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2008 Science and Service Awards Will Honor Implementation of Evidence-Based Mental Health and Substance Abuse Interventions

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has issued a call for applications for its 2008 Science and Service Awards, a national program that recognizes community-based organizations and coalitions that have shown exemplary implementation of evidence-based mental health and substance abuse interventions.

A maximum of five awards will be made in each of the five categories: substance abuse prevention, treatment of substance abuse and recovery support services, mental health promotion, treatment of mental illness and recovery support services, and co-occurring disorders. To be eligible for an award, an organization must have successfully implemented a recognized evidence-based intervention. Examples include those that are published in scientific literature and/or appear on a Federal and/or state registry of evidence-based interventions.

Both public sector (State, local, territorial, tribal) and private sector organizations (including community-based organizations and/or coalitions) are eligible to compete for these non-monetary awards. Developers of an evidence-based intervention or their research collaborators, previous award winners, and Federal agencies are not eligible for the awards.

All applications will be rated using the following four criteria: community need, sustainability, accurate implementation, and results. Independent experts will review and recommend for an award the top five scoring submissions in each of the five categories. SAMHSA Center Directors and staff from the agency's Office of the Administrator will review and approve award finalists. One or more reviewers may also make a site visit to finalists prior to the announcement of the award recipients.

Winners will receive a commemorative award and will be further recognized on www.samhsa.gov and through *SAMHSA News*. Award winners do not receive any financial compensation.

Complete information is available on the SAMHSA Web site at www.samhsa.gov/scienceandservice by clicking on "Application Materials for 2008 Awards."

Applications must be emailed by March 31, 2008 to dfixsen@fmhi.usf.edu. For those without access to email, the application must be postmarked by midnight on March 31,

2008 and mailed to Dean Fixsen, Ph.D., Science and Service Award Coordinator,
University of South Florida, 13301 Bruce B. Downs Blvd., MHC 2312, Tampa, Florida
33612.

*SAMHSA is a public health agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
The agency is responsible for improving the accountability, capacity and effectiveness of the
nation's substance abuse prevention, addictions treatment and mental health service delivery
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