

Minnesota's First Searchable Online Tool for Statewide Substance Use Disorder Services

If you work as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, an assessor, a clinical supervisor, a detox staff, a recovery peer, a care coordinator, a healthcare navigator, a prevention specialist, a Tribal, Rule 31, Rule 32 or 2960 program director, YOU will want to know about this new tool!

On June 1st the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division started work with Fast-Tracker www.Fast-TrackerMN.org, to expand their site to implement Minnesota's **first searchable online tool for statewide Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services**. Fast-Tracker for SUD services will provide the ability to track and find available statewide substance use disorder services, which is a critical element of a modern SUD system of care. Its implementation will save lives.

Fast-Tracker expansion will assist individuals, family members, assessors, emergency departments, physicians, care coordinators and others, get quicker access to SUD assessments and SUD treatment service openings statewide. This website will help people find YOUR program and assist YOU and YOUR staff to find resources for individuals affected by substance use disorder.

In July, staff from Fast-Tracker will begin calling EVERY licensed SUD treatment and detoxification program in Minnesota to gather information to build the site. Programs only need to provide agency information and take a few minutes each day to update their treatment opening status to ensure accuracy of service availability.

Your participation is vital to ensure that every substance use disorder treatment program licensed by the Minnesota Department of Human Services is listed on the site, AND that someone at your agency is on-board to update openings (i.e. residential, non-residential, inpatient, detoxification, etc.) DAILY.

There is NO cost to have your program information and openings posted on the site. The State Targeted Response (STR) Opioid grant gives Minnesota the opportunity to jumpstart implementation of this component of our reform efforts that was identified in the 2013 Model of Care Report, and is one of the final stages of the SUD reform. Importantly, the implementation of Fast-Tracker is expressly responsive to concerns about client access in the state expressed in recent years by both the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

What can you do now?

- Share this information with colleagues. Inform pertinent staff that Fast-Tracker will be calling your program this summer to gather current information about your organization and services provided
- Decide who within your organization should speak with Fast-Tracker staff and can provide program information and learn details of how to update your bed/slot openings DAILY.

If you have any questions or would like to request a presentation from DHS on Fast-Tracker, please contact, Cindy Swan-Henderlite at cindy.swan-henderlite@state.mn.us or 651-431-2463.

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