Innovations in Communicating for Buy-in

In the initial stages of SBIRT implementation, Southwest Montana Community Health Center (SWMTCHC) surveyed their medical providers on their comfort with addressing substance use. While comfort with screening was high – SWMTCHC already screened around 90% of their clients – providers were less confident with delivering brief interventions. In response, SWMTCHC has been working with their practice coach to identify BI training, including motivational interviewing for all staff, from front door to back office. They are sending providers to national conferences, such as the American Society of Addiction Medicine Conference, and identifying other training opportunities to learn.
more about integrated substance use care. Way to go, SWMTCHC!

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Risk factors, protective factors, and new strategies, oh my!
Looking to share a fresh perspective on SBIRT and substance use prevention efforts with your staff? This Conrad N. Hilton Foundation fact sheet identifies risk and protective factors for substance use disorders in adolescents and contrasts traditional and innovative approaches to youth substance use.

SBIRT for college students
In this webinar, M. Dolores Cimini, PhD – a member of the Practice Transformation Team responsible for creating the FaCES adolescent SBIRT change package – aims to help clinicians tailor screening and brief intervention to college students and includes tips on implementation and sustainability.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Asking kids about drugs doesn’t prompt drug use
A University of Washington study busted a common myth among parents and community members that discussing drugs will lead to substance misuse. Researchers found that substance use did not occur at a higher rate after discussing drug use with fifth graders, which underscores the value of early intervention and prevention efforts.

By itself, reimbursement doesn’t expand SBIRT
Research from states with activated SBIRT codes expose the limited effectiveness of simply activating codes to increase billing. Instead, researchers suggest that connection of SBIRT to organizational mission, a better connection between SBIRT policy and practice, and increased billing options may lead

- DUE: Patient-Level Data Submission for data through November
- DUE: Quarterly Narrative Data Report AND Patient-Level Submission for data through December

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
- Using MI in your BI: Quarterly Cohort Coaching Call
- Required Staff: Project Leads, identified relevant FaCES site staff

Thursday, January 18, 2018, 1 pm – 2:30 pm
- Billing for SBIRT Sustainability Webinar
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“IT IS EASIER TO BUILD STRONG CHILDREN THAN TO REPAIR BROKEN MEN.”
- Frederick Douglass
The opioid epidemic needs a strategy for reaching teens

When it comes to the opioid crisis, health care professionals often focus on adults, ignoring adolescents that are frequently affected. Two pediatricians urge the nation’s adolescent providers and policy makers to invest in prevention, including clinician education on prescribing and evidence-based practices, such as medication-assisted treatment and parent and family engagement.
The power of prevention

This video, produced by Community Catalyst, highlights the importance of SBIRT and shares stories of youth positively impacted by SBIRT. Sharing this video is a great way to spread the word about SBIRT in your clinic and wider community.

Can we talk?

Screen & Intervene, a New Hampshire Youth SBIRT initiative, has had great success implementing SBIRT into 23 medical centers in New Hampshire. Hear their approach and story in this video!

Language matters

How we talk about addiction matters. Check out this infographic from the National Council for Behavioral Health on person-centered and non-stigmatizing language for discussing addiction.

Motivational interviewing adds up

Explore the efficacy of motivational interviewing, a critical ingredient to SBIRT, through this infographic, tweeted by the University of New England's SBIRT program.

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