

# PARTNERS FOR RECOVERY UPDATE



***The Partners for Recovery (PFR) Initiative.*** PFR is a SAMHSA/CSAT funded initiative that facilitates collaboration and development of resources with stakeholders to address substance use conditions. PFR supports the collaboration of communities and organizations mobilized to help individuals and families achieve and maintain recovery and lead fulfilling lives. Abt Associates provides technical support for the Initiative. Recent major accomplishments and activities are highlighted below.

***Strategies for Strengthening Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Systems: Provider Networks and Impact on the Workforce.*** Abt Associates and the State Associations of Addiction Services (SAAS) identified and described nine well-functioning provider networks in different regions across the country, provided information on how these networks were developed, and discussed the impact of networks on the systems infrastructure and workforce. A report and a power point presentation/workshop on the findings of the report were developed.

***Supporting Our Greatest Resource: Addressing Substance Use, Misuse, and Relapse in the Addiction Workforce.*** Abt Associates worked with Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC), Illinois to develop a toolkit that provides practical guidelines and organizational policies to substance use treatment providers faced with the challenge of employee substance use, misuse, and relapse. Tools include a prevention-oriented management script; sample management procedures for addressing use, misuse, and relapse situations; a sample employee reintegration agreement; and sample personnel policies that reflect a commitment to wellness.

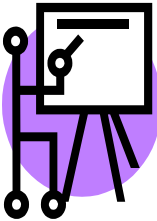
***A Recruiting and Hiring Manual for Addictions Professionals.*** Abt convened seven focus groups to support the development of marketing and recruitment strategies for providers in the addictions treatment and recovery field. The focus looked at two cohorts: “early/pre-career” and “midcareer professionals” individuals and specifically targeted African Americans and Hispanics to address a need to diversify the workforce. TASC then developed marketing messages and customizable materials targeted at recruiting minorities to the addictions treatment workforce, and recruitment manual to assist providers with hiring and recruiting.

***PFR/ATTC Leadership Institutes.*** The 2009 series of the PFR/ATTC Leadership Institutes has been scheduled and several Institutes in the series have begun. The Leadership Institute is a six-month program designed to develop leadership within the addictions field. A Leadership Institute on Recovery Support Services for Emerging Leaders and one on Native American Leadership Institute are being piloted.



***Know Your Rights.*** PFR and Legal Action Center (LAC), developed and completed Know Your Rights (KYR) brochures, a series of regional- and State-specific trainings (reaching all 50 States), and training materials on Federal anti-discrimination laws protecting individuals in recovery related to employment, housing, public benefits, and other domains. A power point, an accompanying User's Guide, and a DVD have been prepared. In addition, a brochure was developed on how Federal laws protect people in medication-assisted treatment. The next KYR trainings will be developed and conducted through a series of Webinars on five separate topics: housing, employment, medication-assisted treatment, and parity.

***Collecting Resources and Designing a Web-based Toolkit on Recovery-oriented Systems of Care.*** Abt is developing a web-based toolkit on recovery-oriented systems of care. The toolkit is being designed for several audiences, including policymakers, and treatment and recovery support service providers. Over 100 resources have been collected from stakeholders that include administrative rules, policies, strategic plans, practices guidelines, vision statements, surveys, protocols, resource lists and a section of recovery support service resources.



***Provider Training Needs for Returning Veterans and Curriculum Development***

Abt is working with NASADAD to collect information from State alcohol and drug agencies on State and provider training needs and resources for serving returning Veterans and prepare a report.

***Recovery Measure Development.*** Abt and its consultant, Alexandre Laudet, conducted an environmental scan on recovery measures and prepared a report that will inform the development of recovery measures. A recovery study is also planned that will include the convening of four focus groups (two adult/two youth) with individuals in recovery to learn more about the various pathways to recovery, definitions of recovery, barriers to recovery, and further inform the development of recovery measures.

***Recovery Support Services Financing.*** Abt is working with LAC to identify and analyze Federal and State funding streams that are available to support recovery support services across the nation. Five States will be highlighted to show examples of how recovery support services are funded using various funding streams. The report will include recommendations on how laws and regulations can be changed to allow State flexibility to provide recovery support services.

## PFR WEB SITE NEWS



**The Partners for Recovery Web site has been updated!**  
<http://pfr.samhsa.gov/>

Four White Papers addressing approaches to Recovery-oriented Systems of Care:

- **Access to Recovery Approaches to Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care: Three Case Studies**
- **Provider Approaches to Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care: Four Case Studies**
- **Approaches to Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care at the State and Local Levels: Three Case Studies**
- **Guiding Principles and Elements of Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care: What do we know from the research?**

Two reports on recruiting and retaining addictions professionals:

- **Supporting Our Greatest Resource: Addressing Substance Use, Misuse and Relapse in the Addiction Treatment Workforce**
- **Recruiting and Hiring Manual for Addictions Professionals**

A report on workforce development which explores the recommended practices for retaining addictions treatment workers:

- **Addictions Treatment and Recovery Workforce Retention and Promising Practices Pilot Study**

A report focusing on health and human service professionals views related to working in the addictions treatment field which explores a range of relevant issues, from employment decisions to effective marketing:

- **Informing Marketing Strategies for Recruitment into the Addictions Treatment Workforce**

A report describing innovative provider networks and how they have strengthened their agencies and sustained the workforce:

- **Strategies for Strengthening Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Systems: Provider Networks and Impact on the Workforce**

The **Know Your Rights** power point presentation and **User's Guide**, used as a training tool for people with or in recovery from alcohol and drug problems, people in treatment or recovery with criminal records, and anyone supporting the rights of people with current/past alcohol or drug problems or criminal records

**A Summary of the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment's (CSAT's) Regional Recovery Meetings** conducted from April 2007 through January 2008

Updated **PFR Factsheet**

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## **PFR ANOUNCEMENTS**

### **April to August 2009**

Abt Associates and LAC are producing and conducting a series of five webinars on Federal anti-discrimination laws critical to individuals with alcohol and drug problems including those in recovery. The series will be conducted twice and five separate topics will be addressed: housing, employment, medication-assisted treatment, criminal justice and parity.

The target audience includes individuals in recovery, including those with criminal records, alcohol and drug treatment and prevention providers, recovery support service providers, recovery groups, reentry community, workforce development organizations, single State agencies, State methadone authorities, and associations of treatment professionals.

### **July 2009**

SAMHSA, Abt Associates, and SAAS will be making a presentation on innovative provider networks at the upcoming Annual SAAS/NIATx Meeting, July 2009, in Tucson, AZ.

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