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A new ATTC Network white paper underscores the need to integrate SUD services

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Federal reform laws are changing the health care system to integrate behavioral health services within mainstream health care settings. While this change is advancing, care for those who have or are at risk of developing substance use disorders (SUDs) has received little attention in integration efforts. In response, the Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) Network launched the “Advancing the Integration of Substance Use Disorder and Health Care” initiative in November 2014. As a component of that initiative, today the ATTC Network is releasing *Integrating Substance Use Disorder and Health Care Services in an Era of Health Care Reform*, the first in a series of white papers.

Integrating Substance Use Disorder and Health Care Services in an Era of Health Care Reform emphasizes the need for better integration of SUD and health care services, recommends changes the SUD treatment community can make to integrate services, and describes various effective models, interventions and implementation strategies for treating SUDs in health care settings. The white paper highlights the ATTC Network’s expertise and experience as a national resource for the SUD treatment community, as well as the Network’s important role in promoting the integration of SUD services with health care. Examples of the technical assistance that several ATTCs have provided in successful integration efforts are included in the paper.

Integrating Substance Use Disorder and Health Care Services in an Era of Health Care Reform is divided into five sections:

- 1) Integration in the Era of Health Care Reform
- 2) Models of Integrated Care
- 3) Interventions
- 4) Technology Transfer/Implementation Support and Guidance
- 5) Summary and Conclusions

The white paper serves as a resource for those who are concerned with the integration of SUD and health care services: the SUD, mental health, and health care workforces; policy makers; state officials; health and behavioral health treatment administrators; physicians, nurses, social workers, psychologists, and peer workers; and third-party payers.

Subsequent white papers in this series are scheduled for release in April and June 2015.

- Paper II: *Preparing Students to Work in Integrated Healthcare Systems*
- Paper III: *A Roadmap for Building Organizational and Staff Capacity for Integrating Behavioral Health Services within Primary Care and Medical Settings*

More information regarding the ATTC Network is available at www.ATTCnetwork.org. The full white paper can be downloaded, in PDF format, at <http://www.attcnetwork.org/advancingintegration/index.aspx>.

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