

New York State Collocation Demonstration Project

Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS)
Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)

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Project Overview

- Collaborative effort between OCFS and OASAS:
 - OTDA is also a partner
- Integration of substance abuse with child welfare services
- 3 year Demonstration Project
- 9 upstate counties: Process study for all 9 participating counties and 2 sites selected for Impact study
- Goal is to improve child welfare outcomes through facilitating identification, assessment for treatment and prevention, and treatment engagement of family members with Substance Abuse (SA)

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Collocation Demonstration Counties

1. Dutchess
2. Fulton
3. Erie
4. Genesee
5. Livingston
6. Onondaga
7. Orange
8. St. Lawrence
9. Westchester

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What is the Collocation Program?

- Serve CPS and PINS families suspected of having substance abuse problems
- Substance abuse treatment and prevention staff will be physically collocated at CPS offices
- Key Elements:
 - CPS/Probation conduct a simple screening at Intake
 - CASAC conducts assessment of positive screen cases and determine the needs
 - CASAC refers positive assessment cases to prevention or treatment
 - Mentor follows-up referred cases to improve treatment engagement

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Overview of the Evaluation

- A 3 year study to measure the implementation and impact of the collocation demonstration project
- Management Information System (MIS)
 - Designed by Center for Human Services and Research (CHSR)
 - Web-based – for administration and case-follow up
 - An interim program to track cases until MIS is ready
- Process Study
 - All 9 sites
 - Focus on the implementation: barriers and lessons learned
- Impact Study
 - 2 sites
 - Focus on early identification, better assessment, timely referral to treatment and prevention, and better treatment engagement
 - Reduced re-report and reduced placement

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How does the Program work?

Screening

- CPS or PINS at Intake
- By Workers
- SA Allegations by SCR or on Screen Form
- One screen per case (family)

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Assessment

- Positive SA screen by CASAC
- Gain-Q and other assessment tools
- Could be more than one assessment per case (family)
- Also, referrals to prevention services

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Follow-up

- Positive Assessment
- By Mentor or CASAC
- Monitor and support for treatment engagement

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Roles and Forms

□ Collocation Team

CPS Workers, PINS Workers, LDSS Project Coordinator, Collocation Project Director, CASAC, Mentor, Prevention Worker, and Data Entry

□ CPS/PINS Workers:

- Identify substance abuse during the investigation stage/ at Intake
- Fill out screen form for cases with SA allegation in SCR (automatically positive)
- Screen the rest of the cases (non-SA allegation in SCR)
- Forward positive screen cases to Project Director
- **Form used- CPS or PINS Screening and Referral**

□ LDSS Project Coordinator

- Oversee the Collocation from the CPS service
- Liaison between CPS and Substance Abuse staff
- Communicate with Collocation Project Director/CASAC

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Roles and Forms cont'd

□ Collocation Project Director in larger sites

- Oversee Collocation from the SA services
- Provide supervision of CASAC, Mentor, and Data Entry staff
- Assign selected cases to CASAC
- Record why and when case is closed
- Oversee substance abuse staff
- Communicates with LDSS Project Coordinator
- **Form used- Case Closure**

□ Mentor

- Engage referred cases for treatment or prevention services
- Work with clients to resolve any barriers to treatment engagement
- Follow-up the cases for treatment outcomes periodically
- **Form used- Contact Log**

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Roles and Forms cont'd

□ CASAC:

- Engage positive screen cases and obtain release
- Complete GAIN-Q assessment
- Referral to treatment or prevention for positive assessment cases
- Work with CPS caseworkers on service coordination
- **Forms used: Case Assessment, Treatment or Prevention Referral, and Contact Log**

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Roles and Forms cont'd

□ Prevention Worker:

- Identify OASAS funded providers and other agencies/organizations that offer evidence-based programs
- Establish protocol for referral and follow-up with team members and program evaluators
- Work as a "Broker" between community based prevention services and Collocation Team
- Along with CASAC, provide training on OASAS prevention framework

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Benefits of Collocation

□ For CPS

- More support
- Additional case information
- Further knowledge of substance abuse and implications

□ For Substance Abuse

- Improved conditions under which to provide services
- Increased awareness of client's home life
- Better understanding of child welfare

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