

A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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***CSAT's NEDS Website Provides Treatment Evaluation Data Analyses and Information
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The Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) established the National Evaluation Data Services (NEDS) to further its mission of expanding the availability of effective treatment services and improving the lives of those affected by alcohol and drug abuse. The NEDS goal is to increase scientifically based analyses to answer vital questions in the substance abuse treatment field and to provide information on those treatment approaches shown to be effective for curbing addiction and related behaviors.

NEDS provides extensive, state-of-the-art access to analytic products and more through the NEDS Web site at <http://neds.calib.com>. Web site users can:

- Obtain NEDS products, including full text and summaries. Products include:
 - Analytic reports on treatment access, services, costs, and outcomes, such as, "Effects of Treatment Program and Client Characteristics on Client Retention."
 - Evaluation methods reports, such as, "Staying in Touch: A Fieldwork Manual of Tracking Procedures for Locating Substance Abusers for Follow-Up Studies."
 - Fact sheets that highlight findings from analyses and reports, such as, "Women in Treatment in the National Treatment Improvement Evaluation Study."
- Obtain information about over 65 substance abuse-related databases, including descriptions of the research, data variables and structures, and locations of the databases
- Access, through direct links, related Federal, state, and other organizations' Web sites.

Many valuable treatment services research and evaluation products and tools are currently available through the Web site, including the National Treatment Improvement Evaluation Study (NTIES) final report and instruments as well as NEDS-developed technical reports, fact sheets, and integrated evaluation methods, concepts, and tools. These holdings are updated every month.

Visit the NEDS Web Site at <http://neds.calib.com> or email NEDS@Calib.com to obtain more information.

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