

## KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- Pennsylvania Community Providers Association (PAPA)
- Drug and Alcohol Service Providers Organization of Pennsylvania (DASPOP)
- Eleven academic partners (Pennsylvania State University, Thomas Jefferson University, Lincoln University, MPC Hahnemann, University of Pittsburgh, Temple University, Marywood University, Carnegie Mellon University, University of Pennsylvania, King's College, and Scranton College)
- Council of Three Rivers American Indian Center, Inc.
- AA Historian and owner of the Bishops of Books
- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS)
- Highmark Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Gaudenzia, Inc. (community provider organization)
- Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs (BDAP)
- Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency
- Community Care Behavioral Health Organization
- Diversity Outreach Program, Pennsylvania State Outreach and Cooperative Extension
- York Behavioral Health System/Delphic Mental Health Associates
- Pennsylvania Association of County Drug and Alcohol Administrators, Inc. (PACDAA)
- Pennsylvania Recovery Organization Alliance (ProA)
- Pennsylvania Department of Corrections
- Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole
- Pennsylvania Department of Health, Division of Tobacco Prevention & Control
- Rand Corporation
- Pennsylvania Association of Addiction Professionals (PAADAC)
- Tadiso, Inc. (community provider organization)

## PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVES

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# PENNSYLVANIA

## Practice Improvement Collaboratives

*Forging Partnerships*

*Working to Improve Substance Abuse Treatment*

The **PRACTICE IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVES (PIC)** program was initiated by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration’s Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) in 1999 to support and promote effective and efficient community-based treatment.

CSAT has awarded 14 PICs, including seven statewide and seven metropolitan area projects. Each PIC has a formally established structure and is governed by community stake-holders, including substance abuse treatment providers, researchers, policymakers, educators, and members of the recovery community. PICs address the treatment needs of diverse client populations, including ethnic and cultural minorities, clients involved in the justice system, clients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, adolescents, and women with children.



Some activities of the Pennsylvania Practice Improvement Collaborative:

- Support education of probation officers and newly released parolees regarding substance abuse service needs of offenders and methods of facilitating service linkage.
- Conduct a conference to present national efforts by which Medicaid and Clinical Information System data have been or may be utilized to monitor substance abuse service delivery.
- Pilot the expansion of the state substance abuse treatment administrative database to incorporate effective performance monitoring measures.
- Implement a Researcher in Residence program with the Single County Authorities.
- Develop curricula, which provide information regarding how research is conducted, how research findings can be effectively applied to a specific treatment provider, and other topics.
- Develop research to practice briefs.

By facilitating collaboration between researchers, policy makers, providers and consumers/advocates, the result can be innovative applications of evidence-based practices in effective addiction treatment delivery and policy development.

**PROVIDERS**

- Incorporate evidence-based practices to improve client outcomes
- Share knowledge with researchers and influence research agendas
- Learn about the latest research findings
- Collaborate with researchers to study promising components of your program
- Gain access to a multi-cultural consumer perspective
- Influence state policy regarding addictions treatment

**RECOVERY COMMUNITY**

- Learn about the latest current research
- Provide a consumer perspective
- Influence research, practice and policy

**RESEARCHERS**

- Identify “real world” clinical questions for designing grant applications
- See your research results applied within local clinical settings
- Network with programs/providers interested and able to collaborate in research projects
- Influence state policy

**POLICY-MAKERS**

- Clarify current service delivery and research issues
- Identify cost effectiveness and outcome measures for addictions treatment
- Learn current research and evidence-based practices and how these relate to policy options
- Explore policy options in light of current research and practice
- Network with programs/providers and researchers interested in assisting in policy development