



**Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
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**Overview of the National Outcome Measures
For the CSAP Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant and
Discretionary Grants**

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Overview of National Outcome Measures For the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), has identified specific outcome measures that will be required of block grant recipients with full implementation by the end of Federal fiscal year 2007. These National Outcome Measures (NOMs) include the following domains:

- Abstinence From Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Employment/Education
- Crime and Criminal Justice
- Access/Service Capacity
- Retention
- Social Support/Social Connectedness
- Cost-Effectiveness
- Use of Evidence-Based Practices

These NOMs relate to youth ages 12 to 17 and to adults ages 18 and older. CSAP intends to implement the following approach.

Required NOMs Data

CSAP requires States* to report annually and electronically on five specific NOMs measures for 2 domains for youth and adults:

1. Number of persons served by age
2. Number of persons served by gender
3. Number of persons served by race
4. Number of persons served by ethnicity
5. Total number of evidence-based programs and strategies

Note: Archival and State estimates for the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) will be prepopulated by CSAP DCCC through the CSAP Services Accountability and Monitoring System (CSAMS).

* The word "States" refers to the United States including the District of Columbia and tribal entities.

Overview of National Outcome Measures for Discretionary Grantees

SAMHSA's CSAP has identified specific outcome measures that will be required of discretionary grant recipients with full implementation by the end of Federal fiscal year 2007. These National Outcome Measures (NOMs) include the following domains: Abstinence from Alcohol and Other Drugs, Employment/Education, Crime and Criminal Justice, Access/Service Capacity, Retention, Social Support/Social Connectedness, Cost-Effectiveness, and Use of Evidence-Based Practices. These NOMs relate to youth ages 12 to 17 and to adults ages 18 and older.

Prevention NOMs

- **Abstinence from Drug Use/Alcohol Abuse**
 - 30-day Substance Use (nonuse/reduction in use)
 - Age of First Substance Use
 - Perception of Disapproval/Attitude
 - Perceived Risk/Harm of Use

- **Increased/Retained Employment or Return to/Stay in School**
 - Perception of Workplace Policy
 - Substance Abuse-Related Suspensions and Expulsions
 - School Attendance and Enrollment

- **Decreased Criminal Justice Involvement**
 - Alcohol-Related Car Crashes and Injuries
 - Alcohol and Drug-Related Crime

- **Increased Access to Services (Service Capacity)**
 - Number of Persons Served by Age, Gender, Race, and Ethnicity

- **Increased Retention in Service Programs – Substance Abuse**
 - Total Number of Evidence-Based Programs and Strategies Employed
 - Percentage of Youth Seeing, Reading, Watching, or Listening to a Prevention Message

- **Increased Social Support/Social Connectedness**
 - Family Communication Around Drug Use

- **Cost-Effectiveness of Services (Average Cost)**
 - Services Provided Within Cost Bands (Universal, Selective, and Indicated)

- **Use of Evidence-Based Practices**
 - Total Number of Evidence-Based Programs and Strategies Employed

CSAP Programs - NOMs Reporting Roadmap

Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant (Current Grantees)

STATE Level (generated annually by DCCC). DCCC will prepopulate State-level NOMs data, and States are responsible for reporting the aggregate elements that are not available through CSAMS. The elements are as follows:

- Total Number of Participants Served
 - Number of Males
 - Number of Females
 - Number by Race and Ethnicity
 - Number by Age Category
- Number of Evidence-Based Practices, Strategies, and Policies Implemented
- Cost Band Information (from annual reports) for Universal, Selective, and Indicated Interventions

COMMUNITY Level (entered annually by States for their communities, however defined). States that have a survey in the defined community can use that survey as a proxy as long as it maps to the NOMs domains and constructs.

If States have neither a survey that measures that community nor a proxy for the NOMs, they can use some of the community funding to support a random sample of the collection of this information using the NOMs Community Tool, available from CSAP through CSAMS. States only have to report these data:

- Aggregate reporting of NOMs or
- NOMs proxy by the community/State through CSAMS
- Cost Band Information (from annual reports) for Universal, Selective, and Indicated Interventions

PROGRAM Level. Data are NOT required.

Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant (New Grantees To Be Funded September 2006)

STATE Level (generated annually by DCCC). DCCC will prepopulate State-level NOMs data, and States are responsible for reporting the aggregate elements that are not available through CSAMS. These elements are the following:

- Total Number of Participants Served
 - Number of Males
 - Number of Female
 - Number by Race and Ethnicity
 - Number by Age Category
- Number of Evidence-Based Practices, Strategies, and Policies Implemented
- Cost Band Information (from annual reports) for Universal, Selective, and Indicated Interventions

Note: Some of this information is contained in the cross-site evaluation interviews.

COMMUNITY Level (entered annually by States for their communities, however defined). States that have a survey in the defined community can use that survey as a proxy as long as it maps to the NOMs domains and constructs.

If the States have neither a survey that measures that community nor a proxy for the NOMs, the State can use some of the community funding to support a random sample of the collection of this information using the NOMs Community Tool, available from CSAP through CSAMS. States only have to report these data in the aggregate:

- Aggregate reporting of NOMs or
- NOMs proxy by the community/State through CSAMS
- Cost Band Information (from annual reports) for Universal, Selective, and Indicated Interventions

PROGRAM Level (entered quarterly for any pre-, post-, or followup data collection points by program entity). For direct service activities, the following data are required:

- Reporting in the aggregate of NOMs (for NOMs tool question items) or
- NOMs proxy through CSAMS
- Cost Band Information (from annual reports) for Universal, Selective, and Indicated Interventions



HIV, Methamphetamine, or Other Focused Direct Service Program (Grantees Funded From September 2005 and Future)

PROGRAM Level (entered quarterly for any pre-, post-, or followup data collection points by program entity). The following data are required:

- Incorporation of the NOMs tool question items and other program-focused question items for each individual participant (“individual, raw data entry function” through CSAMS)
- Cost Band Information (from annual reports) for Universal, Selective and Indicated Interventions