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TO: ATOD Program Directors  
Community Mental Health Program Directors

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RE: An Opportunity to Improve Client Services and Your Business Practices

The Addictions and Mental Health Division is excited to be one of four states participating in the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)-funded Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment NIATx 200 Project. NIATx works with addiction/recovery treatment providers to make efficient use of capacity and share strategies for improving access to and retention in treatment. Members of the NIATx collaborative have achieved impressive results and the NIATx 200 Project provides an opportunity to join the network.

We invite you to attend a recruitment meeting on May 21, 2007 to learn about NIATx process improvement strategies and members' successes. You will learn more about the project requirements and have a chance to sign up.

Why should your agency participate? Patients will benefit, research shows they will be enrolled more quickly, and will be more likely to complete treatment successfully. You will introduce new business practices that improve organizational efficiency and effectiveness. Your staff will be trained to use a variety of tools that improve operations and finances. The profession will gain as participating providers become leaders for process improvement collaboratives that help create cultures of excellence.

Please join us at the recruitment meeting May 21 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm at the Salem Convention Center. Please RSVP by May 15, 2007 to Patricia Alderson: e-mail [patricia.alderson@state.or.us](mailto:patricia.alderson@state.or.us) or fax 503-378-8467. If you or a representative of your organization is unable to attend but are interested in knowing more, contact Shawn Clark: phone 503-945-9720, e-mail [shawn.clark@state.or.us](mailto:shawn.clark@state.or.us).

We look forward to meeting you at the recruitment meeting. The information flyer, project expectations and directions are attached. Thank you for your interest in the project.