


Building Evaluation Capacity for Evidence-Based Interventions

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Mini-Subcontract Awards

- To support building or enhancing evaluation capacity to improve substance abuse prevention program performance and strengthen capacity to document substance abuse prevention outcomes.

Mini-Subcontract Award Prerequisites

- CAPTs solicit prevention program nominations from State prevention officials.
- CAPTs assess the readiness of candidate programs.
- CAPTs conduct Regional Service –to- Science Academies.

Mini-Subcontract Basics

- Approximately 25 mini-subcontracts are awarded annually.
- Programs are awarded up to \$25,000.
- Enhancements must be completed within the funding cycle (usually 12 months).
- Limited post-award technical assistance is provided.

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Range of Substance Abuse Prevention Interventions

- Community-based approaches
- Environmental strategies
- Local policy initiatives
- Positive role modeling
- Positive activities
- Coaching and mentoring

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Guiding Principles for Mini-Subcontract Awards

- Meet programs “where they are.”
- Advance along a *continuum* of evidence of effectiveness.

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Administration of the Mini-Subcontract Awards

- CRP develops and releases the RFP.
- CRP selects a panel of reviewers comprised of independent, evaluators with expertise in substance abuse prevention.
- CRP conducts the review panel.
- CRP makes funding recommendations to SAMHSA/CSAP.

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Administration of the Mini-Subcontract Award Program

- CRP negotiates the subcontract with the new awardees once final selections are announced.
- CRP establishes reporting guidelines and collects all required reports.
- CRP addresses all technical issues that arise during the contract year.

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Outcomes of the Mini-Subcontract Program

- Developed an evaluation plan or implemented a more rigorous evaluation design.
- Refined or revised data collection plans or analysis plans.
- Developed tools and systems to measure outcomes at the individual, family, school and community levels.

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Added Benefits of the Mini-Subcontract Program Evaluation Data

- Clarified program goals and objectives leading to improved delivery of services.
- Used evaluation results to justify actions, to support program expansion, and secure additional funding from other funding sources.
- Improved understanding and preparation for submission of NREPP and NASADAD recognition.

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