

BestPractices4Data: Sharing Innovations and Best Practices *for* Grantees, *from* Grantees

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Webinar Overview

- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Report Findings
- III. Panel Discussion
- IV. Open Forum Q&A
- V. Closing Remarks



BestPractices4Data Series

- The BestPractices4Data series brings together innovative and best practices that grantees use to address the most common and complex challenges associated with grant-required data collection activities.
- The series is informed by listening sessions with SAMHSA grantees and government project officers (GPOs).
- The series shares innovations and best practices *for* grantees, *from* grantees.

Listening
Sessions with
Project Officers

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2023



Listening
Sessions with
Grantees

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October 2023



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Issue Briefs

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Best Practices 4 Data Issue Briefs

1. Incorporate Technology for Data Collection and Reporting
2. Establish Data Protocols to Optimize Data Collection
3. Hire Effectively for Data Roles
4. Manage Data Collection for Multiple SAMHSA Grants
5. Understand Unique Data Concerns When Working with Tribes
6. Use Data to Monitor Progress and Tell Your Agency Story

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Incorporate Technology for Data Collection and Reporting

Best Practices

- Determine the best way to embed data collection into your routine and whether technology is an option
- Compare options to purchase software
- Learn from other grantees about their approach to technology
- Consider hiring data collection experts



Establish Data Protocols to Optimize Data Collection



Best Practices

- Consider key questions regarding data access, protection, collection, and verification
- Establish a data protocol
- Create a data infrastructure
- Designate an evaluation lead

Hire Effectively for Data Roles

Best Practices

- Define job requirements for data roles
- Use structured interviews to assess candidates
- Craft an effective job announcement to attract the best candidates
- Embrace academic partnerships
- Retain data staff over time



Manage Data Collection for Multiple SAMHSA Grants



Best Practices

- Review each grant's data requirements
- Based on your data requirements, plan ahead to maximize data collection
- Reach out to the GPO of each grant
- Identify a data point person or data lead
- Consider hiring an outside evaluator

Understand Unique Data Concerns When Working with Tribes

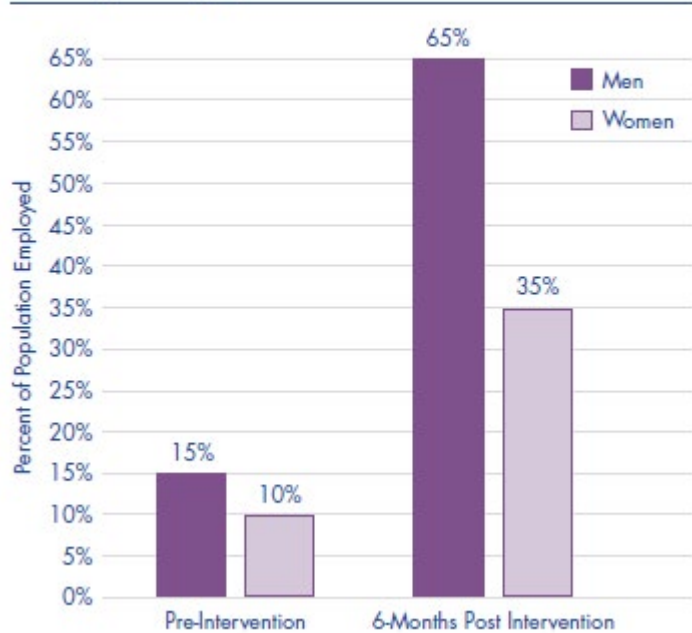
Best Practices

- Establish a data governance framework
- Identify a decision-maker or group of decisionmakers to oversee the data governance program
- Respect tribal culture, customs, privacy, and perspectives
- Build capacity within the tribal community and solicit regular feedback
- Think creatively when trying to engage clients in data collection



Use Data to Tell Your Agency Story

Sample Graph Using Grantee Aggregated Data Looking at Employment and Gender*



*Data are for illustrative purposes only.

Best Practices

- Aggregate data to identify demographic changes in service populations, the impact of new services, and disparities
- Use client-level, sometimes referred to as participant-level, data to support individual recovery
- Develop a logic model to identify how data can help you track progress
- Use data to demonstrate your successes

Panel Discussion

Open Forum Q&A

Thank You

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