New Jersey Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care

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The Center for Prevention Science (CPS), within the Rutgers School of Social Work, was contracted by the New Jersey Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) to serve as an evaluator for the New Jersey Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC) initiative which began in 2019. The program's main objective is to provide access to integrated health care services for people enrolled in substance misuse treatment programs.

Evaluation Component

Dr. Kristen Powell, Associate Research Professor, Associate Director of the Center for Prevention Science at the Rutgers School of Social Work, and Director of the Northeast and Caribbean Prevention Technology Transfer Center serves as Principal Investigator along with Dr. Andrew Peterson, Distinguished Professor, Director of the Center for Prevention Science at the Rutgers School of Social Work, and Co-Director of the Northeast and Caribbean Prevention Technology Transfer Center serves Co-Investigator of this evaluation project. The Center for Prevention Science has been awarded $468,000 (January 2021 to May 2025) to evaluate this program.

The evaluation team uses a combination of qualitative and quantitative data analyses to evaluate the health and behavioral health outcomes of people who receive integrated health services while receiving treatment for substance use disorder. The team has created both quantitative and qualitative data collection instruments to supplement the data collected via the Center for Mental Health Services National Outcome Measures Client-Level Measures for Discretionary Programs Providing Direct Services Tool for Adult Programs as required by the Government Performance Results Act (GPRA). Results of quantitative analyses are reported on a semi-annual, and annual basis to DMHAS.

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