

Subcommittee Recommendation to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council

Subcommittee Name: Criminal Justice

Date of Initial Recommendation (should coincide with ADPC meeting date): December 15, 2020

Background: In 2017, the Department of Children and Families received the **Access, Screening and Engagement, Recovery Support, and Treatment (ASSERT)** grant from SAMHSA. This grant provided the opportunity to offer the ASSERT Treatment Model (ATM) which provides treatment for adolescents and young adults up to 21 years old with opioid use problems. ATM combines three services: Multidimensional Family Therapy (MDFT), Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT), and Recovery Management Checkups and Support (RMCS) to reduce opioid use and commonly associated substance use problems. Included in this service is up to 12 months of family and youth support after treatment ends. ATM is available in much of Connecticut except in the greater Bridgeport and New Haven areas.

MDFT is an intensive, family-centered, in-home treatment for youth with substance use and co-occurring mental health problems. **MAT** for opioid use problems will be available within ATM for those youth who need and want it. **Recovery Management Checkups & Support (RMCS)** provides post-MDFT monitoring and rapid re-entry to services through periodic assessment, linkages to community programs, and helping youth to enter and stay in treatment.

Detail Recommendation:

This recommendation is to enhance access to the ATM model to a targeted population of youth and young adults who are transitioning out of the Department of Correction and/or who are under the supervision of the Juvenile/Adult Probation. This can be accomplished by providing information to referral sources and developing an effective referral process that meets the needs of the clients. Referral sources will be educated on the specialized programming available through ATM with an emphasis on services not currently available through the Department of Correction or the Court Support Services Division contracts. Examples of these services include Recovery Management Checkups and Support (RMCS) and 12-month post discharge client and family support.

While the Department of Correction and Court Support Services Division already offer MAT at several of their facilities and are connecting inmates with MAT services post discharge, the utilization of ATM will expand the continuum of services for youth and young adults. The focus will be on client centered recovery services to reduce opioid use and commonly associated substance use problems.

This recommendation offers the opportunity to present ATM to these referrals sources and establish a referral process that meets the needs of the clients.

Results of Council vote:

_____ Proceed with Recommendation _____ Do not Proceed with Recommendation

Co-Chair Response: _____

Other Notes (as applicable):

Subcommittee Recommendation to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council

Is this a x short-term (less than 6 months) or long-term (more than 6 months) implementation initiative?

Recommended Lead and Partnering Agencies: Lead: Ines Eaton, Department of Children and Families. Partners: Department of Corrections, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch CSSD

Implementation Plan

Action Steps:	Target Date:	Actual Completion Date:	Measure of Success:	Notes/Updates:
Present to DOC	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of presentations • Number of referrals made 	
Present to Adult Probation	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of presentations • Number of referrals made 	
Present to Adult Parole	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of presentations • Number of referrals made 	
Present to Juvenile Probation	January 2021		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of presentations • Number of referrals made 	

Results of Council vote:

 Proceed with Recommendation Do not Proceed with Recommendation

Co-Chair Response: _____

Other Notes (as applicable):