



SCIENCE to SERVICE AWARD



As part of its mission of building resilience and facilitating recovery, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has advanced a Science to Service Initiative to facilitate knowledge dissemination, promote the rapid implementation of effective, evidenced-based mental health and substance abuse interventions into routine clinical and community-based practice, and strengthen feedback from the field to influence and frame services research programs.

As part of the initiative, SAMHSA has created the Science to Service Awards as a way of recognizing community-based organizations and/or coalitions that successfully have implemented one or more recognized evidence-based interventions to benefit consumers and/or communities. SAMHSA plans to pilot test this award process by bestowing these awards annually over the next three years.

Eligibility

To be eligible for a Science to Service Award, an organization must have successfully implemented a recognized evidence-based intervention. Recognized interventions include those that are published in the scientific literature and/or appear on a Federal and/or state registry of evidence-based interventions. The organization implementing the evidence-based intervention should be able to demonstrate positive outcomes from the intervention in at least one of the following categories: (1) Substance abuse prevention; (2) Treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services; (3) Mental health promotion; and (4) Treatment of mental illness and recovery support services.

Community-based organizations and/or coalitions wishing to voluntarily submit information regarding their implementation of one or more evidence-based interventions are eligible for award selection. Both public sector (State, local, territorial, tribal) and private sector organizations are eligible to compete for these awards. Interested organizations should use the format outlined below (in "Application Process") to provide relevant information.

Developers of an evidence-based intervention, or their research collaborators, will not be eligible for these awards. In addition, Federal agencies and past winners of the Science to Service Award will not be eligible for these awards.

Awards

A maximum of three awards will be made in each of the four categories (Substance abuse prevention; Substance abuse treatment; Mental health promotion; and Mental health treatment). Award winners will be notified in 2007, and will travel to Washington D.C. expenses-paid for a Science to Service Awards Ceremony. Each organizational recipient will receive a commemorative award, and will be further recognized by SAMHSA for its successful implementation efforts.



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Science to Service Initiative Seeks Award-winning Implementation Sites

A national award program recognizing community-based organizations and coalitions for exemplary implementation of evidence-based interventions.

Apply to be recognized.
Due date February 28, 2007

Awards Categories:

- Substance Abuse Prevention
- Treatment of Substance Abuse & Recovery Support Services
- Mental Health Promotion
- Treatment of Mental Illness & Recovery Support Services



To be considered, completed applications must be received by February 28, 2007

Submissions

Submission of an application or selection as an award winner is not associated with any other current or future funding from SAMHSA or any other federal agency.

A total of four review panels will be convened, one in each of the four eligibility areas noted above. Each review panel will consist of seven national experts in the category, and will include representatives from key national organizations. All applications will be rated using the following four criteria:

Community Need (10 points):

A brief description of the explicit need or problem being addressed, the reason(s) for selecting and implementing the specific evidence-based intervention, and the perceived short- and long-term community benefits derived from implementing the intervention with fidelity.

Sustainability (30 points):

Documentation that a recognized evidence-based intervention has been implemented for at least one (1) year, including a description of how the intervention is likely to be institutionalized or sustained into the future.

Implementation (30 points):

Documentation that the evidence-based intervention has been used with reasonable degrees of fidelity. The documentation may consist of data using established assessments of fidelity. In the absence of established measures of fidelity, the organization should submit other forms of documentation of fidelity including a description of the efforts made to attend to fidelity issues.

Results (30 points):

Documentation that the evidence-based intervention has produced tangible benefits for recipients and/or the community. The documentation may consist of evidence of risk reduction, pre-post measures of change, follow up data, cost-benefit analyses, or other forms of evidence demonstrating measurable benefits deriving from this intervention.

Review panels will recommend for Science to Service Awards the top three scoring submissions in each of the four categories. Any scoring ties within these categories will be resolved within the review panel.

SAMHSA's Office of the Administrator and the agency's Center Directors will review and approve award finalists. Finalists may also be site-visited by one or more reviewers prior to announcement of the award recipients.



Application Process

The application must not exceed 4 pages (single spacing, 12-point font, one-inch margins) and must contain the following:

1. Submission contact person name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
2. Organization name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
3. The name of the evidence-based intervention that was implemented, any relevant citations from the scientific literature, and if applicable, the specific Federal and/or State registries (including url address) where the evidence-based intervention is listed.
4. Information specific to the four rating criteria described above (community need, sustainability, implementation, and results).

Completed applications must be emailed by February 28, 2007 to dfixsen@fmhi.usf.edu. Questions regarding the application process may be addressed to Dean Fixsen, Science to Service Award coordinator, at this same email address. For community organizations without access to email, the application may be mailed (postmarked by midnight on February 28, 2007) to:

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