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# Assertive Adolescent & Family Treatment (AAFT) Program

AAFT Implementation Survey

# **Principal Investigators**

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# Thank you for agreeing to participate in the Program Evaluation for Assertive Adolescent & Family Treatment (AAFT) Program!

This survey is being conducted by Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP). We are a research and consulting firm based in Sudbury, MA and Albany, NY. We're conducting this study as part of our contract to assist the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) in the national evaluation of the implementation of AAFT, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

At the end of each project year, we are asking program administrators, clinical, and research staff across the entire AAFT3 grantee cohort to provide information about their professional background as well as opinions/thoughts on a variety of topics, including substance abuse treatment. We are gathering data from many sources and believe it is important to collect information from many perspectives as well. As you complete this survey, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS FROM YOUR OWN PERSPECTIVE—choosing an answer that best describes your experience or opinion.

Your responses to the survey will be kept in a private record. Your responses will come directly to AHP staff. Any reports generated as part of this evaluation will contain only aggregate responses (for example, "50% of the program staff had been working for this program for less than two years").

If you have any questions, concerns or comments about the questionnaire or the study, please feel free to contact us by phone or email:

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Thank you again for your participation!

Section A	
Respondent ID: Please provide your	First, Middle, & Last initials, and the Month & Day of your birthday.
(For example: A	LA0415 )
What is your primary role in the pro	ject? (select one)
Principal Investigator	Clinician/Counselor Other, please specify
Project Director	Researcher/Evaluator
Clinical Supervisor	Data Manager
What is the highest degree that you	have obtained?
No high school diploma or equivalent	Bachelor's degree
High School Diploma or Equivalent	Master's degree
Some college, but no degree	Doctoral degree or equivalent
Associate's degree	Other, please specify
What is your professional backgroun	nd? (check <u>all</u> that apply)
Addictions Counseling	Social Work/Human Services Nurse Practitioner
Other Counseling	Physician Assistant Administration
Education	Medicine: Primary Care None, unemployed
Vocational Rehabilitation	Medicine: Psychiatry None, student
Criminal Justice	Medicine: Other Other, please describe
Psychology	Nurse
Which licenses, credentials, or certif	ficates do you currently hold? (check <u>all</u> that apply)
ACDP/ACPS LMHC	MD/DO None
LSW/LCSW	/LICSW LMFT Other, please describe
How many years of experience do ye	ou have in the substance use treatment field?
Do you have experience providing s	
Adolescents (ages 12-17)	YES, # years NO
Transition Age Youth (TAY; ages 18-24)	YES, # years NO
Families	YES, # years NO
Please list on what date you began v	working at your current agency (MONTH/YEAR):
Please list on what date you began v	working on this AAFT project (MONTH/YEAR):

Please tell us a bit about how this AAFT program is structured at your site:	
Who, at your agency, is collecting the following data (check <u>all</u> that apply):	
GAIN-I (Baseline interview)	
GAIN M-90 (Follow-up interviews)	
Treatment Satisfaction Index (TxSI) Clinical staff Research/evaluation staff	
Who is serving as the data manager for your site?	
Internal staff (agency/program staff/clinicians)	
External evaluator (research/evaluation staff)	
Please indicate which of the following evidence-based treatment models are currently be	peing used throughout
your agency's programs. (check <u>all</u> that apply)	
Adolescent-Community Reinforcement Approach / Assertive Motivational Enhancement	Therapy (MET)
Continuing Care (A-CRA/ACC)—only check if have used prior to this grant  Motivational Interviewing (N	<b>4</b> I)
☐ Brief Strategic Family Therapy (BSFT) ☐ Multidimensional Family The	erapy (MDFT)
Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT)  Multi-systemic Therapy (MS	T) for juvenile offenders
☐ Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) ☐ Relapse Prevention Therapy	(RPT)
Family Behavior Therapy (FBT)	
Family Support Network (FSN)	
☐ MET/CBT5 (or MET/CBT12) ☐ Other, please specify:	
Grantee experience	
This grant may not be your first experience working with A-CRA/ACC, Chestnut Health System The following questions ask about your experiences with A-CRA/ACC, Chestnut Health System research/evaluation projects.	
Prior to this project, did you participate in a CSAT-funded adolescent project?	to next question)
IF YES, please indicate each type(s).  AAFT EAT YORP  TCE/ HIV OJJDP SCY	Other DK
Please indicate what your level of A-CRA/ACC/GAIN certification was prior to working on the <u>all</u> that apply]:	is AAFT project. [check
I was a certified GAIN <u>local trainer</u> . I was a certified GAIN <u>adminis</u>	trator.
I was an A-CRA-certified <u>clinical supervisor</u> . I was an A-CRA-certified <u>clinic</u>	<u>ian</u> .
I was an ACC-certified <u>clinical supervisor</u> . I was an ACC-certified <u>clinicial</u>	<u>1</u> .
None of the above	

### Section B: Please indicate...

1) How great a change is it/has it been for your organization to adopt/establish (e.g., change agency policies, program procedures, paperwork) each of the listed components of the AAFT project?

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2)		How well do each of t	hese components w	ork within your organization (e	e.g., how well do they	, "fit" with your org	anization)?

	your or	great a change ganization to a nent listed belo	2) How well do each of these components work within your organization (e.g., how well do they with your organization)?					
	Great change	Moderate change	Slight change	No change	Fits extremely well	Fits modera tely	Fits a little	Not a fit
A-CRA approach								
ACC approach								
GAIN assessment at Intake								
Treatment Satisfaction Index (TxSI)								
EBTx website								
Using ABS web-based system								
Tracking for follow-up interviews (e.g., contacting clients after discharge from program)								
Follow-up interviews (3, 6, 12 months)								
Data management activities (e.g., monthly data submission to CHS, responding to GAIN Edits)								
GAIN certification								
GAIN Clinical Interpretation Certification (GCIC)								
ACRA/ACC certification								
Monitoring & compliance reports (e.g., follow-up rates, enrollment rates, DSRs, 13+week reports)								

<u>Section C:</u> Based on your experience, please rate the reactions to each of the components of this project. If you feel that the question does not apply to you or you do not know the answer, please mark "N/A" or "DK" (respectively).

Adolescent/TAY reactions to	Always positive	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Always negative	N/A	DK
A-CRA sessions						
ACC sessions						
Use of digital recorders for DSRs						
GAIN interviews (Baseline/Intake)						
Follow-up interviews (3, 6, 12 months)						
Tracking for follow-up interviews (e.g., contacting clients after discharge from program)						
Family reactions to	Always positive	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Always negative	N/A	DK
A-CRA sessions						
ACC sessions						
Use of digital recorders for DSRs						
GAIN interviews (Baseline/Intake)						
Follow-up interviews (3, 6, 12 months)						
Tracking for follow-up interviews (e.g., contacting clients after discharge from program)						
Clinician reactions to	Always positive	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Always negative	N/A	DK
A-CRA sessions						
ACC sessions						
Use of EBTx website						
Use of digital recorders for DSRs						
GAIN interviews (Baseline/Intake)						
Follow-up interviews (3, 6, 12 months)						
Using ABS web-based system						
Tracking for follow-up interviews (e.g., contacting clients after discharge from program)						
The use of monitoring & compliance reports (e.g., follow-up rates, enrollment rates, DSRs, 13+week reports)						

Project leadership (e.g., project director, supervisor) reactions to	Always positive	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Always negative	N/A	DK
A-CRA sessions						
ACC sessions						
Use of EBTx website						
Use of digital recorders for DSRs						
GAIN interviews (Baseline/Intake)						
Follow-up interviews (3, 6, 12 months)						
Using ABS web-based system						
Tracking for follow-up interviews (e.g., contacting clients after discharge from program)						
The use of monitoring & compliance reports (e.g., follow-up rates, enrollment rates, DSRs, 13+week reports)						
Evaluator/Data Manager reactions to	Always positive	Mostly positive	Mostly negative	Always negative	N/A	DK
Use of EBTx website						
Use of digital recorders for DSRs						
GAIN interviews (Baseline/Intake)						
Follow-up interviews (3, 6, 12 month s)						
Using ABS web-based system						
Tracking for follow-up interviews (e.g., contacting clients after discharge from program)						
The use of monitoring & compliance reports (e.g., follow-up rates, enrollment rates,						
DSRs, 13+week reports)						

<u>Section D</u>: The following questions ask about your experiences with the support provided for the AAFT grant **from Chestnut Health Systems, CSAT and other outside sources.** For each item, please indicate <u>how helpful</u> each support has been. Lastly, please add any comments or recommendations for improvement for each.

Have you had involvement with A-CRA/ACC, EBTx, and/or DSRs?			YES NO			questions below, continue on next
How helpful has it been in helping you implement the AAFT Program?	Extreme ly	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all	Not enough participation to rate this item	Any comments or recommendations for improvement?
A-CRA/ACC Training						
A-CRA/ACC certification						
A-CRA/ACC coaching calls						
A-CRA/ACC Training manual (e.g., refer back to procedures, certification process)						
A-CRA/ACC Materials (e.g., Happiness Scale, Functional Analysis worksheet)						
EBTx website & DSRs						
EBTx Support team staff						
Program reports (e.g., 13+weeks report)						
A-CRA/ACC team staff						

Have you had involvement with the GAIN, GAIN data, an	d/or ABS?	YES	N	o ]	IF "NO" —SKIP table	questions below, continue on the next
How helpful has it been in helping you implement the AAFT Program?	Extreme ly	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all	Not enough participation to rate this item	Any comments or recommendations for improvement?
GAIN Training						
GAIN certification						
GAIN coaching calls						
GAIN Training manual (e.g., intent of questions, certification process, etc.)						
GAIN Clinical Interpretation Training						
GAIN Clinical Interpretation Certification Individual-level reports (e.g., GRRS, PFR)						
ABS web-based system						
Reports (e.g. Site Profiles Report)						
GAIN data (e.g., analytical files)						
GAIN Support team staff						
How helpful has it been in helping you implement the AAFT Program?	Extreme ly	Moderately	Slightly	Not at all	Not enough participation to rate this item	Any comments or recommendations for improvement?
Implementation calls/site visits to monitor/address progress at grantee sites						
Individualized coaching calls to address areas for improvement (e.g., low recruitment/follow-up rates, DSR uploads, increase TxSI completion, etc.)						
List Serve Information						
Technical assistance available through NIATx						
Special topic calls (e.g., Cultural Responsiveness)						
Monthly calls with CSAT project officer/Chestnut						
Interactions with other grantees at meetings/ calls						
Initial/Annual Grantee Meetings						

<u>Section E:</u> To meet the needs of your target population, you may have felt the need to modify or adapt the A-CRA/ACC treatment model. Please tell us about any changes your program has made to the A-CRA/ACC model for this project.

Has your program made any modification/adaptations to the A-CRA/ACC treatment model?										
YES (If YES, proceed to next quality)	uestion below)	NO (If NO, skip	to next page)							
Has well have these modification	ns worked for your pr	ogram?								
Extremely well	Quite well	Not too well	Not well at all							

<u>Section F:</u> <u>Based on your experience</u>, please indicate if the issues listed below have been barriers to implementation at your site. Then, describe the strategies you have used to overcome the MOST CHALLENGING BARRIER at your site.

CHALLENGING BARRIER at your site.		
POSSIBLE BARRIERS	Was t barrie impleme at your	er to ntation
Program/Organizational Issues	YES	NO
Internal communication (e.g., program staff)		
External communication (e.g., CSAT, Chestnut Health Systems)		
Staff attitudes (e.g., morale, enthusiasm, resistance)		
Leadership/management attitudes		
Recruiting clinical staff		
Recruiting supervisory staff		
Turnover; significant loss of staff		
Budget issues		
Service Delivery	YES	NO
Enrolling clients		
Client engagement		
Family engagement		
Client retention		
GRANT-RELATED ACTIVITIES	YES	NO
A-CRA/ACC training		
GAIN training		
Collecting GPRA data		
Collecting GAIN data		
Collecting follow-up data		
Using ABS		
Using the SAIS system for GPRA		
Recording treatment sessions (DSRs) & using EBTx website		
Other Grant requirements (e.g., certification, coaching calls, data management)		
RESEARCH/EVALUATION ACTIVITIES	YES	NO
Working with the local evaluator		
Use of data, monitoring, compliance reports (e.g., Site Profile Data, follow-up/enrollment rates, 13+week reports)		
Any other barriers not included above (specify):		

Please describe the strategies you have used to overcome the MOST CHALLENGING BARRIER at your site.

### Section G: Staff turnover is common in this field. Please tell us about any staff turnover and effects it may have had or is having on your program.

During the last project year, did the pro	If YES, how would you rate	the <u>overall effect</u> of t	his change on the g	rant program?		
Program Manager(s)	YES	□ NO	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know
Clinical Supervisor(s)	YES	□ NO	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know
Clinician(s)/direct care staff	YES	☐ NO	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know
Evaluator(s)	YES	□ NO	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know
Data manager(s)	YES	NO	Positive	Neutral	Negative	Don't know

Section H: To better understand barriers adolescents and families may have experienced when starting treatment prior to the AAFT grant, please tell us about

the barriers adolescents and family may have encountered <u>prior to starting the AAFT grant</u> and <u>after implementation of the AAFT grant</u>.

	Barrier for a	adolescents/ grant		Barrier for adolescents/families <u>now</u> ?				
	An extreme barrier	Very much a barrier	A slight barrier	Not a barrier at all	An extreme barrier	Very much a barrier	A slight barrier	Not a barrier at all
Transportation								
Child care								
Need for mental health treatment								
Neighborhood safety (e.g., home visits, gang turf)								
Insurance/cost of treatment								
Family issues (e.g., lack of family involvement)								
Language/cultural issues								
Treatment resistance (e.g., low readiness for change, not understanding substance abuse disorders/treatment, stigma, shame)								
Other (specify):								

<u>Section O:</u> Please read each statement carefully and check the answer that you feel best characterizes your agency's experience with research and evaluation activities.

	<u>Very True</u>	Somewhat True	Slightly True	Not True
Policies and procedures are in place to ensure integrity of data collected.				
Staff capacity is adequate to meet the demands of data collection efforts.				
Our program regularly conducts surveys with consumers to identify program strengths and weaknesses.				
Program staff use data to evaluate program services and consider opportunities for improvement.				
Our agency relies on data to set goals and measure success.				
Data collected is analyzed and used to evaluate/enhance program implementation.				
Management shares data with staff about program effectiveness in meeting the needs of clients.				
Data are provided to/discussed with staff.				

Section P. Sustainability:					
Please tell us about any plans your program may have to sustain this program after CSAT funding has ended.					
Are you currently engaged in any activities aimed toward sustainability of your program?	YES (if YES, proceed to next question)	NO (if NO, skip to FINAL THOUGHTS below)			
If YES, please describe the activities.					
What parts/components are likely to continue and why?					
FINAL THOUGHTS					
Given your experience implementing this project, what do you think you would have done differently if you could turn back the clock to the time when you first got involved with this grant?					
Please tell us about your biggest success(es) with this project. This is your opportunity to brag about the work you are doing to help adolescents, transition-age youth, and their families. To what would you attribute the successes (e.g., strong staff, additional funding, morale)?					

## Thank you for your time and contribution!

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