

System of Care Evaluation Findings

Performed by: EMSTAR Research, Inc.

YEAR 1: (Evaluation period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010)

- Columbia Impairment Scale scores indicate caregivers observed improvements in youth functional impairment during enrollment in program;
- In-school and out-of-school suspensions declined for most youth over time;
- 68% of enrolled youth received no in-school suspensions; 53% of the enrolled youth did not receive any out-of-school suspensions;
- No youth from East Broad Street Elementary School were sent to the alternative school;
- 87% of enrolled youth progressed to the next grade level;
- There were modest improvements in math, reading, and language grades over the course of program enrollment;
- Average grades in math, reading, and language after enrollment in the program were slightly higher than grades recorded prior to enrollment in program;
- Of the individuals surveyed, 100% were satisfied with the SOC program and 100% agreed or strongly agreed that their beliefs and values were respected by SOC program staff.

MID-YEAR 2: (Evaluation period from January 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011)

Regarding SOC program implementation, what did the collaborative partners learn from the current grant period's evaluation?

Due to the evaluation work performed by EMSTAR Research, Inc., in addition to the work performed by the Savannah SOC program staff for this current year, collaborative members and partners have learned the following:

- The majority of the participants have been African-American males;
- 60% of the participants received services in addition to the Strengthening Families Program;
- Over two-thirds (79%) of the enrolled students attend school regularly;
- In-school suspensions declined by 9% and out-of-school suspensions declined by 24% compared to previous year (2010), suggesting that SOC program services are impacting the number of discipline referrals;
- Most of the participants (84%) performed well academically to advance to the next grade level; and
- Improvements were noted in youth functioning for the participants with two or more measurements on the Columbia Impairment Scale.

Regarding outcomes, what evaluation results were evident for the target families?

- 84% of program youth advanced to the next grade level;
- 62% of program youth were not suspended;
- 100% of program youth were drug free;
- 79% of program youth attended school regularly; and
- 100% of program youth were involved in sub-grantee programs.