



Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA)

Overview

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), was established by an act of Congress in 1992 under Public Law 102-321. SAMHSA was created as a services agency to focus attention, programs, and funding on improving the lives of people with or at risk for mental and substance abuse disorders. The efforts of SAMSHA are both action-oriented and measurable: to build resilience and facilitate recovery for people with or at risk for substance abuse and mental illness.

Leadership

A System Transformation Team and SMART Advisory Board oversee the work of the SAMSHA grant. The System Transformation Team includes youth, staff, family partner organizations, United Auburn Indian community, community-based and faith-based organizations and public and private sector providers.

Vision

People with or at risk for a mental or addictive disorder have the opportunity for a fulfilling life that includes a job, a home, and meaningful relationships with family and friends. Providing a life in the community for everyone.

Strategies

- Integrated Services
- Community Partnerships
- Client/Family Centered Practice
- Comprehensive Outcomes
- Cultural and Linguistic Competence

Target Populations

- Latino
- Transition Age-Youth (post 18 years old)
- Native American

Service Outcomes

- Family Driven
- Youth Guided
- Culturally Competent
- Linguistically Competent

Outcomes

- Increased Latino, Native American and transition aged youth access to services
- Increase in number of bilingual, bicultural Children System of Care and agency workers, as well as Parent & Youth Advocates
- Increase in staff (HHS) ability around basic language skills and ability to work with families of all cultures