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### III. SAMHSA's Matrix Priority Programs: Addressing Unmet and Emerging Needs

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The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Matrix identifies 11 priority program areas to ensure that the agency's work addresses the elements that people with substance use and mental disorders need to live a full, rewarding life in the community.

#### ***Co-Occurring Disorders***

SAMHSA fosters collaboration across the substance abuse and mental health fields and provides grant funding to promote the development of a seamless system of care in which “any door is the right door” for people with or at risk for co-occurring substance use and mental disorders to receive coordinated treatment and services. SAMHSA's \$15-million Co-Occurring State Incentive Grants program supports States' efforts to develop and enhance their service system infrastructure and to increase their capacity to serve people with co-occurring disorders.

#### ***Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity***

Through its Block Grant and Targeted Capacity Expansion programs, SAMHSA is providing more than \$1.6 billion to support States' efforts to build and expand their capacity for substance abuse treatment, to improve treatment systems, and to respond to new and emerging substance abuse trends.

SAMHSA is overseeing the President's Access to Recovery program—a new \$100-million State-run voucher program that is allowing thousands of Americans with substance use disorders the opportunity to choose treatment and recovery support services from a range of qualified community provider organizations, including those that are faith based.

#### ***Seclusion and Restraint***

SAMHSA has allocated \$2.5 million to support implementation of a national action plan to reduce and ultimately eliminate seclusion and restraint from treatment and rehabilitation settings. The plan focuses on identifying evidence-based practices, developing training models, providing technical assistance for staff, and enforcing rights protection to safeguard consumers.

## ***Strategic Prevention Framework***

As part of its efforts to reengineer its approach to substance abuse prevention, SAMHSA is creating a Strategic Prevention Framework that is built on science-based theory, evidence-based practices, and the knowledge that effective prevention programs must engage individuals, families, and entire communities.

Supported by more than \$521 million in SAMHSA funding in 2004, the new Strategic Prevention Framework sets into place a step-by-step process that empowers communities to identify and implement the most effective prevention efforts for their specific needs. It also includes feedback to ensure accountability and effectiveness of the program effort.

SAMHSA's State Incentive Grants program is the foundation of the Strategic Prevention Framework, providing funds to States and territories to promote partnership development. SAMHSA is providing \$47.8 million in new capacity expansion grants to assist States in carrying out services, infrastructure, and best practices efforts, with an emphasis on the prevention of underage drinking.

## ***Children and Families***

In 2004, SAMHSA invested more than \$272 million in programs for children and families with mental health and substance use issues. SAMHSA supports States' efforts to develop community-based systems of care and to promote public information initiatives that address critical concerns—from family strengthening and school violence prevention to help for children of addicted parents.

## ***Mental Health System Transformation***

Responding to the call of the President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health to transform the existing mental health care system, SAMHSA is leading the ongoing process of developing an action agenda, defining the roles of the States and other partners, and identifying the changes necessary to create a more recovery-focused mental health services delivery system.

SAMHSA is investing more than \$517 million in transformation efforts, including \$47 million to fund the State Incentive Grants for Transformation program to enable States to begin implementing the Commission's findings. These funds will support the development of comprehensive State mental health plans and will improve the mental health services infrastructure.

## ***Disaster Readiness and Response***

When disasters strike, State and local substance abuse and mental health agencies are thrust onto the front line for response and recovery efforts. Addressing this critical need, SAMHSA is providing \$6.3 million to bolster States' efforts to plan for and provide outreach, crisis counseling, and referral services in response to all hazards, including bioterrorism.

## ***Homelessness***

SAMHSA funds a wide range of grant programs and activities to assist communities in providing integrated treatment and support for individuals with mental and substance use disorders who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. In 2004, SAMHSA supported this initiative with more than \$95.7 million, which has expanded the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program, provided substance abuse treatment for homeless families, and supported a unique cross-agency initiative to end chronic homelessness.

## ***Older Adults***

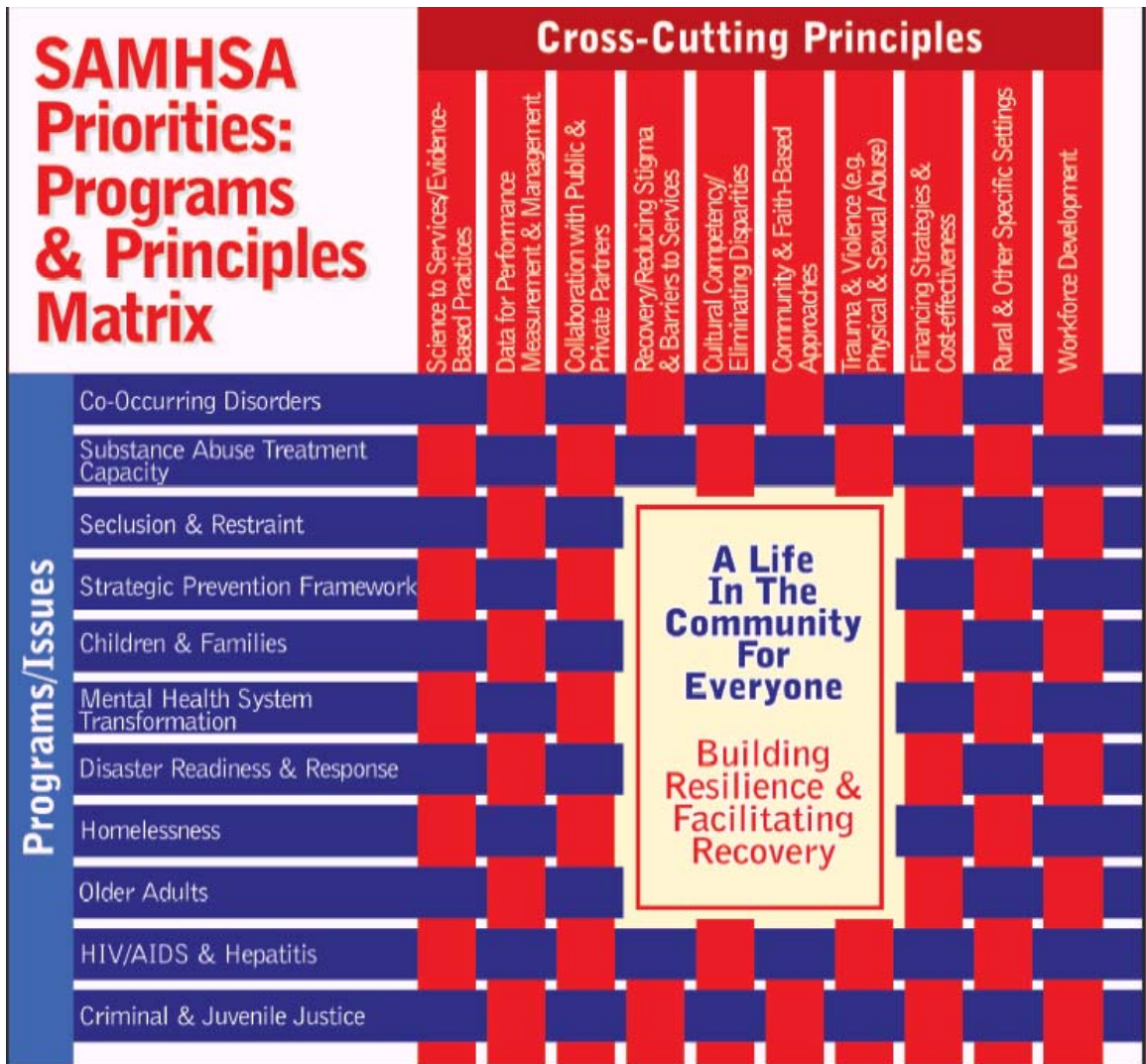
In response to the mounting needs of the growing older adult population, SAMHSA currently is providing nearly \$5 million in grants to assist States in providing services and supports that are known to work, in addressing age-related disparities, and in studying the effectiveness of treatment for substance use and mental disorders in primary care settings. SAMHSA also is reaching out to the aging service community and to older adults themselves.

## ***HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis***

In 2004, SAMHSA invested more than \$111 million in an effort to develop local capacity to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention services for individuals living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. These funds will assist States with providing outreach and training, addressing the special needs of racial and ethnic minorities, and studying the costs associated with delivering integrated care.

## ***Criminal and Juvenile Justice***

To help States break the pattern of incarceration without treatment and to reduce the high rate of recidivism, SAMHSA is providing \$32.5 million in grants for diversion and reentry programs for adolescents, teens, and adults with substance use and mental disorders. These grant programs focus on treatment as well as housing, vocational and employment services, and long-term supports.



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