

Swimming in FL Data: Come On In, the Info's (relatively) Fine!

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FL Prevention System Overview

- Substance abuse statute
 - Originally written in 2008
 - Requires department to license providers
 - Prevention is vaguely defined
- Substance abuse rule
 - Provider licensing standards
 - Under revision to clarify the role of coalitions and environmental strategies

FL Prevention System Overview

- State/regional structure
 - Aligns with judicial circuits
 - 20 circuits in six regions
 - Contract for prevention services through contracts with licensed providers
 - Contracts guided by state administrative rule, currently under revision/updating
 - Moving to Managing Entities to manage contracts for services

FL Prevention System Overview

- Licensed service providers
 - 130 providers under contract
 - over 200 different programs
 - beginning to define and contract for community process and environmental strategies
- Community SA Coalitions
 - Coalitions in 51 of 67 counties
 - Just completing needs assessments & action plans
 - Looking for ways to fund them past SPF

FL Prevention System Overview

- SPF SIG and State Capacity Building
- FL's current system capacity development strategic questions
- FL's current Prevention System infrastructure
- Coalitions managed at the state level until rule revised

Data Management System:

- Performance-Based Prevention System (KIT Solutions)
 - 1st step: capture event data
 - 2nd step: capture outcome data
 - 3rd step: employ PBPS to set up provider engagement in state capacity
 - 4th step: capture coalition event and outcome data

Program Management Questions

- What are we doing?
- How much are we doing?
- How good are we at implementing prevention strategies?
- How efficient are we at implementing prevention strategies?
- To what degree are we attaining a prevention effect?
- How cost effective are we?

Challenges

- Inconsistent data entry
- Provider staff turnover – main reason for inconsistent data entry
- Finding a balance between telephone/online/on-site training & TA

Lessons Learned

- Measure knowledge gain for the outcome at the program/strategy level
- Create a really good user feedback loop
- Track data closely – identify outliers early
- System performance measures
 - # served
 - % of participants completing 75% of program sessions
 - % of program groups meeting outcome standard
 - preliminary fidelity measure

Thanks!!

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