

**University of Kentucky
Center on Drug and Alcohol Research
Monthly Report
September, 2008**

Grants

A grant written by Robert Walker for substance abuse treatment services for pregnant and postpartum women was awarded to the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and Cumberland River Comprehensive Care Center. This is a three year project that includes a cross-site evaluation.

Hannah Knudsen and Carrie Oser were notified that their proposal to the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Substance Abuse Policy Research Program will be funded starting on October 1, 2008.

Matt Webster received a grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse titled "A Web-based Employment Intervention for Drug Court Participants".

Lisa Shannon received a SAMHSA CSAT contract to evaluate the Perry County Drug Court service enhancements over the next three years.

Lisa Shannon received a SAMHSA CSAT contract to evaluate the Floyd County Drug Court service enhancements over the next three years.

Lisa Shannon received a SAMHSA CSAT contract to evaluate the Community Action Council of Harrison/Nicholas Counties Treatment for the Homeless Program over the next five years.

Publications

Oser, C., Knudsen, H., Staton-Tindall, M., & Leukefeld, C. (2008). The adoption of wraparound services among women specific and non-women-specific substance abuse treatment programs serving criminal offenders. Forthcoming in *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

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Simmons LA, Havens JR, Whiting JB, Holz JL, and Bada H. Illicit drug use among women with children in the United States: 2002-2003. *Annals of Epidemiology*; forthcoming.

Whiting JB, Simmons LA, Havens JR, Smith DB, and Oka M. Intergenerational transmission of violence: The influence of self-appraisals and mental disorders. *Journal of Family Violence*; forthcoming.

DeBoni, R., Leukefeld, C., and Pechansky, F. (2008). Young people's blood alcohol concentration and the alcohol consumption city law, Brazil. *Revista de Saude Publica*.

Editorial and Reviews

Robert Walker reviewed articles for *Western Criminology Review* and *Substance Use and Misuse*.

Lisa Shannon reviewed a manuscript for the *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*.

Training

Carrie Oser, Kathi Harp, Qiana Ingram, Lauren Downey, and Angela Jett completed the “Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling” course on September 17-18, 2008 as part of the B-Wise Project.

Carrie Oser, Jennifer Mooney, and Jennifer Havens hosted an interviewer training for the B-WISE study and the Social Network study on September 22-24, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow, Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) Director, facilitated a three-day TAP Statewide conference held in Lexington on September 10-12, 2008. Fifty-five (55) Targeted Assessment Specialists from 32 Kentucky counties attended this meeting along with the TAP administrative staff based in Lexington. The conference included 10 training sessions, including an update from the program sponsor, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Stephanie Ratliff and Kim Griswold Dotson participated in the 34th Annual North American Victim Assistance Conference held in Louisville, KY on September 30, 2008.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Stacye McQueen co-chaired the monthly meeting of the Floyd County Family Court Advisory Council on September 2, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow participated in the Child and Family Services Review Community Stakeholders Advisory Board meeting held in Frankfort, KY on September 9, 2008.

Sheila Redella participated in a meeting of Jefferson Alcohol and Drug Abuse Center’s Women’s Program Advisory Board on September 16, 2008.

Renee Edington facilitated a meeting of the Pike County TAP Advisory Council on September 16, 2008. Pike County Targeted Assessment Specialists Shirley Thompson, Phyllis Coleman and Donna Hix also attended the meeting and presented a local update on TAP services in Pike County.

Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Fayette County Model Court Steering Committee on September 17, 2008.

Stephanie Ratliff traveled to Salyersville, KY to facilitate a meeting of the Magoffin County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on September 26, 2008.

Information, Education and Consultation

Barbara Ramlow provided consultation to Legal Aid of the Bluegrass about Targeted Assessment Program services on September 5, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow participated in a meeting of the Fayette County Model Court Steering Committee on September 17, 2008.

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Carl Leukefeld attended a CJDATS2 Steering Committee Meeting in Bethesda, MD on October 16-27.

Robert Walker, Allison Mateyoke-Scrivner and Lisa Shannon presented clinical findings from the FY 2008 KIDS NOW Plus Preliminary report showing substance use and mental health characteristics of pregnant women participating in treatment services. The findings were presented to a statewide meeting of provider staff and regional coordinators.

Robert Walker gave an invited presentation on “Clinical interventions for individuals with co-occurring TBI and substance abuse” to clinical staff of Lifeskills in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This day-long training included a review of neuroanatomy and neurochemistry of addictive disease and co-occurring traumatic brain injury and demonstration of how behavioral interventions can affect neurofunctioning.

Renee Edington and Lisa Bentley, participated in a Sobriety Treatment and Recovery Team (K-START) advisory council meeting and K-START team meeting held in Inez, Kentucky on September 9, 2008.

Barbara Ramlow traveled to Ashland, KY on September 24, 2008 to participate in the DCBS-TAP-Pathways Substance Abuse Initiative Steering Committee meeting.

Barbara Ramlow, Beth Wahler, and Jill Gay participated in the monthly Kenton County Child Maltreatment Prevention and Substance Abuse Early Intervention (START) community partner meeting held in Kenton County on September 29, 2008.

Matt Webster, Steve Cook and Jolanta Jaromczyk submitted the 2007 Kentucky DUI Assessment Report to the Kentucky Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Other

Hannah Knudsen and Jamie Studts Submitted an abstract on the implementation of smoking cessation services in drug abuse treatment programs to the 2nd Annual NIH Conference on the Science of Dissemination and Implementation.

Barbara Ramlow, Stephanie Ratliff, and Beth Wahler traveled to Frankfort, KY to attend the Empowerment Evaluation meeting which was facilitated by the Kentucky Department for Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Addiction Services on September 2, 2008.

Kim Griswold Dotson chaired a Bluegrass Alliance for Women Steering Committee Meeting on September 6, 2008.

Norman Howard and Melissa Brown participated in the McCracken County Domestic Violence Task Force meeting on September 9, 2008.

Kim Iverson and Marie Patterson, Warren County Targeted Assessment Specialists, attended a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house celebrating the opening of an additional Phoenix House women's halfway house in Allen County on September 23, 2008.

Tim Nugent, LCSW, Ohio County Targeted Assessment Specialist, participated in the Community Partnership for Protecting Children (CPPC) meeting, held in Beaver Dam, KY on September 24, 2008. Mr. Nugent accepted the Co-Chair position for this committee.

Renee Edington facilitated a regional case conference in Harold, KY for Targeted Assessment Specialists from Laurel, Pike, Pulaski, Martin, Letcher and Knott Counties on September 26, 2008.

Kim Iverson, Warren County Targeted Assessment Specialist, presented the Targeted Assessment Program to two social work classes at Western Kentucky University on September 25, 2008.