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ATR 3 Grant Application

ADP submitted an application for an ATR 3 grant to continue and expand the CARE program. If awarded, CARE will continue to serve substance abusing youth (ages 12-20) in the five existing target counties, while expanding to meet the substance abuse needs of young service members and veterans (ages 18 through 25) returning to those counties from combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. ADP will partner with the California Department of Veterans Affairs' Operation Welcome Home Initiative to identify and refer to CARE returning veterans in need of substance abuse services. Expanded services and program enhancements will focus on reducing health disparities among veterans, individuals living in rural communities, adolescent girls and young female veterans, racial and ethnic minorities, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth.

Thank you for your input and letters of support, and we will let you know as soon as we hear the outcome.

Meeting SAMHSA-Mandated Targets

As mentioned above, CARE is not meeting SAMHSA-mandated targets in the following areas:

- Client target to date: 5,269;
Actual clients served: 5,243, 99.5% of target.
- Voucher funds budgeted to date: \$10,092,000;
Actual funds redeemed: \$7,700,827, 76% of target.
- GPRA six-month interview target: 80% of clients served;
Actual GPRA compliance rate: 52%.

Automated Payment System

In February 2010, CARE began using a paperless invoicing system which can significantly reduce the time between provider billing and reimbursement. All billings for a two-week period are on one electronic file that gets processed by the State Controller's Office in a fraction of the time of paper invoices. However, inaccurate or unauthorized billings from one provider that need to be investigated or disallowed can slow down every provider's payment. Please ensure that all billings entered in the VMS and released for payment meet CARE requirements and are allowable for your organization.

Contact Us:

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866.350.8773

Funding Workshop

ADP and SAMHSA will be hosting a one-day workshop for CARE providers on strategic funding. The workshop will address a full range of issues that impact long-term survival, including marketing strategies, donor development, diversification, and fund raising.

The Los Angeles County workshops are scheduled for March 24 in Tarzana and March 25 in Gardena. Workshops in Sacramento and Shasta Counties will occur in April 2010.

This workshop is designed for individuals who have position and authority in their organization to influence change (CEO, CFO, president, executive director, program director, board member, etc.). Individuals in those capacities should receive an email about how to register—if you don't please contact us.

We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to develop the foundation necessary for long-term success and sustainability.

Want CARE Clients?

There are six months left in the ATR 2 grant period, and **we are under budget and under our target for number of clients served** (see below). We want to increase client admissions, but many providers are not meeting the minimum requirements to allow us to raise their client caps. These requirements are:

- Request a continuing care voucher and provide TMAC or recovery management services for all clients to improve retention and outcomes.
- Complete and submit a six-month GPRA interview for clients within the required timeframes.

If your organization meets these requirements and has the capacity and desire to serve more CARE clients, please contact any of the CARE staff.

**We want
your
success
stories!**

Please forward to ADP with the Client Consent Form located on the CARE website under "Provider Info".