



# SCIENCE and SERVICE AWARD



As part of its mission of building resilience and facilitating recovery, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has advanced a Science and Service Initiative to facilitate knowledge dissemination, promote implementation of effective, evidenced-based mental health and substance abuse interventions into routine clinical and community-based practice, and strengthen feedback from the field to influence services research programs.

As part of this initiative, SAMHSA has created the Science and Services Awards as a way of recognizing community-based organizations and/or coalitions that successfully have implemented one or more recognized evidence-based interventions to benefit consumers and/or communities.

## Eligibility

To be eligible for a Science and Service Award, an organization must have successfully implemented a recognized evidence-based intervention. Recognized interventions include those that are published in the scientific literature and/or appear on a Federal and/or state registry of evidence-based interventions. The organization implementing the evidence-based intervention should be able to demonstrate positive outcomes from the intervention in at least one of the following categories: 1) Substance abuse prevention; 2) Treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services; 3) Mental health promotion; 4) Treatment of mental illness and recovery support services; or 5) Co-occurring disorders (i.e., mental illness and substance abuse).

Community-based organizations and/or coalitions wishing to voluntarily submit information regarding their implementation of one or more evidence-based interventions are eligible for award selection. Both public sector (State, local, territorial, tribal) and private sector organizations are eligible to compete for these awards. Interested organizations should use the format outlined below (in "Application Process") to provide relevant information. Note that no more than two applications will be considered from the same organization.

Developers of an evidence-based intervention, or their research collaborators, will not be eligible for these awards. In addition, Federal agencies and past winners of the Science and Service Award will not be eligible for these awards.

## Awards

Awards will be made in each of the five categories listed above (Substance abuse prevention, Treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services, Mental health promotion, Treatment of mental illness and recovery support services, and Co-occurring disorders). Award winners will be notified in 2009, and will receive a commemorative award and be further recognized by SAMHSA for their successful implementation efforts. Descriptions and contact information of current and past award winners is available at [www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice](http://www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice).



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## Science and Service Initiative Seeks Award-winning Implementation Sites

A national award program recognizing community-based organizations and coalitions for exemplary implementation of evidence-based interventions.

Apply to be recognized.  
Due date February 27, 2009

### Awards Categories:

- Substance Abuse Prevention**
- Treatment of Substance Abuse & Recovery Support Services**
- Mental Health Promotion**
- Treatment of Mental Illness & Recovery Support Services**
- Co-occurring Disorders**



**To be considered, completed applications must be received by February 27, 2009**

# Review Process and Rating Criteria

## Submissions

Submission of an application or selection as an award winner is not associated with any other current or future funding from SAMHSA or any other federal agency.

External and independent review panels will be convened in each of the five award categories. All applications will be rated using the following criteria:

### Community Need (10 points):

A brief description of the explicit need or problem being addressed, the reason(s) for selecting and implementing the specific evidence-based intervention, and the perceived short- and long-term community benefits derived from implementing the intervention with fidelity.

### Sustainability (30 points):

Documentation that a recognized evidence-based intervention has been implemented for at least one (1) year, including a description of how the intervention is likely to be institutionalized or sustained in the future.

### Implementation (30 points):

Documentation that the evidence-based intervention has been used with reasonable degrees of fidelity. The documentation may consist of data using established assessments of fidelity. In the absence of established measures of fidelity, the organization may submit other forms of documentation of fidelity including a description of the efforts made to attend to fidelity issues.

### Results (30 points):

Documentation that the evidence-based intervention has produced benefits for recipients and/or the community. The documentation may consist of evidence of risk reduction, pre-post measures of change, follow up data, cost-benefit analyses, or other forms of evidence demonstrating measurable benefits deriving from this intervention.

Review panels will recommend for Science and Service Awards the top scoring submissions in each of the five categories. Any scoring ties within the categories will be resolved within the review panel. SAMHSA's Office of the Administrator and the agency's Center Directors will review and approve award finalists. Finalists may also be site-visited by one or more reviewers prior to the announcement of the award recipients.



## Application Process

1. Complete the Cover Sheet that follows this announcement. Be sure to include the name of the evidence-based intervention that was implemented, any relevant citations from the scientific literature, and if applicable, the specific Federal, and/or State registry (including URL address) where the evidence-based intervention is listed.
2. Attach narrative to cover sheet and include information specific to the four rating criteria described on the left (Community Need, Sustainability, Implementation and Results). Narrative is not to exceed 4 pages (single spacing, 12-point font, one-inch margins).

Questions regarding the application process may be addressed to Michelle Duda, Science and Service Award Coordinator. Completed applications must be emailed no later than February 27, 2009 to

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Science and Service Awards Coordinator  
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For community organizations without access to email, the application may be mailed (postmarked by midnight on February 27, 2009) to:

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FPG Child Development Institute  
CB #8040, UNC Campus  
Chapel Hill, NC 27599-8040

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