

Program and Policy Evaluation Page Case Studies

SAMHSA Treatment Grant Evaluation (Amethyst)

SRG is currently conducting a process and outcome evaluation of the substance abuse treatment services at a local substance abuse treatment facility funded through a federal grant. The services provided by the treatment program include a wide array of case management and counseling services, coupled with education programming, all within a residential program model.

The process evaluation for the program involves an assessment of fidelity for three evidenced-based programs, as well as indicators of participant satisfaction for these programs, and an assessment of the use of and rationale for any changes for client's individualized treatment plan. The outcome evaluation consists of the administrations of a series of standardized measures at intake, 6 month follow-up, and at discharge. Additionally, SRG has conducted a series of focus groups with program clients to better understand the successes of, and barriers to, client engagement efforts taking place at the facility.

Comprehensive Academic Program Evaluation (Mathematical Biosciences Institute, The Ohio State University)

SRG is currently taking part in a multi-year evaluation of a program to educate practitioners and promote collaboration between mathematicians and biologists in order to promote research. The program, funded by the National Science Foundation, is administered at the Ohio State University.

SRG is tasked with the design and implementation of evaluating this complex program, which has efforts incorporating researchers, postdoctoral fellows, visitors, and even college and high school students. SRG has conducted semi-structured interviews with mathematicians and biologists who have attended topical workshops, focus groups and interviews, and developed quantitative surveys to be administered to determine the workshop effectiveness.

Ohio Tobacco Programming Evaluation (Ohio Department of Health)

SRG has assisted in a five-year evaluation of tobacco prevention and cessation programs in the state of Ohio. The evaluation consists of a number of different activities aimed at assessing the development, progress, and effectiveness of community programs.

SRG has developed numerous materials for this program evaluation, including standardized reporting measures to assess grantees' progress and performance in each program area in a

standardized manner; a tobacco-free schools policy scoring rubric, and a web-based evaluation training program. SRG researchers also conducted site visits to grantees and developed case studies of individual grantee programs. Furthermore, we provide evaluation technical assistance to grantees, both on an individual basis and as a part of the annual evaluation conferences held with all grantees.