Corporación SANOS

Corporación SANOS’, located in Caguas, Puerto Rico, path to SBIRT implementation has been unconventional. Hurricane Maria’s devastating impact on Puerto Rico halted SANOS’ ability to deliver services when they were needed most. Existing clinic locations were damaged, requiring the team to move twice in the span of a few months which subsequently changed implementation start dates. The SANOS team also dealt with personal challenges that were exacerbated by the aftermath of Maria.

Despite these substantial barriers, this devoted team remained undeterred and successfully began implementation of SBIRT into their pediatric unit. With each location change came changes to clinical

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**Up to Date**

**January**

Tuesday, January 30, 1 – 2 pm EST
Billing for SBIRT Sustainability
[Register Today!](#)

**February**

Tuesday, February 6, 2 – 3 pm EST
Data Jam: Population Health Management
[Register Today!](#)

Monday, February 12
Quantitative Submission for data through January DUE

**March**

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workflows due to different staffing and physical space. The team integrated the S2BI into their EHR, which aided workflow flexibility. Additionally, to quickly and effectively get buy-in from clinicians at new locations from the outset, FaCES core implementation team members held strategic meetings with front desk and nursing supervisors who then communicated to their staff members the importance of SBIRT to adolescent health.

We applaud the adaptability and dedication of the SANOS team and can’t wait to see what they accomplish in the coming months to help the adolescents of Puerto Rico!

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**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT**

**Need additional rationale proving SBIRT’s value to adolescent health?**

Hear from two pediatricians as they explain why the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends SBIRT for adolescents in pediatric primary care settings. This webinar will help your core implementation team gain buy-in from both clinical staff and organization leadership as it contains clinical information, billing resources and organizational considerations for SBIRT.

**All SBIRT, all the time**

This one-stop-shop from [NORC at the University of Chicago](https://www.norc.org) is a wealth of resources for all things SBIRT. Next time you need information on topics like adolescent-specific drug information, making a business case for SBIRT’s value in your FQHC or best utilizing your EHR, be sure to check this out!

**Don’t forget—MTM Services can help you get the most out of your EHR**

Integrating the S2BI and other SBIRT workflow steps into your electronic health record system are challenging, yet crucial aspects of SBIRT implementation. [MTM Services](https://www.mtm-services.com), a National Council strategic partner, can help you through this process. You can start with a free, 30-minute consultation to
evaluate your needs. Contact Marian Bradley at MTM to set up a consultation!

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

**Does marijuana legalization lead to increased teen use?**

Because 30 states and the District of Columbia have legalized marijuana for recreational and/or medical use it is vital to understand its impact on adolescent use. One study conducted by the Oregon Research Institute indicated adolescent use after legalization depended on teens’ use prior to legalization. There were no significant changes for teens who did not use marijuana before legalization, but there was an increase in frequency of use for those who had already been using.

**The good and bad news about new teen drug use statistics**

Revealing that almost one in three high school seniors reported vaping in the past year, the latest Monitoring the Future results highlight some concerning new information about adolescent drug use. To dive deeper, the data can be broken down further based on the substance vaped (nicotine, marijuana or just flavoring), but not all teens know or pay attention to what they are vaping. Results also revealed a decrease in adolescent opioid overdose (in contrast to high levels among adults), a slight increase in marijuana use and a leveling off for binge drinking.

**The challenges of effective drug use prevention messaging**

Campaigns like Just Say No with visceral, dramatic advertising haven’t shown promising results, but there has been success with the spinoff approach, Above the Influence. Given talk of reinvigorating campaigns following President Trump’s declaration of the opioid epidemic as a public health emergency, serious consideration of the efficacy and potential harm of certain prevention strategies must be considered. This article contrasts historical examples of prevention efforts and highlights the prevalence of
pro-drug use advertisement, like beer commercials, as factors that challenge effective prevention messaging.

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**SPOTTED & REPORTED**

**Opioid addiction is treatable—why aren’t we doing it?**

*Dr. Sharon Levy,* creator of the S2BI and chair of the FaCES Practice Transformation Team that devised the adolescent SBIRT change package, details the intricacies of adolescent opioid addiction in her new TED Talk. Through patient stories, she outlines effective treatments, why they are underutilized and what primary care professionals can do to increase treatment rates and improve adolescent health.

**Top 10 things you need to know about new 42 CFR confidentiality requirements**

Did you know that confidentiality requirements for substance use disorder treatment changed? In case you missed it, here are the top 10 takeaways, including allowable disclosures, similarities and differences to HIPAA, and how to stay compliant.

**Everybody’s doing it? A new white paper says otherwise**

Perceptions about drug use and misuse start in adolescence - and potentially even earlier. Parents, community members and health care providers have the opportunity and responsibility to help shape adolescent perceptions about drug use and misuse through [promoting positive community norms](https://www.hazeldenbettyford.org/). The [Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation’s white paper](https://www.hazeldenbettyford.org/whatis/professionals/whitepapers) on the prevalence of adolescent substance misuse aims to quell misconceptions that “everybody’s doing it” and equips adults with strategies to prevent substance misuse. If you would like more information about promoting positive community norms, please let your coach know so we can connect you with appropriate resources.