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TASC Clients Twice as Successful as Others in Treatment in Illinois

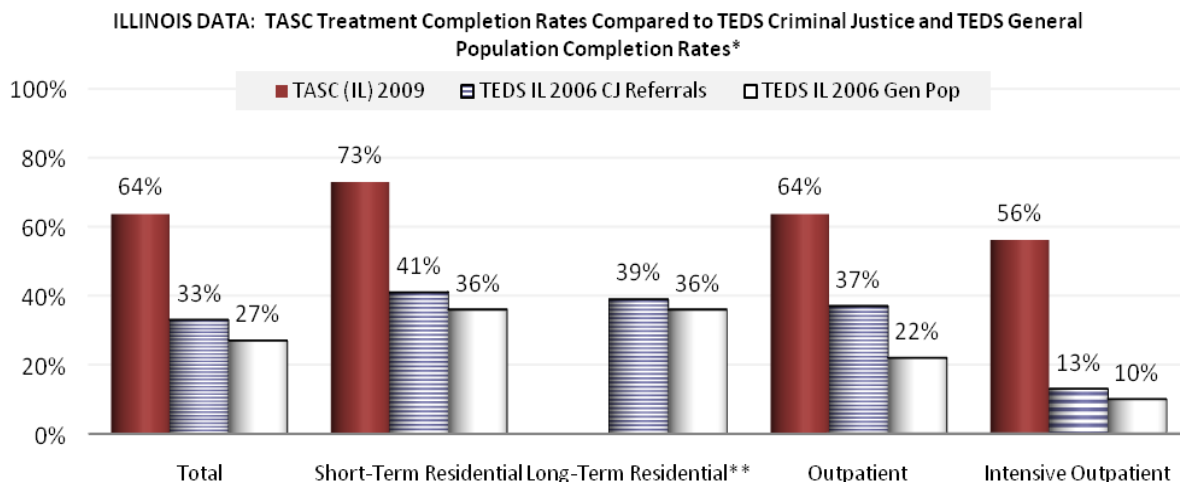
Compared to SAMHSA’s most recent Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)¹, clients who receive Illinois TASC’s adult court and probation case management services are *twice as successful in treatment* as other treatment clients in Illinois. Two thirds (64%) of TASC clients complete treatment successfully, compared to only one third (33%) of all criminal justice-referred clients in Illinois, and only a quarter (27%) of non-criminal justice participants in treatment.

Comparison Data: Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS)

The federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) produces an annual report of substance abuse treatment discharge data from across the country. The 2006 Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), representing the latest data available, provides information on treatment completion, length of stay in treatment, and characteristics of people discharged from alcohol or drug treatment programs; this information was gathered from treatment facilities that reported to administrative data systems in 42 states.

Importance of Treatment Completion as an Indicator of Success

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, “While individuals progress through drug abuse treatment at different rates, one of the most reliable findings in treatment research is that lasting reductions in criminal activity and drug abuse are related to length of treatment. Generally, better outcomes are associated with treatment that lasts longer than 90 days, **with the greatest reductions in drug abuse and criminal behavior accruing to those who complete treatment**” (*Principles of Drug Abuse Treatment for Criminal Justice Populations*, 2007).



* United States Department of Health and Human Services. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Office of Applied Studies. Treatment Episode Data Set -- Discharges (TEDS-D), 2006 [Computer file]. ICPSR24461-v1. Ann Arbor, MI: Inter- university Consortium for Political and Social Research [distributor], 2009-06-22. doi:10.3886/ICPSR24461. Data retrieved 11/04/09.

**TASC does not differentiate between long-term and short-term residential treatment in its administrative data systems.

¹ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Applied Studies. *Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS): 2006. Discharges from Substance Abuse Treatment Services*, DASIS Series: S-46, DHHS Publication No. (SMA) 09-4378, Rockville, MD, 2009.