

EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF ADDING THE RECLAIMING FUTURES APPROACH TO JUVENILE TREATMENT DRUG COURTS: *RECLAIMING FUTURES/JUVENILE DRUG COURT EVALUATION*

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Evaluation Overview

- Multi-Site, four-year evaluation of the Juvenile Drug Court and Reclaiming Futures Initiative
- Charged with evaluating the outcomes and cost-effectiveness of the integration of the Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice and the Reclaiming Futures Models.

The Models

Reclaiming Futures

Juvenile Drug Court: Strategies in Practice

1) Initial Screening

1) Engage all stakeholders in creating an interdisciplinary, coordinated, and systemic approach to working with youth and their families.

2) Initial Assessment

2) Using a non-adversarial approach, prosecution and defense counsel promote public safety while protecting participants' due process rights.

3) Service Coordination

3) Define a target population and eligibility criteria that are aligned with the program's goals and objectives.

4) Initiation

4) Schedule frequent judicial reviews and be sensitive to the effect that court proceedings can have on youth and their families.

5) Engagement

5) Establish a system for program monitoring and evaluation to maintain quality of service, assess program impact, and contribute to knowledge in the field.

6) Transition

6) Build partnerships with community organizations to expand the range of opportunities available to youth and their families.

7) Tailor interventions to the complex and varied needs of youth and their families.

8) Tailor treatment to the developmental needs of adolescents.

9) Design treatment to address the unique needs of each gender.

10) Create policies and procedures that are responsive to cultural differences and train personnel to be culturally competent.

11) Maintain a focus on the strengths of youth and their families during program planning and in every interaction between the court and those it serves.

12) Recognize and engage the family as a valued partner in all components of the program.

13) Coordinate with the school system to ensure that each participant enrolls.

14) Design drug testing to be frequent, random, and observed. Document testing policies and procedures in writing.

15) Respond to compliance and non-compliance with incentives and sanctions that are designed to reinforce or modify the behavior of youth and their families.

16) Establish a confidentiality policy and procedures that guard the privacy of the youth while allowing the drug court team to access key information.

OBJECTIVE 1: ASSESS THE OPERATIONS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURT/RECLAIMING FUTURES MODELS USING ESTABLISHED INDICES FOR PERFORMANCE, EFFICIENCIES AND COST EFFECTIVENESS

- Critical factors to combining the models
- System level effects that occurred by combining the models
- Adaptations and modifications in integrating the models

OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE THE EMPIRICAL KNOWLEDGE BASE ABOUT JUVENILE DRUG COURTS AND THE RECLAIMING FUTURES MODEL.

- Services provided
- Service recipients
- Who is missing

OBJECTIVE 3: ANALYZE THE EFFICACY OF COMBINED EFFORTS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURTS AND THE RECLAIMING FUTURES MODEL.

- Approaches to keeping target population involved
- Interventions that support matching clients to services
- System-level approaches, training, & resources associated with changes in services
- Level and appropriateness of services related to client and program performance

OBJECTIVE 4: CONDUCT CASE STUDIES USING ADMINISTRATIVE, COLLABORATION, AND QUALITY INDICES AND THE SIXTEEN KEY ELEMENTS OF JUVENILE DRUG COURTS

- Individual Case Studies
- System/Organizational Case Studies

OBJECTIVE 5: EVALUATE THE POTENTIAL FOR REPLICATION OF THESE MODELS

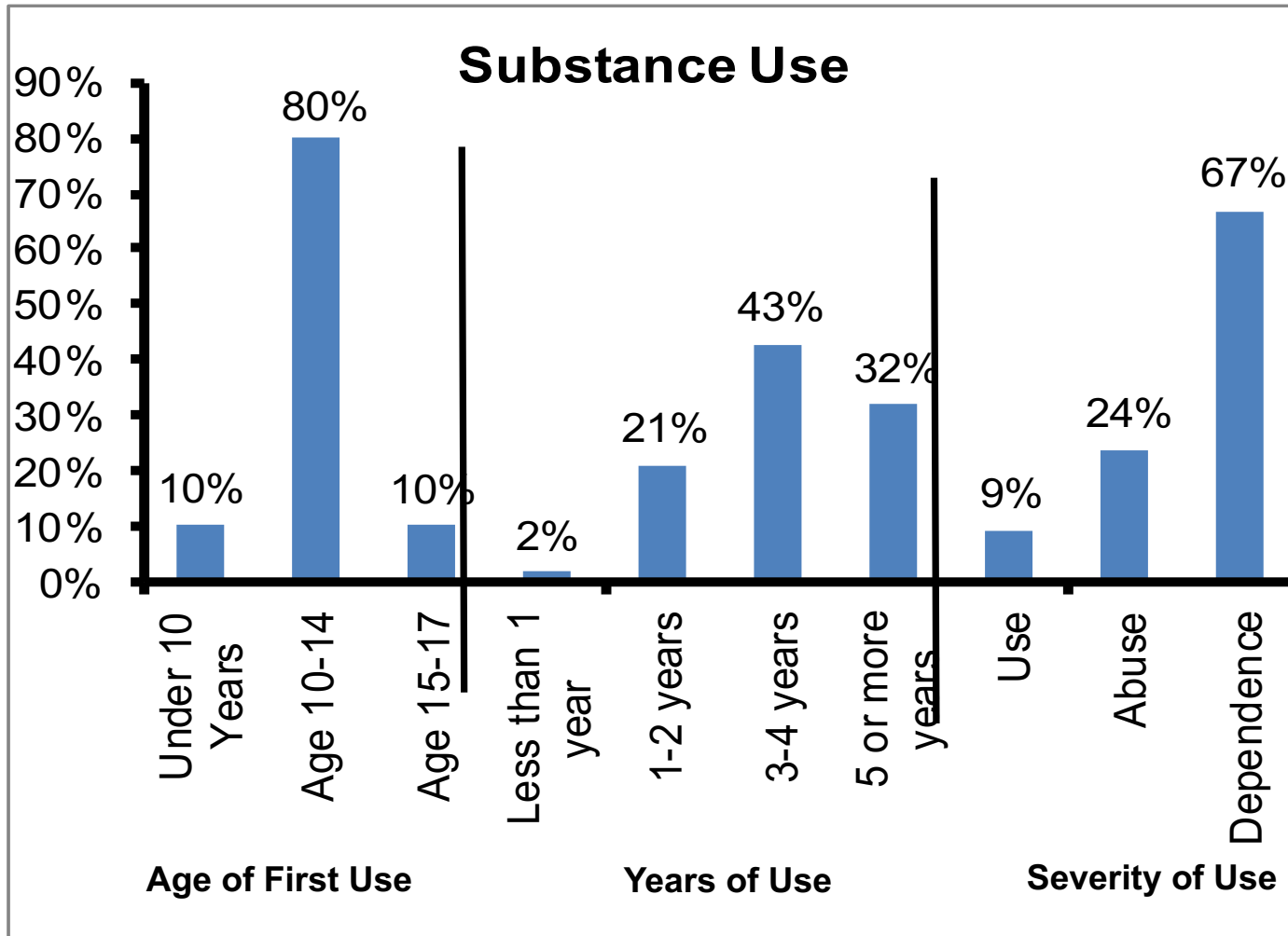
- Cost-effectiveness of different approaches

Who Was Served

Gender	N	Percent
Male	381	76%
Female	123	24%
Race/Ethnicity		
African American\ Black	48	10%
Caucasian\ White	163	32%
Hispanic	198	39%
Other	94	19%

Violence and Illegal Activity	N	Percent
Past Year Acts of Physical Violence	352	70%
Any Illegal Activity - Past Year	387	77%
Current Juvenile Justice Involvement	490	97%
Internal and External Mental Health Problems	N	Percent
Only External Mental Health Problems in Past Year	116	23%
Only Internal Mental Health Problems in Past Year	36	7%
Both External and Internal Mental Health Problems in Past Year	177	35%
Lifetime History of Victimization	333	66%

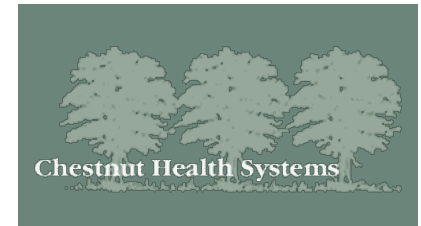
Who Was Served



Clients' Program Status

Program Status Across Evaluation Sites						
Program Status	Evaluation Site					
	1	2	3	4	5	All Sites
Positive Status	70%	90%	94%	60%	65%	73%
<i>Still in Treatment</i>	14%	20%	23%	1%	33%	21%
<i>Discharged to Community</i>	28%	9%	3%	21%	25%	20%
<i>Transferred for Further Treatment</i>	29%	26%	68%	38%	7%	31%
Negative Status	21%	8%	3%	4%	32%	17%
Status Unknown	9%	2%	4%	36%	4%	10%

Questions?



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