**Grants**

Kathi Harp received a two-year F31 NIH National Research Service Award (pre-doctoral fellowship) with Drs. Carrie Oser and Carl Leukefeld as her co-mentors.

**Journals/Publications**


Young AM and Havens JR. Examining transition from first illicit drug use to first injection drug use among rural Appalachian drug users. Addiction (under review).


Young AM, Havens JR, Crosby RA, Oser CB and Leukefeld CG. Hepatitis C Genotype Distribution and Viral Concentration among Drug Users in Rural Appalachia. Journal of Medical Virology (under review).


Knudsen, H. K., & Abraham, A. J. Perceptions of the state policy environment and adoption of medications in substance use disorder treatment. Revised manuscript re-submitted to *Psychiatric Services*.

Editorial and Reviews

Sharon Walsh served as a grant reviewer for the National Institute on Drug Abuse for NIDA RPHB C-02.

Carrie Oser reviewed a manuscript for *AIDS and Behavior*.

Jennifer Havens reviewed manuscripts for *Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research* and *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

William Stoops reviewed manuscripts for *Experimental and Clinical Psychopharmacology* and for *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

J. Cole reviewed a manuscript for the *European Journal of Psychological Assessment*.

Hannah Knudsen reviewed a manuscript for the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* and *Journal of Addiction Medicine*.

Training

The Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) combined Western KY conference for program staff from Christian, Daviess, Hardin, Henderson, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Nelson, and Ohio County featured the following trainings provided by TAP staff: “Generational Poverty” – Melissa Brown; “Adult Attention Deficit Disorder” – Trina Brown; and “Human Trafficking” - Cathy Thomas-Pickrell. The conference was held in Beaver Dam, KY on April 21, 2011.

Kentucky Policy Making Bodies and Advisory Boards

Kim Smith Iverson, LCSW, Targeted Assessment Specialist in Warren County, attended the Hope Harbor Sexual Trauma Center’s monthly board meeting held on April 7, 2011

Barbara Ramlow facilitated a meeting of the Boyd County Targeted Assessment Program Advisory Council on April 7, 2011. Two Boyd County Targeted Assessment Specialists, Mary Alley and Kim Tracy, also participated and presented a local program update to the group.

Barbara Ramlow participated in the SAMSHA IDTA (In Depth Technical Assistance) Safe Families in Recovery Advisory Council meeting held in Frankfort, KY on April 12, 2011.

Information, Education and Consultation

Sharon Walsh met with representatives from the offices of Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul to discuss federal budget allocations for the NIH budget and treatment services in Kentucky.

Sharon Walsh, as a member of the Executive Committee of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, met with Dr. Nora Volkow, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, to discuss institute priorities and the merger of NIAAA and NIDA.
Sameera Chowdhury presented information about the Targeted Assessment Program, substance abuse, mental health, intimate partner violence, and learning problems as a part of a community health fair sponsored by the Social Work department at Spalding University.

Erik Carlton, Barbara Ramlow, & Carl Leukefeld submitted the State Fiscal Year 2011 Targeted Assessment Program First Quarter Report to the Department for Community Based Services on April 21, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow, Erik Carlton & Carl Leukefeld submitted the State Fiscal Year 2011 Substance Abuse and Domestic Violence Projects Second Quarter Report to the Department for Community Based Services on April 21, 2011.

Stacia Cole provided consultation on domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse and barriers for treatment in rural areas at the Stand Against Child Abuse held in Greenville, KY on April 23, 2011.

Barbara Ramlow participated in the IDTA Safe Families in Recovery statewide Best Practice Guidelines Subcommittee meeting via conference call on April 29, 2011.

Hannah Knudsen provided consultation to Inflexxion, Inc. about the development of a training manual for substance abuse treatment counselors about the use of medication-assisted treatment.

Media

Meetings on Substance Abuse

Carl Leukefeld attended CJDATS2 HIV training in Philadelphia, PA on April 26-27.

Michelle Lofwall was invited to be a member of the KY Fayette County’s Mayor’s Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention committee and attended their meeting on April 19.

Presentations


Beth Wahler presented the poster entitled “An Exploration of Rural Offenders’ Recidivism Risk Factors by Severity Level of Alcohol Use” by E. A. Wahler, M. Staton-Tindall, J. M. Webster, R. Freeman, & C. Leukefeld at the 2011 Spring Conference of the UK Center for Clinical and Translationalal Science on April 21, 2011.

Carl Leukefeld presented a workshop on Crime and Substance Abuse: Evidence-based Approaches to Reduce Recidivism, sponsored by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) in Glastonbury, CT on April 29.
Awards

Other

Barbara Ramlow facilitated a Targeted Assessment Program Case Conference in Elizabethtown, KY with Targeted Assessment Specialists from Jefferson, Warren and Barren Counties on April 1, 2011.

Kim Griswold Dotson, Beth Wahler, and Barbara Ramlow traveled to Beaver Dam, KY on April 21, 2011 to facilitate a combined Western KY Case Conference with Targeted Assessment Program (TAP) staff from Christian, Daviess, Hardin, Henderson, McCracken, McLean, Muhlenberg, Nelson, and Ohio County.