

Accomplishments and Future Goals of LACES

LACES has reinstated its newsletter to keep everyone up to date on the events relevant to treatment and treatment evaluation.

For more information, please see our website at: <http://www.laces-ucla.org>.

Since its inception, LACES has worked with the County of Los Angeles and the alcohol and drug treatment providers to improve the quality of the care clients receive. To this end, LACES has engaged in a number of tasks including extensive training, information dissemination, and various pilot projects all in the effort to make the treatment in LA County the best it can be. This first newsletter provides you with a very basic list of tasks LACES completed last year (2008-2009) and the goals for this year (2009-2010).

Brief Overview of the Accomplishments of LACES

- Completed a NIATx pilot project demonstrating that small changes can produce large benefits to the clients, the counseling staff and the agency. The NIATX projects required volunteer providers to address one of four issues, decrease wait time, decrease no shows, increase retention or increase admissions. All programs that completed the project showed dramatic improvements.
- Coordinated the first performance based pilot project that sought to determine what treatment is provided to clients in LA County and at what dose. The results of the performance based pilot project will be discussed in the LACES Brief (December 2009) and as part of the ADPA lecture series (Fall 2009).
- Revised the LACES website to include more information and links to online trainings.
- Began the distribution of the LACES Site Reports for the Narcotic Treatment Programs.

Future Goals for LACES in the Upcoming Year

- Coordinate a second performance based pilot project focusing on the practices of small and medium sized programs.
- Conduct a specialized evaluation of the co-occurring programs and the outcomes of clients who enter treatment through the drug courts.
- Submit a grant to the National Institute of Health, the goal of which is to update an aspect of the LACPRS to allow for electronic health record for a select group of providers.
- Develop an online training module that will address some of the training needs of the county for either no cost or low cost. The training module will either include the training itself, or in some cases, the internet link to the website where that training can be accessed online.
- Reinstate the LACES newsletter – what you are reading now – for monthly distribution and create the LACES Briefs for bi-monthly distribution.

As you can see, LACES has been very busy. To keep everyone informed, this newsletter will continue to be published on a monthly basis. Look for them in your inbox!