

Screening and Referral to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

All schools receiving these funds will be expected to deliver screening and referral to substance abuse and mental health services. The allowed screening tools under this grant are the CRAFFT and GAIN Short Screener. ADAP will provide training on screening using these screeners during the up to two days of training that will be provided at the beginning of the FY'13 academic year. We highly encourage LEAs to work with ADAP preferred treatment providers http://healthvermont.gov/adap/treatment/treatment_county.aspx to develop a plan for successful referral to services. Evidence of such plan in the grant application will strengthen the application.

Knowledge, skills, and abilities of persons assigned to screen and refer under this grant:

It is up to the LEA in conjunction with their schools to determine the appropriate staff for performing screening and referral services.

However, we highly recommend that these persons:

- Have the ability to relate to, and work with, children and adolescents.
- Have familiarity with substance abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment, and recovery methods.
- Have working knowledge of the fundamentals of emotional, behavioral, and mental health issues of the students served.
- Develop and maintain relationships with appropriate outside agencies.
- Have the skills to screen and assess adolescents needing a variety of services and make effective internal and external referrals. For example, court system, DFC, other substance abuse agency.
- Can provide support to students going to and returning from treatment.
- Understand the dynamics of family systems.

Individuals delivering these prevention and early intervention services do not provide substance abuse treatment in the schools. Their roles are strictly prevention and early intervention. They will refer students for assessment and treatment. They may provide follow up support after the student has completed treatment.

All individuals delivering these prevention and early intervention services are required to adhere to 42 CFR Part 2, Confidentiality of Records and 45 CFR, Part 96, Subpart L – Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (<http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>).