus group and/or individual interviews. These interviews will help verify the organizational assessment data, and provide insight into how services actually are provided. We will be particularly interested in learning how staff understand the relationships between substance abuse and IPV and how they integrate this into a dual treatment approach to assist clients to recover from both. This should help us discover what additional support staff might need to effectively serve this population.

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Data formats and software standards

We will collect both quantitative and qualitative data through completion of an organizational assessment tool (see Appendix), written questionnaires with open and closed questions that will be administered by individual personal and telephone interviews, and document review. We will also run focus groups in which we will administer a brief written questionnaire collecting quantitative variables on data such as number of clients seen with both substance abuse issues and a history of or current exposure to IPV. We will audiotape and create a written transcript of focus group responses and discussion. All data collected will be confidential. We are adopting the following statement of consent from the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (2012):

"We will make our best effort to protect your statements and answers, so that no one will be able to connect them with you. These records will remain confidential. Federal or state laws may require us to show information to university or government officials, who are responsible for monitoring the safety of this study. Any personal information that could identify you will be removed or changed before files are shared with other researchers or results are made public."

We will use Microsoft Excel and Word software along with the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) to enter and process data. We will create password protected files for all software generated files. Any hard copies of data will be stored in a locked file cabinet in the PI's Temple University office.

Data collection

We will recruit a purposive sample of substance abuse treatment programs serving women in the Philadelphia city limits. A sampling frame of organizations will be produced through internet lists of substance abuse treatment programs in Philadelphia. We will cluster organizations by type of services (inpatient, outpatient, intensive outpatient). We will collect data through personal interviews with individuals who are in administrative leadership positions and in direct service positions. We will also review documentation of organizational archives such as mission, core values, intake and assessment tools and treatment plan templates.

Privacy and informed consent

Please see Appendices for the following:

Consent form

Privacy Certificate submitted.

IRB

Intellectual property rights and copyright

We are not using any copyrighted instruments or materials for this study.

Data processing

We are constructing an Organizational Assessment Protocol and a Direct Practice Assessment Protocol for both substance abuse treatment agencies and for domestic violence agencies. Please see Appendices for each protocol.

Computer programming code or software syntax

All data will be de-identified.

Technical documentation

A codebook for quantitative data that provides the designation of variables, variable labels, value labels, and missing data designations will accompany the SPSS data file for quantitative data.

Qualitative data will be presented and designated using Word files.

Data Archiving

Our data archiving plan will facilitate our submission of grant products for archiving by.....

In your application for NIJ research grants, you must include a brief (one- or two-page) data archiving plan. The purposes of the plan are (1) to demonstrate your recognition that data sets resulting from your research must be submitted as grant products for archiving and have budgeted accordingly, and (2) to describe how the data will be prepared and documented to allow reproduction of the project's findings as well as future research that can extend the scientific value of the original project