

**integrated behavioral health
interventions for substance abuse**
**establishing linkages with substance
abuse treatment providers**

WEEK 4

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establishing **linkages with
substance abuse treatment
providers is critical to a
successful warm handoff**

evaluating providers



- recommendations from the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) when considering substance abuse treatment providers:
 - there is no one-size-fits-all approach; treatment should be individualized
 - treatment should be ‘readily available’ (does the patient have to wait 3 months for an appointment?)
 - whole person approach; addresses various needs (i.e. MH, etc.)
 - recovery often takes several rounds of treatment
 - patients need to remain in treatment for adequate length of time

locating providers



- SAMHSA treatment locator:
<http://findtreatment.samhsa.gov/locator/home>
- internal reference sheets noting local providers

national registry of evidence-based practices and programs (NREPP)

- **outcomes data**
- **population considerations**
- **appropriate settings**
- **cost data**
- **readiness for dissemination**

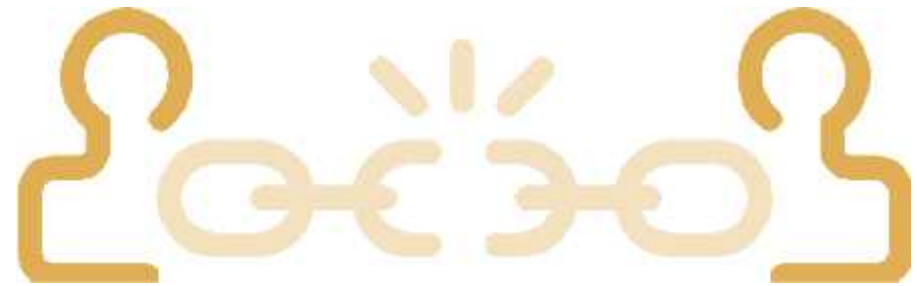


www.nrepp.samhsa.gov

strengthening linkages



- liaisons/points of contact
- contracts/MOUs
 - purpose
 - staffing
 - referral process
 - cost/compensation
 - access to records
- cross-trainings/education regarding services provided by each agency



strengthening linkages (cont'd)



- shared treatment goals
- shared policies/procedures
- plan for sharing patient data
 - SA treatment information allowed by federal law in health information exchanges
 - obtain a release of information; need consent except in medical emergencies and a few other circumstances
 - include detail about what information will be disclosed
 - patient should be able to retract at a later date
 - consent should have an expiration date
 - review the FAQs document from SAMHSA