

Supporting Communities in Evaluating Substance Use and HIV Prevention Initiatives

Evaluation Expertise

The Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) is a nonprofit, mission-driven research and evaluation institute. We use our data expertise—developed over the past 40 years—and our understanding of the complete health and human services landscape to fulfill our mission of helping federal and state agencies and local communities improve the health, well-being, and economic stability of the populations they serve.

Having led the national cross-site evaluation for SAMHSA's **Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)** from 2006 through 2018, we have a strong understanding of MAI's grant requirements and reporting needs as well as evidence-based programs for the prevention of substance use disorders, HIV and HCV among populations at high risk.

We have the expertise to help grantees meet and exceed SAMHSA's requirements for the evaluation component of their grant. We also assist with drafting grant applications.



Our experience with *The Minority AIDS Initiative*

As the lead evaluator for the MAI cross-site evaluation, we:

- Developed MAI data collection tools and instruments
- Cleaned and analyzed MAI data
- Reported MAI's GPRA measures to SAMHSA
- Provided training and technical assistance to MAI grantees

HSRI Can Help Grantees:

- Develop a logic model
- Design and implement a comprehensive evaluation plan that assesses process and outcomes
 - Identify measurable goals and objectives
 - Develop metrics to evaluate the effectiveness of services
 - Assess the impact of services on health disparities
- Develop data collection and process monitoring tools
- Set up systems to collect and report performance data
- Understand and use SAMHSA's GPRA instruments to collect client-level data
 - Use strategies to increase follow-up rates
- Monitor data for accuracy and completeness
- Analyze quantitative and qualitative data using mixed methods approaches
- Identify continuous quality improvement opportunities
- Submit data to SAMHSA's online portal (SPARS)
- Write evaluation reports and quarterly, bi-annual, and annual progress reports
- Prepare materials for conferences and presentations

Additional experience evaluating SAMHSA grants

HSRI has decades of experience evaluating SAMHSA grants. We've:

- Conducted dozens of multi-site evaluations
- Worked with numerous single grantees as the local evaluator
- And provided training and technical assistance to grantees

We're intimately familiar with SAMHSA's data collection, reporting, and quality improvement requirements, including:

- Client-level data collection protocols
- Quarterly, biannual, and annual progress reporting processes
- Data management & analysis
- Process and outcome evaluation reports
- Data submission mechanisms

We've worked with SAMHSA in annually updating their GPRA measures and with grantees in submitting their GPRA data through SAMHSA's portal.

Our work with SAMHSA over the years has focused on evaluation of mental health and substance use treatment and prevention grant programs, focusing on a wide range of populations such as:

- Children, youth and young adults
- Homeless individuals
- Minority communities
- Individuals at high risk of HIV, viral hepatitis, and other infectious diseases comorbid with mental health and/or substance use disorders

HSRI conducts work across all fields of health and human services.

We believe in:

- Participatory evaluation and collaborating closely with state and community leaders, providers, consumers, and other local stakeholders to design and implement evaluation studies
- Person-centered practices and self-determination in treatment and recovery
- Special attention to the social determinants of health and wellbeing
- Inclusiveness and equity in access to services and other resources
- Cultural and linguistic appropriateness of service systems and their evaluation

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