



# Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Government Performance and Results Act (GPRRA) Training

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&  
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Center for Drug and Health Studies (CDHS)



# Training Objectives

- Requirements of the SOR Project:
  - Clients Served
  - Data Collection
  - How to Submit
- Introduction to CSAT GPRA: What is it and why do we need to do it?
- CSAT-GPRA Client Instrument: Content of Instrument
- FAQs

# Why GPRA? → The SOR Project

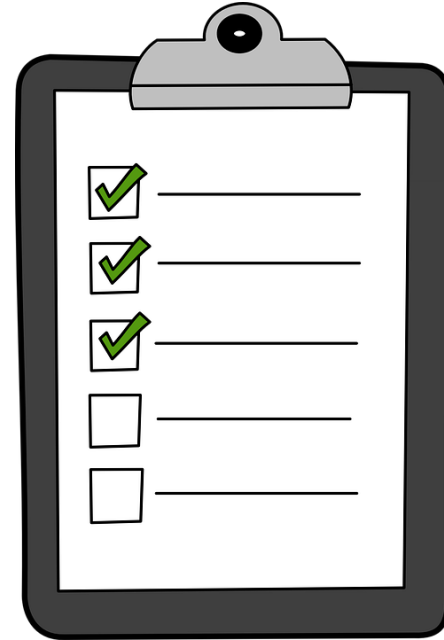
- Delaware received **State Opioid Response (SOR)** funding to:
  - Reduce opioid related overdoses
  - Reduce **unmet** need for treatment
  - Increase access to medication assisted treatment (MAT)
- SOR Project Target for Clients Served:
  - 11,850 **unduplicated** clients over a two-year period.
- SAMHSA requires the CSAT GPRA to be completed for clients being served by providers that are funded by SOR.
  - All clients being served by your provider should be interviewed, even if they are not being treated for a substance use disorder (SUD). This includes Behavioral Health clients.

# What is the CSAT GPRA?

- Federal law requires providers receiving SOR funds to: 1) set long-term goals and objectives, and 2) specific near-term performance goals
  - Agencies are required to demonstrate that they are using funds effectively and efficiently
- SAMHSA requires this client-level instrument to be completed
- **Purpose: CSAT GPRA is used to aid in tracking provider goals and used to monitor progress towards those goals**

# CSAT-GPRA for SOR

- Interview clients at 3 points in time:
  - Baseline/Intake
  - 6-month (3-month for adolescents only)
  - Discharge



# But First: Client Consent

- **Before** conducting the CSAT GPRA clients **must** be consented using the provided consent form
  - Included in provider training packet
- Clients must be able to give **written** consent
- Consent must be voluntary
- If a client does not give written consent via the appropriate form, do **NOT** start the interview
  - the GPRA **cannot** be completed
- If the GPRA is not completed, the client **can still** receive services from a provider
- Recommendation: place a printed copy of the consent form on top of all printed CSAT GPRA tools

# Consent During COVID-19

- *If the initial appointment is not in-person, please **email the client the entire consent form** (through secure email) or through patient portal.*
- *The **client can give consent via email AND a signed consent form will also need to be obtained at their first in person appointment.***
- *SAMSHA may revise COVID-19 guidance at any time. Please contact Kristen Rego ([kristen.rego@delaware.gov](mailto:kristen.rego@delaware.gov)) if you have any questions regarding obtaining consent for clients who are not on site.*

# CSAT GPRA Data Collection Requirements

## Baseline Interview

- A. **Record Management**
  - Record Management
  - Behavioral Health Diagnoses
  - **Planned Services**
  - **Demographics**
  - Military Family and Development
- B. **Alcohol/Drugs**
- C. **Family/Living Conditions**
- D. **Employment/Education/Income**
- E. **Legal Status**
- F. **Medical Status (Mental/Physical)**
  - Violence and Trauma (sensitive questions)
- G. **Social Connectedness**
- H. **Program-Specific Questions\*\* (not required)**

## Follow-Up (every 6 months)

\*\* (A-G) Except for Demographics and Planned services, ask all baseline sections plus:\*\*

- I. Follow-Up Status

## Discharge

\*\* (A-G) Except for Demographics and Planned services, ask all baseline sections plus:\*\*

- J. Discharge Status
- K. Services Received



# Administering GPRA

- **Client Identification (ID):** Each client should have his/her own unique client ID
- **Providers will use the MCI number as the Client ID.**
  - If a client has never been in the State system, they will not have an MCI number and the provider must request the SRU to create an MCI number.
- **The client ID is used at all 3 data collection points.**
- Only one GPRA intake for each client counts toward providers' target numbers.
- **Contract Grant ID** will be automated in SPARS
  - Providers should fill in with **DSAMH treatment ID**

# Administering GPRA

- **The interviewer should introduce the questions**
  - At the beginning of each section, the *type of questions* that are going to be asked should be introduced
- **Do not read the prompts out loud**
  - For example: “IF YES”, “IF RECEIVED”, or “CHECK ALL THAT APPLY”

# Administering GPRA

- Do not leave any questions blank,
  - If client refuses, you **must** mark “Refused”
  - If the response is “0”, you **must** write “0”

# Administering GPRA: Timeframes

## Baseline/Intake Interview

- Administer within 7 days of client starting services

## Follow-up Interview

- At 6 months
  - Conduct the 6-month follow-up *regardless of when the client is discharged* from the program.
  - If the client *cannot be contacted* **and** *has not been discharged* from the program, then conduct an **administrative discharge** (FAQ #30).
- Timeframe
  - As early as **1 month prior or 2 months after** the 6-month follow-up anniversary date.
  - Example: **January 1 (intake)**
    - July 1 (6-month follow up date);**
      - as early as June 1, or as late as Sept 1
- The minimum targeted **follow-up rate: 80%**.

# Administering GPRA: Timeframes

## Discharge Interview

- **Discharge Interview For Programs With a Discharge Policy or Definition**
  - If client is present on the day of discharge
    - Same day discharge (Sections A-G \*skip demographics and planned services\*, J & K)
  - If client is not present on the day of discharge, drops out, unfinished treatment
    - Provider has **14** days (after your policy's number of days without contact) to conduct in-person interviews.
  - Day **15**: **Administrative discharge** and complete first 4 items in **Section A (Record Management)**; **Section J (Discharge)**; and **Section K (Services Received)**; *marking that the GPRA discharge interview was not completed.*
  - If client is **discharged within 7 days of intake** interview: **Administrative discharge** and complete first 4 items in **Section A (Record Management)**; **Section J (Discharge)**; and **Section K (Services Received)**; marking that the GPRA discharge interview was not completed.
- **Conduct both follow-up and discharge interviews** even if the discharge interview is due during the 6-month follow- up interviews window (For more information: FAQ #28).
- Submitting a GPRA **discharge record for every client is required.**
  - **Exception:** Submitting GPRA discharge interviews for clients who are still in treatment when the grant ends is not required (FAQ #23).

# Administering GPRA: Timeframes

- **Discharge Interview For Programs Without a Discharge Policy or Definition**
  - a. **Client has had no contact with the program for 30 days: Conduct in-person GPRA discharge interview within 14 days after discharge** (*between days 31 and 44 of no contact*)
    - (Sections A-G \*skip demographics and planned services\*, J & K)
  - b. **The interview has not been conducted by day 15: Conduct an administrative discharge** (*on day 45 of no contact*).
    - and complete first 4 items in **Section A (Record Management)**; **Section J (Discharge)**; and **Section K (Services Received)**; *marking that the GPRA discharge interview was not completed.*

# Administrative Data Collection Requirements: FAQs #12 & #16

- **Do we have to collect information on every client our program serves?**

- Yes. You must collect data on all clients.

- **How should we handle clients who are readmitted for treatment services **after discharge**?**

You have 2 options:

1. Administer the **baseline one time per client** or;
2. Administer a second (or third, fourth, etc.) baseline GPRA based on the gap between services (**multiple baselines**). Typically after, 90 days of no contact/services with the client.

- If you pick this option, the **6-month follow-up will be required from the latest baseline only**.
- Only one intake for each client counts toward reaching target numbers.

# CSAT GPRA Data Submission

- **Data Submission**

- Submit data to DSAMH's SRU Team within 7 days after the interview is conducted.
- Forward completed CSAT GPRAs to SRU using either *SFTP* or a secure *Egress email* to:  
**DSAMH\_SRU@delaware.gov**
  - When uploading to SFTP or submitting through Egress, please include the following in the file name, if via Egress Email, use as email subject and file name; Provider Name and Site Location, GPRAs, and Submission Date; this will make the file easily identifiable.
    - File name example: Bridge Clinic New Castle GPRAs Jan 2020





# FAQs

- **Baseline in 1 Organization but Follow Up at Another Organization:** As part of the referral process through DTRN, please notify the receiving organization that the client has completed a baseline CSAT GPRA interview
  - a copy of the Record Management page can be sent with the referral.
- **Baseline and 6 month-follow-up:** The program has a 1-month window before and 2 months after the 6-month follow-up to conduct the follow-up interview.
- **Can't find the client to complete a follow up:**
  - When a provider cannot follow-up with a client, the program must use the CSAT GPRA tool to report that information and forward the CSAT GPRA to SRU (FAQ #12).
  - If the client cannot be reached for the discharge GPRA interview and receives an **administrative discharge**, a separate 6-month GPRA follow-up interview must be conducted, completed, and submitted to SRU for the follow-up to count toward the program's target rate:
- **Will we get our data back? Yes.**
  - A mechanism for reporting back to providers to inform project implementation will be identified. Indicators, format, and schedule will be determined based on project goals and provider requests.

# Resources

## Contact Information

- SPARS Help Desk: 855-322-2746, [SPARS-support@rti.org](mailto:SPARS-support@rti.org)
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