In 2012, 57 Percent of Substance Abuse Treatment Facilities Provided Community Outreach—Up from 47 Percent in 2006

Many substance abuse treatment facilities provide outreach services that are designed to help people in the community learn about the harmful effects of substance use. Outreach services are also designed to reach those who need treatment. These services can be especially important for underserved populations, such as homeless people, people living in rural areas, and people in certain racial, ethnic, or cultural groups.\textsuperscript{1,2,3}

The National Survey of Substance Abuse Treatment Services (N-SSATS) is a survey of all known substance abuse treatment facilities in the United States. In 2012, 57 percent of facilities (8,205 facilities) provided outreach to the community. This is an increase from 2006, when 47 percent of facilities (6,502 facilities) provided community outreach.

Only about 11 percent of people who need substance abuse treatment receive it.\textsuperscript{4} Increasing the number of substance abuse treatment facilities that provide outreach can improve awareness among underserved populations about treatment services in their communities. Because of this, more hard-to-reach people, such as those living in rural areas or the homeless, may seek the services that they need. To learn more about community outreach, please see http://homeless.samhsa.gov/resource/assessing-the-evidence-what-we-know-about-outreach-and-engagement-37555.aspx.

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